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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II IN CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, BY STATES: APRIL 1, 1947

Approximately one in every ten civilians in continental United States on April 1, 1947, was a veteran of World War II, according to estimates prepared cooperatively by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, and the Veterans Administration. The population of continental United States included an estimated 14,146,000 World War II veterans of whom about 315,000 were women.

The distribution of veterans of World War II by geographic regions was quite similar to that of the civilian population as a whole. The Northeastern States had a slightly larger share of the Nation's World War II veterans than of the Nation's civilian population, and the South a slightly smaller share; in the other regions the differences were negligible.

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOTAL CIVILIAN POPULATION AND VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, BY REGION OF RESIDENCE: APRIL, 1947

REGION	Civilian population ¹	Veterans of World War II
Continental United States..	100.0	100.0
The Northeastern States.....	27.7	29.9
The North Central States.....	30.0	29.5
The South.....	30.1	28.4
The West.....	12.2	12.2

¹ Estimated on the basis of the results of the sample survey of Population, Labor Force, and Housing, conducted by the Bureau of the Census in April, 1947.

Each of 14 States and the District of Columbia had more veterans of World War II on April 1, 1947, than had entered the armed forces from the State. New York had the greatest increase, about 104,000, followed by California with about 9,000, and Illinois with about 66,000. The gains in these States were made at the expense of the remaining 34 States, each of which had

fewer veterans of World War II on April 1, 1947, than had entered the armed forces from the State. It should be noted that these gains and losses represent net changes and not the gross number of interstate changes in residence of veterans of World War II, which were undoubtedly more numerous.

In this report a veteran of World War II is defined as a civilian who had been a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty at any time between September 15, 1940, and April 1, 1947, the date to which these estimates refer. A relatively small number of persons on terminal leave from the armed forces on April 1, 1947, are included as veterans of World War II, although such persons were technically not yet civilians.

Many veterans entered the armed forces from a State other than the one in which they lived on April 1, 1940. Consequently, net changes between April 1, 1940, and April 1, 1947, would differ from the changes shown in this report. The gains in some States such as California, which had relatively heavy in-migration before the war and during the early years of the war, are smaller than those that would have been computed if April 1, 1940, had been used as the base date.

The estimate of the number of veterans of World War II in continental United States on April 1, 1947, was prepared on the basis of separation records of the armed forces and excludes reenlistments, deaths after discharge from the service, and discharges outside continental United States. Totals for the four geographic regions were estimated on the basis of the regional distribution of World War II veterans determined by the sample survey of Population, Labor Force, and Housing, conducted by the Bu-

reau of the Census in April, 1947. The estimates for States were computed on the basis of the distribution, by States within each region, of payments to veterans for unused leave in accordance with the provisions of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946. The Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard provided data on the State of residence of 9,482,963 veterans of World War II whose leave claims were paid during the 12 months between September, 1946, and August, 1947. These payments were made to more than 85 percent of the estimated number of eligible veterans and covered about 67 percent of the number of World War II veterans living in continental United States on April 1, 1947.

The estimates of World War II veterans by State of preservice residence were prepared by the Veterans Administration on the basis of records of the armed forces.

Since the estimates by region are based on sample data, they are subject to sampling variability and thus may differ from the figures which would have been obtained from a complete census. For ex-

ample, the estimate of the percent of veterans living in the Northeastern States is 29.9. The maximum variability that could reasonably be expected due to sampling variation in this estimate is 2.1. Therefore, the chances are about 19 out of 20 that a complete census would have yielded a figure between 27.8 and 32.0 percent.

It should be noted that the distribution of World War II veterans, by States within regions, is based on a tabulation of the State of residence of those veterans who chose to submit claims rather than on a representative sample of veterans. Consequently, it is possible that the estimates for some States are too high at the expense of other States in the same region. Despite this possible defect, the estimates, as a whole, are the most adequate that could be prepared on the basis of available information.

Estimates are shown to the last digit, as computed, instead of being rounded, not because they are assumed to be accurate to the last unit, but for convenience in summation.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, BY STATE OF RESIDENCE IN APRIL, 1947, AND PRIOR TO ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGION, DIVISION, AND STATE	Residence in April, 1947	Residence prior to entry on active duty	NET INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-)		REGION, DIVISION, AND STATE	Residence in April, 1947	Residence prior to entry on active duty	NET INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-)	
			Number	Per-cent				Number	Per-cent
United States.....	14,146,000	14,146,000	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
REGIONS:					Minnesota.....	274,216	230,953	-6,737	-2.4
Northeastern States..	4,226,841	4,052,756	+174,085	+4.3	Iowa.....	268,185	239,814	+28,371	+11.8
North Central States..	4,175,459	4,149,076	+26,383	+0.6	Missouri.....	346,053	376,277	-30,224	-8.0
The South.....	4,020,232	4,258,450	-238,168	-5.6	North Dakota.....	48,434	60,204	-11,770	-19.6
The West.....	1,723,418	1,685,713	+37,700	+2.2	South Dakota.....	50,795	58,197	-7,402	-12.7
NORTHEASTERN STATES:					Nebraska.....	114,407	121,412	-7,005	-5.8
New England.....	995,044	951,228	+44,816	+4.7	Kansas.....	175,048	182,619	-7,571	-4.1
Middle Atlantic.....	3,230,797	3,101,523	+129,269	+4.2	SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
NORTH CENTRAL STATES:					Delaware.....	31,201	30,102	+1,099	+3.7
East North Central..	2,898,321	2,829,600	+68,721	+2.4	Maryland.....	202,556	214,728	-12,172	-5.7
West North Central..	1,277,138	1,319,476	-42,338	-3.2	Dist. of Columbia..	100,263	97,331	+2,937	+3.0
THE SOUTH:					Virginia.....	278,626	287,977	-9,351	-3.2
South Atlantic.....	1,780,995	1,850,278	-69,283	-3.7	West Virginia.....	182,656	206,701	-18,045	-8.7
East South Central..	955,402	1,042,538	-87,136	-8.4	North Carolina.....	328,519	338,148	-9,629	-2.8
West South Central..	1,283,985	1,365,634	-81,749	-6.0	South Carolina.....	157,965	173,589	-15,624	-9.0
THE WEST:					Georgia.....	268,470	287,977	-19,507	-6.8
Mountain.....	422,708	464,575	-41,867	-9.0	Florida.....	224,734	213,725	+11,009	+5.2
Pacific.....	1,800,710	1,221,143	+79,567	+6.5	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
NEW ENGLAND:					Kentucky.....	245,172	268,913	-23,741	-8.8
Maine.....	81,116	88,300	-7,184	-8.1	Tennessee.....	282,585	293,993	-11,413	-3.9
New Hampshire.....	51,950	51,173	+777	+1.5	Alabama.....	249,582	276,940	-27,358	-9.9
Vermont.....	29,955	33,113	-3,158	-9.5	Mississippi.....	178,063	202,687	-24,624	-12.1
Massachusetts.....	512,657	490,665	+21,992	+4.5	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Rhode Island.....	96,145	82,279	+13,866	+16.9	Arkansas.....	135,723	179,609	-43,886	-24.4
Connecticut.....	224,221	205,693	+18,523	+9.0	Louisiana.....	236,732	239,814	-3,082	-1.3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					Oklahoma.....	216,787	230,733	-13,936	-6.1
New York.....	1,581,715	1,478,020	+103,695	+7.0	Texas.....	694,643	715,423	-20,785	-2.9
New Jersey.....	527,883	484,644	+43,239	+8.9	MOUNTAIN:				
Pennsylvania.....	1,121,199	1,138,864	-17,665	-1.6	Montana.....	54,360	57,194	-2,834	-5.0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					Idaho.....	46,462	57,194	-10,732	-18.8
Ohio.....	748,932	769,611	-20,679	-2.7	Wyoming.....	25,435	28,095	-2,660	-9.5
Indiana.....	344,384	355,205	-10,821	-2.9	Colorado.....	116,349	115,391	+958	+0.8
Illinois.....	916,948	850,887	+66,061	+7.8	New Mexico.....	48,384	60,204	-11,820	-19.6
Michigan.....	598,049	562,910	+35,139	+6.2	Arizona.....	51,952	60,204	-8,252	-13.7
Wisconsin.....	289,508	290,987	-1,479	-0.5	Utah.....	66,022	68,232	-2,210	-3.2
					Nevada.....	13,744	18,061	-4,317	-23.9
					PACIFIC:				
					Washington.....	200,001	199,677	+324	+0.2
					Oregon.....	131,289	131,446	-157	-0.1
					California.....	969,420	890,020	+79,400	+8.9