

Fourth of July Factoids

Population

2.5 million

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

304 million

In July 2008, the estimated number of people living in the United States.

Fireworks

\$207 million

The value of fireworks imported from China in 2007, representing the bulk of all U.S. fireworks imported (\$217 million).

\$14.9 million

U.S. exports of fireworks in 2007, with Japan purchasing more than any other country (\$3.8 million).

Historic Hoosiers

President

Benjamin Harrison (born in Ohio) was the 23rd president of the United States. After his term, he returned to Indianapolis—home to his national historic landmark.

Vice President

Five resided in Indiana: Thomas Hendricks, Schuyler Colfax, Charles Fairbanks, Thomas Marshall (native Hoosier) and James Danforth Quayle (native Hoosier).

Patriotic-Sounding Names

Liberty: Indiana has 2

There were 1,955 people in Liberty (Union County), Indiana in 2006. North Liberty (St. Joseph County) had 1,357 residents in 2006. Nationwide, there were 31 places with “liberty” in their name.

Patriot: Only in Indiana

The one and only place in the country with “patriot” in its name. Patriot, Indiana (Switzerland County) had 192 people in 2006.

Tantalizing Tidbits

Adams and Jefferson

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the only U.S. presidents to have signed the Declaration of Independence. Both died on July 4, 1826.

Adams County, Indiana

The population for Adams County in 2007 was 33,644. There are 12 Adams counties nationwide.

Jefferson County, Indiana

The more popular of the two names: Jefferson County, Indiana was one of 28 counties nationwide with the same name. In 2007, the Indiana county had 32,704 residents.