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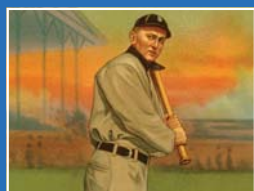


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# Sample Pages

**Nebraska**

**Overview**

**1,896,190**  
Total population of Nebraska as of 2015

Population Change from 2000 to 2015

Population by Sex

Population by Race and Ethnicity

Population by Age

**United States**

**Geography**

**Land Area**  
Total: 9,826,675 sq km  
land: 9,161,966 sq km  
water: 664,709 sq km  
note: includes only the 50 states and District of Columbia, no overseas territories

**Land Boundaries**  
Total: 12,034 km  
border countries: Canada 8,893 km (including 2,477 km with Alaska), Mexico 3,141 km  
note: US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is leased by the US and a part of Cuba; the base boundary is 28 km

**Coastline**  
19,824 km

**Maritime Claim**  
Territorial sea: 12 nm  
Contiguous zone: 24 nm  
Exclusive economic zone: 200 nm  
Continental shelf: not specified

**Climate / Weather**  
Mostly temperate, but tropical in Hawaii and Florida, arctic in Alaska, semiarid in the great plains west of the Mississippi River, and in the Great Basin of the southwest;

**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 lead traditional lifestyles 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; this diagonal bridges the terrain of the Atlantic seaboard and 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 northward 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,

**United States**

**Revolutionary War Timeline**

**Road to Revolution (1760-1774)**

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| 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 by their consent.   |
| 1765 | October 18 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 has the right to make laws for the colonies, "in all cases whatsoever."  |
| 1767 | April 18 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 11 Troops from England and Nova Scotia occupy Boston. Bostonians established non-importation agreements in protest. They quickly spread to the other colonies.   |
| 1770 | March 6 The tension from the British military presence in Boston explodes into riots between soldiers and civilians. British troops are attacked by a rioting crowd and fire their muskets. Three colonists are killed and eleven are injured. Patriots take the killings the Boston Massacre.   |
| 1773 | December 16 Officials in Boston refuse to return three shipments of taxed tea to Britain. A group of colonists board the ships and throw the tea into Boston Harbor in protest.  |
| 1774 | March 31 Parliament enacts the Boston Port Act in response to the Boston Tea Party. It is the first of five laws that will come to be known as the Intolerable Acts. The law closes Boston's port until the East India Company is reimbursed for the tea destroyed in the Boston Tea Party. Other effects of the Intolerable Acts include the expansion of the Canadian border south to the Ohio River, and the replacement of Massachusetts' government with a new council appointed by the King, requiring colonists to house British troops in their homes. The acts are meant to make an example of Massachusetts, but instead unite the colonies against the British. |
| 1774 | September 5 Delegates from 12 colonies meet in Philadelphia for the First Continental Congress. They make a pact between the colonies that says that if the Intolerable Acts are not repealed by the 10th, they will stop all exports to Great Britain. They also agree to   |



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