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(millions)

Greatest Generation
1910-1927
91-108 yrs old
47 million

Silent Generation
1928-1945
73-90 yrs old
52 million

Baby Boomers
1946-1964
54-72 yrs old
76 million

Gen X
1965-1980
38-53 yrs old
55 million

Gen Y
Millenials
1981-1996
22-37 yrs old
62 million

Gen Z
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8-21 yrs old
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Gen Alpha
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(thru 2017)

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