

## 4th of July Facts

- 30                      Number of places nationwide with "Liberty" in their name.  
The most populous one is Liberty, Missouri (26,232).  
Iowa has more of these places than any other state: four (Libertyville,  
New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty).
- \* Eleven places have "independence" in the name.  
The most populous is Independence, Missouri, with  
113,288 residents.
  - \* Five places adopted the name "freedom". Freedom,  
California with 6000 residents, has the largest population  
among these.
  - \* There is one place named "patriot"...Patriot, Indiana with  
a population of 202.
  - \* There are five places with the name "america". The most  
populous is American Fork, Utah, with 21941 residents.
- 66 Million            Number of Americans who said they have taken part in a barbecue  
during the previous year,
- \* There is a 1 in 6 chance that the beef on your backyard  
grill came from Texas.
  - \* The chicken on your barbecue probably came from one  
of the top broiler-producing states; Georgia, Arkansas,  
Alabama, North Carolina and Mississippi.
  - \* California accounts for nearly three-quarters of the  
lettuce used in salads and on hamburgers.
  - \* Fresh tomatoes most likely came from Florida or  
California. Your ketchup probably came from the state  
that produced 95% of all processed tomato - California.
  - \* Idaho and Washington produce 1/2 of the nation's spuds.
  - \* California, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Arizona and Indiana  
produced 80% of all watermelons last year.
- \$128.8 Million      The value of fireworks imported from China.
- \$7.9 Million         The dollar value of U.S. Imports of American flags in 2002.
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the **Turkey** to be the national animal but was out voted  
when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson chose the **Bald Eagle**.

150 Million                      Number of hotdogs that will be consumed on the 4th of July-that's 1 dog for every 2 people in the USA.

The first 4th of July was held at the White House in 1801.

The 4th of July was not declared a national holiday until 1941.

The national anthem is actually set to the tune of an old English drinking song called *To Anacreon in Heaven*.

John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776. The other 55 signers did not sign it until August 2nd or even later.

Can you name the three Presidents that died on July 4th? Thomas Jefferson, John Adams James Monroe.

At 26 years old Edward Rutledge was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The oldest, at 70, was Benjamin Franklin.

When the United States became a country there were 2.5 million people living in the country. The population today is around 304 million.

Calvin Coolidge is the only president born on the 4th of July. He was born in 1872.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was published on July 4th, 1865.