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The U.S. Census Bureau published *Facts for Features*; collections of statistics from the Census Bureau's demographic and economic subject areas intended to commemorate anniversaries or observances. Following is a selection of facts published in 2011.

FATHER'S DAY

16,010 - The number of hardware stores (as of 2008), a place to buy hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers and other items high on the list of Father's Day gifts. Additionally, there were 7,009 home centers across the country in 2008.

Source: County Business Patterns <http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/>



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

36.9 million - Number of U.S. residents who claimed Irish ancestry in 2009. This number was more than eight times the population of Ireland itself (4.5 million). Irish was the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, trailing only German.

Sources: 2009 American Community Survey http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ACS&_submenuid=datasets_2&_lang=en and Ireland Central Statistics Office <http://www.cso.ie/releasespublications/documents/population/current/popmig.pdf>

THE FOURTH OF JULY

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

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

<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/statab.html>

311.7 million - The nation's estimated population on this July Fourth. Source: Population clock <http://www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html>

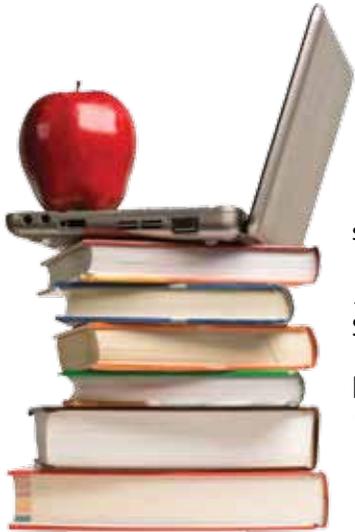


WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

111,000 - Number of female police officers across the country in 2009. In addition, there were about 9,700 women firefighters, 338,000 lawyers, 294,000 physicians and surgeons, and 38,000 pilots. (Note: Number of pilots pertains to 2008.) Source: Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2011, Tables 615 and 1082 <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>



FACTOIDS



BACK TO SCHOOL

\$7.4 billion - The amount of money spent at family clothing stores in August 2010. Only in November and December were sales significantly higher. Similarly, sales at bookstores in August 2010 totaled \$2.2 billion, an amount approached in 2010 only by sales in January. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Retail Trade and Food Services <http://www.census.gov/mrts/www/mrts.html>

LABOR DAY

\$47,127 and \$36,278 - The 2009 real median earnings for male and female full-time, year-round workers, respectively. Source: Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2009 <http://www.census.gov/prod/2010pubs/p60-238.pdf>

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: SEPT 15 – OCT 15

50.5 million - The Hispanic population of the United States as of April 1, 2010, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or race minority. Hispanics constituted 16.3 percent of the nation's total population. In addition, there are 3.7 million residents of Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory.

Source: American FactFinder: United States DP-1 <http://factfinder2.census.gov> and <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-04.pdf>

CINCO DE MAYO

25.6 - Median age of people in the United States of Mexican descent.

This compared with 36.8 years for the population as a whole. Source: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Selected Population Profile in the United States: Mexican <http://factfinder.census.gov>



HALLOWEEN

41 million - The estimated number of potential trick-or-treaters in 2010 — children 5 to 14 — across the United States. Of course, many other children — older than 14 and younger than 5 — also go trick-or-treating. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

116.7 million - Number of occupied housing units across the nation in 2010 — all potential stops for trick-or-treaters. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>