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PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS: AUGUST 1 TO OCTOBER 1, 1947

The population of the United States including armed forces overseas was provisionally estimated at 144,708,000 on October 1, 1947, according to an announcement made today by J. C. Capt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase of more than 13 million, or 9.9 percent, in the 7½ years since the last census (April 1, 1940). Population growth in these years proceeded at a far more rapid rate than in the decade of the thirties, when the population increased by less than 9 million, or 7.2 percent. The population according to the 1940 census was 131,669,275 and the population according to the 1930 census was 122,775,046. Provisional estimates of the population including armed forces overseas for August 1, September 1, and October 1, 1947, are as follows:

August 1.....	144,239,000
September 1.....	144,472,000
October 1.....	144,708,000

Now that the armed forces are on a peacetime basis, the population excluding armed forces overseas (that is, the population actually present in the United States) and the civilian population do not differ very much from the total including armed forces overseas. The population present in the United States reached its highest point in our history in October, 1947, after having fallen to a level slightly below the 1940 census figure in the first half of 1945. The civilian population also reached a new high after sharp declines in the early years of the war had reduced it to a low point in the summer of 1944, several million below the level of the 1940 figure. The civilian population in April, 1940, was approximately 131,402,000. Provisional estimates of the population excluding armed forces overseas and of the civilian population for August 1, September 1, and October 1, 1947, are as follows:

	Population excluding armed forces overseas	Civilian population
August 1.....	143,636,000	142,873,000
September 1..	143,877,000	143,120,000
October 1....	144,121,000	143,373,000

A brief statement of the methodology used in preparing these estimates is given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 3. Estimates of the population for earlier months in 1947 and for each January 1 and July 1 since the last census are published in the same release.

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