The **comma** package*

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This package provides a means of producing numbers with a separator (by default a comma) every three digits.

Given a \TeX{} counter (eg section)
\renewcommand\thesection{\commaform{section}}

If section is 12345, \thesection will now print as 12,345

If you want something other than a comma, for instance a thin space, or a full word space, redefine \texttt{\commaformtoken}, for instance
\renewcommand\commaformtoken{\,}
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