

# Fun Facts: Valentine's Day - February 14



## The Day of Love – A History

- In A.D. 496, Pope Gelasius I declared February 14 as Valentine's Day.
- Esther Howland of Massachusetts is given credit for selling the first mass-produced Valentine's Day cards in the 1840s.



What do blueberries say on Valentine's Day?

I love you berry much!



## Thanks a Bunch

- **Nearly \$150 million:** The value of imports of all bouquet cut flowers in February 2020.
- **About \$80 million:** The value of imports of fresh cut roses and buds, specifically, in February 2020.



## Walking Down the Aisle

- In 2019, the median age at which **men** in the United States first got married was about **30** years old.
- In 2019, the median age at which **women** in the United States first got married was about **28** years old.
- **Approximately 66 percent** of people aged 15 and older in the United States have been married. Of those people ...
  - \* **3 out of 4** had been married once
  - \* **Nearly 1 out of 5** (19%) had been married twice
  - \* **1 out of 20** had been married three or more times

## Sugar, Sugar (of the Chocolate Variety)

In 2018, California and Pennsylvania had the most chocolate makers per state.

California:  
**139**



Pennsylvania:  
**120**

## Cities and Towns With the Loveliest Names\*



- Loveland, Colorado (Population – **78,877**)
- Romeoville, Illinois (Population – **39,746**)
- Love Valley, North Carolina (Population – **112**)
- Valentine, Texas (Population – **133**)

\* Population numbers are from 2019.

## Finding Gifts for Your Valentine

In the United States in 2018, there were ...

- **21,060** jewelry stores
- **12,361** flower shops
- **3,421** candy and nut stores
- **1,321** chocolate makers
- **518** nonchocolate candy makers



Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2018 County Business Pattern, International Trade Statistics, 2019 American Community Survey, and 2019 Population Estimates.