

Thanksgiving Fun Facts



How Has the Holiday Changed?



Turkeys Tip the Scales

In 1980, the average turkey weighed less than 19 lbs. Today, they tip the scales at about 31 lbs on average.



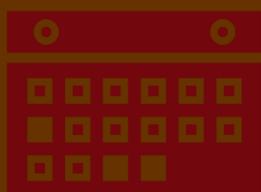
3 Days of Thanksgiving

In 1621, Thanksgiving was a three-day celebration that involved the consumption of geese, ducks, and deer, primarily.



Congress Makes it Official

In 1941, congress made Thanksgiving a federal holiday, reserving the fourth Thursday in November for its celebration.



Family wasn't always first

The first Thanksgiving took place between 53 colonists and 90 Wampanoag Indians. Today, 89% of Americans will celebrate the holiday with 12 relatives on average.



Just the day before "Black Friday"



Up to 17% of people have skipped Thanksgiving dinner to wait in line for Black Friday deals.

Modifications by Millennials



Millenials are three times more likely than older generations to eat a vegetarian meal for Thanksgiving, and 44% of them will serve ham instead of turkey.

As American as pumpkin pie

Pumpkin pie was not a part of the first Thanksgiving celebration in 1621, but today maintains its status as America's favorite Thanksgiving pie.



Giving thanks for TV



Upwards of 100 million Americans will watch an average of 15 hours of TV over the holiday.

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