

Some interesting facts relating to Independence Day (July 4th)

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's July 4 celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence

Day in mind.

- There have been many iterations of the American flag. The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776.

But few July 4 celebrants may know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of

Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.

- More than half of all Americans own an American flag. A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57 percent of Americans own an American flag.

And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase

patriotic merchandise for July 4.

- The United States is not the only place to celebrate American independence. Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.

- The National Hot

Dog and Sausage Council estimates that 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat roughly 50 billion burgers annually, so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be consumed this Independence Day.

- July is a popular month for nations

to celebrate their independence. In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5), Argentina (July 9), The Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their Independence Day in July.

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“ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. ”
Matthew 6:34 (NIV)

One Day at a Time

The rush of the soon approaching holidays can often overwhelm us. Depending on our situation, we may have to plan events we are hosting or attending, purchase gifts for our friends and family, and ultimately, take account of both the money and time we put into these undertakings. Despite all this, there is nothing wrong with taking things one day at a time when it seems like many are in a craze. In practice, this can mean a few things. While we might strive to get the perfect gifts for our loved ones, or host the perfect parties for them, we can only control what is in our power. When we maintain this mindset, we can keep track of what the holidays are truly about, and also come out of the season with a renewed, comfortable approach to similar matters.

—James Stone

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