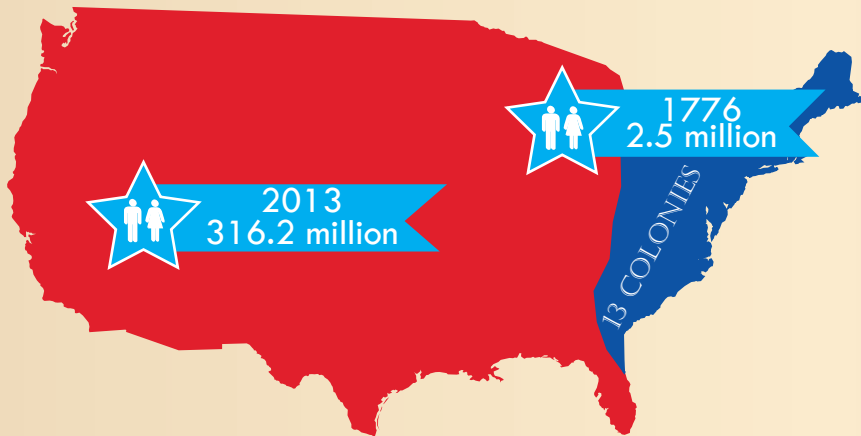


JULY 4TH SINCE 1776

INDEPENDENCE DAY

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY



In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation was 2.5 million.

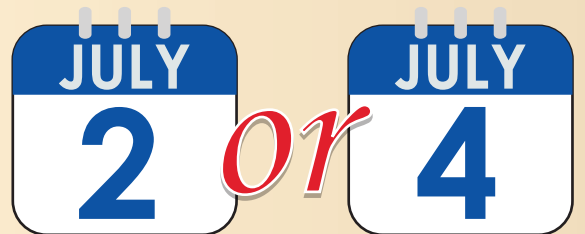
Source: Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970

The nation's estimated population on July 4, 2013 is 316.2 million.

Source: U.S. and World Population Clock

July 2, 1776

The Fourth of July commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. It was initially adopted by Congress on July 2, 1776, but was revised and the final version was adopted two days later. America's second president John Adams believed that July 2nd should have been celebrated as Independence Day instead of July 4th.



July 4, 1777

Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary with an official dinner for the Continental Congress. Ships in Boston, Baltimore, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk and New York City harbors were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.



July 4, 1801

The first official Fourth of July party was held at the White House.



July 4, 1826

John Adams, the second president, and Thomas Jefferson, the third president both signatories of the Declaration of Independence 50 years prior, died hours apart on July 4, 1826.




July 4, 1870

It took nearly 100 years for Congress to make the Fourth of July an official holiday.



DID YOU KNOW?

 Denmark began throwing a Fourth of July bash in 1912 after thousands of Danes emigrated to the United States, to this day it is still celebrated in Denmark.



In 1998, Congress passed a bill declaring the 21 days between Flag Day and Independence Day as "Honor America Days."

The Declaration of Independence BY THE NUMBERS

56 Number of signers to the Declaration of Independence.

70 Benjamin Franklin (age 70) was the oldest of the signers.

26 Edward Rutledge (age 26) was the youngest.

1 John Hancock, President of the Second Continental Congress, was the first signer.

Sources: U.S. News & World Reports, The History Channel, United States Census Bureau, Live Science and FlagandBanner.com resources.