Bureaucracy Infographic

**Objective: Understand how has the federal bureaucracy changed over U.S. history.**



1. Define *US Federal Bureaucracy*:
2. What is the big picture story of this chart?
3. Why do you think the bureaucracy has changed so much?
4. What are two consequences of the growth of the US bureaucracy?
5. Considering that we have gone from an agrarian, preindustrial, rural society (see chart below) to the crazy high tech world of today, is it a logical thing that our bureaucracy has grown? Why or why not?

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| Year | Per Capita GDP | GDPIn Millions | Life Expectancy | National bird | 4th largest city by pop. | Total US pop. |
| 1789\* | $1,107  | $189 | 36 years | Eagle | Charleston at 16,359 | 4 million |
| 2014\*\* | $50,010 | $17,348,100 | 79 years | Eagle | Houston, TXat 2,099,451 | 318.86 million |

*\*The United States ratified the Constitution, inaugurated its first president, and also the first Macaroni Machine was brought to the United States by Thomas Jefferson.*

*\*\*The biggest hit of 2014 was Pharrell William’s Happy*