

FUN FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING

- **The United States celebrates Thanksgiving as a national holiday on the fourth Thursday in November. In 2024, Thanksgiving will be observed on Thursday, November 28. Thanksgiving has been held on the fourth Thursday in November since 1941, which means that the actual date of the holiday shifts each year.**
- **The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.**
- **Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).**
- **There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.**
- **The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.**
- **The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.**
- **More than 54 million Americans are expected to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday this year. That's up 4.8% from last year.**