

Celebrating Irish-American Heritage Month

A time to celebrate the life of St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, as well as the rich culture, character, and contributions Irish-Americans have made to the United States

The first-recorded celebration of Irish-Americans dates to 1762 with a parade in New York City. Congress established March as Irish-American Heritage Month starting in 1991.

What was originally a religious holiday to honor St. Patrick, the Apostle who introduced Christianity to Ireland, has now become a time to celebrate all things Irish.



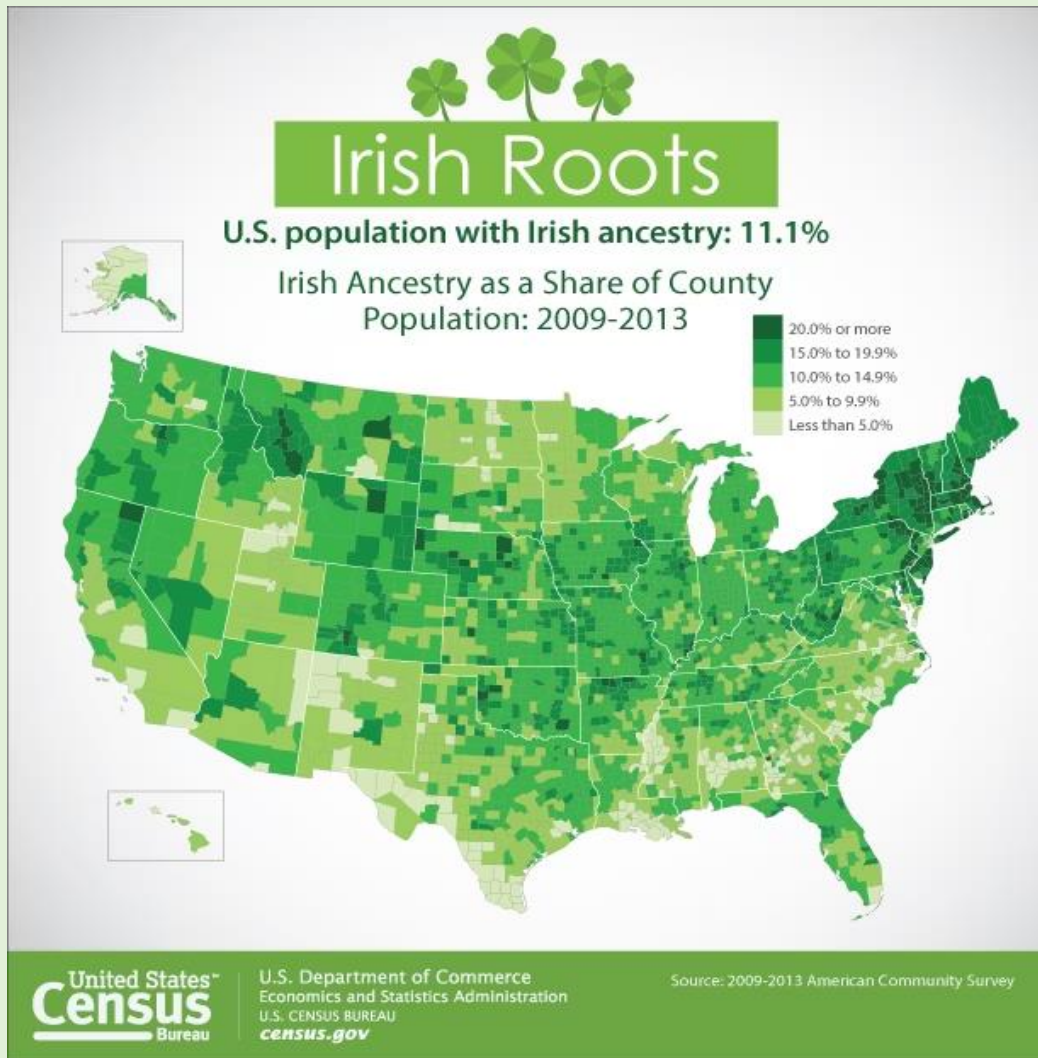
Irish Americans or Hiberno-Americans (Irish: Gael-Mheiriceánaigh) are Americans who have full or partial ancestry from Ireland. About 32 million Americans identified as being Irish in the 2020 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Occupations held by Irish-Americans

Almost 5 out of 10 (49%) work in management, business, science, and arts occupations (includes financial managers, accountants, geographers, and actors).

Approximately 2 out of 10 (21%) work in sales and office occupations (includes retail sales workers, advertising sales agents, receptionists, and mail clerks).

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Fun Facts of Irish American Heritage

- Cook County in the state of Illinois has the largest Irish population of all the US counties, being home to almost 440,000 Irish-American citizens.
- States with the largest population of people identifying as being Irish: New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania
- 20,590* - Estimated number of U.S. residents who speak Irish Gaelic.
- 162 - The number of synthetic dye and pigment manufacturing businesses in the U.S. As an annual tradition to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Chicago River is dyed green.