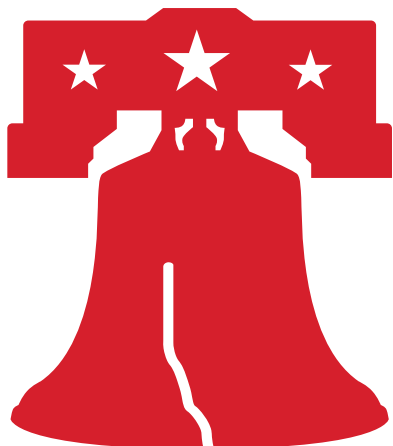


Fun Facts: Constitution Day – September 17



On February 29, 1952, Congress designated September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. This day commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787, and recognizes all American citizens.

Did you know that the census is written into the Constitution? That's right! Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution prescribes that a count of the U.S. population be done every ten years. With more than 230 years of data, our nation's censuses and surveys serve as a valuable historical record illustrating America's changes and growth.

From Founder to President

Number of U.S. counties with names matching the last names of the founders of the Constitution who also served as U.S. presidents.

12—Adams
26—Jefferson
20—Madison
31—Washington



Census Fast Facts

- Under this constitutional requirement, the United States was the first country to provide a regular periodical enumeration of its inhabitants.
- Each marshal received between \$100 (equivalent in purchasing power to \$2,793.20 in 2020) and \$500 (\$13,965.98 in 2020).
- James Madison suggested that census takers ask additional questions that would help lawmakers better understand the needs of the nation.

We the People

3,929,214
U.S. population in 1790



334,914,896
U.S. population in 2023

In 2023, there were over 334 million people living in the United States including:

- Over 281 million** who were born in the United States.
- Roughly 2 million** who were born in Puerto Rico or U.S. Island Areas.
- Approximately 4 million** who were born abroad of American parent(s).
- Close to 25 million** who became a citizen at some point after birth.
- About 23 million** who are not a U.S. citizen.

Importance of Apportionment

Did you know population counts from the decennial census determine how many seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives?

- States with 6 or more U.S. Representatives:** 27
- States with 5 or fewer U.S. Representatives:** 23



America By the Numbers



	1790	2020
Number of States	13	50
Number of Questions Asked	6	9
Enumerators	650*	500,000*
Most Populous Urban Area	New York City, NY (33,131)	New York City, NY (8,804,190)

*Estimate

Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau's 1790 Census; 2023 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates; 2023 Gazetteer County; and Apportionment 101 for Students.