

Factoid – US Population by Census Year

One of the questions I always have when I think about when our ancestors arrived in the US is: How many people were living in the Colonies/Country at that time? So I looked it up! The data below is from the State University of New York (see <https://courses.lumenlearning.com/suny-ushistory2os2xmaster/chapter/united-states-population-chart/>). The population figures for the years before the first census in 1790 are estimates.

Year	Population
1610	350
1620	2,302
1630	4,646
1640	26,634
1650	50,368
1660	75,058
1670	111,935
1680	151,507
1690	210,372
1700	250,888
1710	331,711
1720	466,185
1730	629,445
1740	905,563
1750	1,170,760
1760	1,593,625
1770	2,148,076
1780	2,780,369
1790	3,929,214
1800	5,308,483
1810	7,239,881
1820	9,638,453
1830	12,866,020
1840	17,069,453
1850	23,191,876
1860	31,443,321
1870	38,558,371
1880	50,189,209
1890	62,979,766
1900	76,212,168
1910	92,228,496
1920	106,021,537
1930	123,202,624
1940	132,164,569
1950	151,325,798
1960	179,323,175

Year	Population
1970	203,211,926
1980	226,656,805
1990	248,709,873
2000	281,421,906
2010	308,745,538