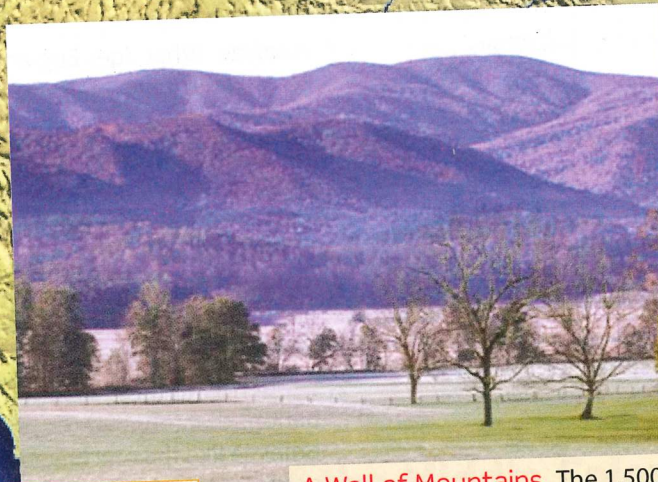


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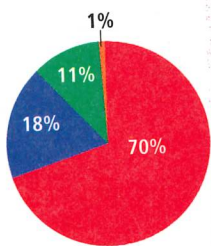
## America's Growth by 1760

The English colonies in 1760 were located between the Atlantic Ocean and the Appalachian Mountains. The total population of the colonies was around 1.8 million. Soon, however, the colonies began to grow both in size and in population.

In 1763 Great Britain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, giving Britain control over all lands east of the Mississippi River. With the stroke of a pen, the colonies increased enormously in size. The westward expansion of the English colonies—soon to be the United States—had begun.

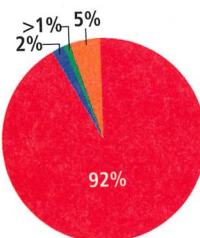


### America's Population, 1760: 1.8 million



#### Ethnic Groups, 1760

- White/European
- African American
- Native American
- Other



#### Religions, 1760

- Protestant
- Catholic
- Jewish
- Other

**A Wall of Mountains** The 1,500-mile-long Appalachian Mountain range formed a natural barrier to westward expansion. The Appalachians' dense forests and steep terrain made passage on foot or by horse difficult.

