

4th of July

NUMBERS AND FUN FACTS

The Declaration of Independence:

56 Signers

John Hancock was the first to sign and penned the **LARGEST** signature



The **Declaration of Independence** was signed for more than **2 years** after the Boston Tea Party

The **Continental Congress** voted for Independence on July 2, 1776, but didn't approve the declaration until the 4th.

In 1781 **Massachusetts** became the **first state** to make July 4th a state holiday

Bristol, Rhode Island is home to the **oldest** continuous Fourth of July Celebration dating back to 1785

Independence Day festivities became more wide spread after the War of 1812

Founding Father's **John Adams** and **Thomas Jefferson** both died on July 4th, 1826 - 50 years to the day after Independence Day.

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- The oldest signer was **Benjamin Franklin: 70**
 - The youngest signer was South Carolina's **Edward Rutledge: 26**
 - **13** of the Signers were **35** and Younger
 - **7** were **60** and older



TODAY:



63% attend a fireworks display



66% display an American Flag



32% watch a 4th of July Parade



76% Get together with family



80% attend a BBQ, Picnic or cook out



26% set off their own fireworks (which is illegal in 4 states)



• On the 4th Americans Eat **150 million hot dogs**. ~Enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. more than 5 times

• The **Nathan's Famous Hot dog eating contest** at Coney Island and Began in 1916

• The **Record** is held currently by Joey Chestnut at **72 Hot dogs** (including Buns)

• **Macy's** 4th of July Fireworks show in NY city is the **largest in the country**

• **12,000 Pounds** of Black Powder used to launch the shells

• The **fireworks** are launched from 6 barges, each carrying **5 miles** of wire!!

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!



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