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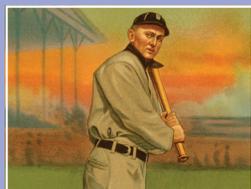


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1,920,076  
Total population of Nebraska as of 2017

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## United States

**Native Americans Timeline**

**Stone Age Settlement of North America (40,000–8000 BCE)**

Circa 40,000–8000 BCE Paleo-Americans arrive in North America. Accepted theory states that nomadic peoples from Siberia cross a land bridge into the continent during the last ice age, and that they later venture inland along an ice-free corridor through what is now western Canada. Another theory suggests they follow the Pacific Coast by primitive boat and by foot, utilizing coastal kelp forests that offer abundant food. Diverse groups probably follow both inland and coastal routes into North America during this period.

Circa 14,000–8000 BCE The Clovis culture spreads throughout North America toward the end of the last ice age. Clovis refers to a unique Stone Age technology rather than an actual people. They flute both sides of first points, allowing attachment to a wooden shaft that forms spears used for hunting ice age megafauna such as mammoth and mastodon. Archaeologists first find evidence of Clovis points in Clovis, New Mexico, in 1938.

Circa 9000–8000 BCE The Folsom culture diverges from Clovis. Folsom peoples use carefully crafted and symmetrically designed first points to bring down game of all sizes, as megafauna of the last ice age becomes extinct. Evidence suggests these Stone Age hunters are first to utilize a method of cooperative hunting in which large groups of hunters surround prey. Archaeologists first find evidence in 1938 of the Folsom Culture in Folsom, New Mexico.

**Archaic Period (8000–1000 BCE)**

Circa 8000–4000 BCE The Plano culture devises first spear points without flutes, indicating new technology that utilizes sockets that attach the points to wooden shafts. Archaeological evidence shows the Plano culture inhabiting North America's Great Plains, where they hunt bison as climate change forces them westward.

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## Pennsylvania

**Welcome to Pennsylvania**

"The Keystone State"

Officially named the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Keystone State is so-called because of the pivotal political, geographic, and cultural place it holds in the history of the United States. The southern border of Pennsylvania runs along the Mason-Dixon line, which was surveyed to settle a dispute over the boundaries of the Maryland and Pennsylvania territories and popularly marks the cultural divide between the northern and southern states. When Pennsylvania outlawed slavery in 1781, the line became the general demarcation between free and slave states until the Missouri Compromise of 1820.

Pennsylvania is home to Revolutionary-era artifacts like the Liberty Bell and is the site of the infamous Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, but visitors are also drawn to a kind of living history in the communities of Pennsylvania Dutch that reside in the southern part of the state. Appearing displaced in time, the Pennsylvania Dutch are largely Old Order Amish and Mennonite communities who adhere to strictly conservative customs that eschew technology and modern conveniences. Most Pennsylvanians, on the other hand, are as modern as they come. Part of their modern indulgence is being enthusiastic football and hockey fans; during the winter months, however, sports are usually enjoyed indoors, as January temperatures average 25 degrees Fahrenheit.

**The Land**

The Appalachian Mountains bisect Pennsylvania from southwest to northeast, connecting the Atlantic seaboard with the Midwest. While the state is characterized by mountainous peaks and valleys in the east, the western third of Pennsylvania descends into plateaus that extend northwesterward to the shores of Lake Erie. The rivers to the west drain into the Mississippi watershed.

**The People**

Founded by Quaker William Penn in 1681, Pennsylvania was a haven from the religious intolerance found in the other colonies. Around 40 percent of Pennsylvania residents identify as very religious, and about 80 percent are Christian of a Protestant (about 51 percent) or Catholic (about 29 percent) variety. While Quakers became only a small minority, several marginalized religious groups, such as the Amish and Mennonites, migrated to Pennsylvania, making the state second only to Ohio in Amish population.

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**Revolutionary War Timeline**

**Road to Revolution (1760–1774)**

1760 (October 25) George III ascends the throne in England.

1763 (February 10) The Treaty of Paris is signed between England and France, ending the French and Indian War. France gives Canada and all its land east of the Mississippi River to Great Britain for its growing empire.

1763 (October 7) King George issues the Royal Proclamation. It creates a boundary between the British colonies and the American Indians' land west of the Appalachian Mountains. Colonists are banned from settling past the line.

1765 (March 22) Parliament passes the Stamp Act, requiring many documents to be printed on special revenue-stamped paper produced in London. Britain uses the taxes to pay for British troops stationed on the American frontier. Colonists believe the law is a violation of their rights as Englishmen to be taxed only with their consent.

1765 (October 19) The Stamp Act Congress becomes the first significant joint colonial response to any British measure, consisting of delegates from 9 of the 13 colonies. They pass the Declaration of Rights and Grievances, a document that says only colonial assemblies have a right to tax the colonies unless Parliament grants them the right to vote. No taxation without representation becomes a rallying cry of the early revolution.

1766 (March 18) The Stamp Act is repealed, but parliament passes the Declaratory Act. It states that Great Britain had the right to make laws for the colonies, "in all cases whatsoever."

1767 (April 16) Parliament proposes the Townshend Acts. The law puts taxes on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper, and tea to raise £40,000 a year to cover the cost of administration in the colonies. Riots and protests break out throughout the colonies and the call for revolution is heard for the first time since the Stamp Act.

1768 (October 1) Troops from England and Nova Scotia occupy Boston. Bostonians established non-importation agreements in protest. They quickly spread to the other colonies.

1770 (March 5) The tension from the British military presence in Boston

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