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PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES: JULY 1, 1948

(This report presents provisional estimates for July 1, 1948, similar to those for earlier years published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 12. The estimates in this report were made in the absence of data on interstate migration between July 1, 1947, and July 1, 1948, and will be revised when such data become available)

Three States, New York, Pennsylvania, and California, had a total population in excess of 10 million on July 1, 1948, according to provisional estimates of the population of the United States, by States, released today by J. C. Capt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. Pennsylvania and California have passed the 10 million mark since April 1, 1940, the date of the last census, Pennsylvania in 1946, and California in 1948. New York, which has been the most populous State in the country for more than a century, has had a population in excess of 10 million since 1919.

Almost a third (31.1 percent) of California's 1948 population was gained since the 1940 census. The increase, amounting to more than 3 million persons, was the greatest for any State during this period. The gain next approaching that of California was about 939,000 for Michigan. Other States with substantial increases were New York with 907,000, Ohio with 891,000, and Texas with 815,000. In all, 41 States and the District of Columbia gained population between 1940 and 1948. Only seven States lost population, and in five of these the loss was less than 5 percent of the 1940 population of the State. In the other two States, North Dakota and Montana, the losses amounted to 12.8 percent and 8.6 percent of the 1940 population, respectively. On the other hand, every State having a smaller population in 1948 than in 1940 had a larger population in 1948 than in 1947.

The estimated total population represents the sum of the estimated civilian population and the armed forces stationed in the State. The estimated civilian population of each State was obtained by adding to the civilian population on April 1, 1940, an estimate of the excess of births over deaths and an estimate of net migration to the State, and subtracting an estimate of the net loss of population to the armed forces for the entire period between April 1, 1940, and July 1, 1948. The birth statistics used were on a residence basis and were adjusted for underregistration. The death statistics used represented resident deaths; they were adjusted for underregistration, but the adjustment for the years since 1945 was confined to deaths of children under one year of age. Because the death statistics for States include deaths of members of the armed forces stationed in the State, an estimate of such deaths was subtracted from the reported death statistics. The estimate of deaths that was used is thus for civilians alone. The estimated net loss of population to the armed forces for each State represents the difference between the number of persons from the State serving in the armed forces on July 1, 1948, and the number in the armed forces on April 1, 1940, plus an allowance for persons from the State who died while serving in the armed forces.

The estimates of net migration are based on statistics from the 1940 census, statistics on enrollment in elementary grades of public and private schools, and, in part, on registrations for War Ration Book No. 4. School statistics more recent than those for the end of the school year 1946-1947 were not yet available for all States when these estimates were prepared. For 1947-1948, therefore, it was necessary to make some projections on the basis of past experience to obtain the estimates of net internal migration. The estimates of births and deaths include preliminary figures for the period from January 1, 1947, to July 1, 1948. It is not expected, however, that the final figures on births and deaths will differ very much from those used.

Fairly reliable measures of cumulative net interstate migration between April 1, 1940, and July 1 of each year, 1940 to 1947, were prepared for use in the making of the estimates of State population presented in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 12. These State population estimates were interpolated to April 1, 1947, grouped by regions, and compared with regional population estimates obtained from the April, 1947, Sample Survey of Population, Labor Force, and Housing, and published in Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 9. When sampling variation was taken into account, the two sets of regional population estimates were in fairly close agreement. The cumulative regional and State net migration estimates were then projected to July 1, 1948, and the projected State totals were brought into agreement with the projected regional totals for that date, to take advantage of the more clearly defined trends in the regional data.

Revised estimates of State population for July 1, 1948, will be published in 1949 when school statistics for the school year 1947-1948 become available as a basis for more reliable estimates of net migration during the year.

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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES EXCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS AND ESTIMATES OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, BY REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES: JULY 1, 1948, AND APRIL 1, 1940

(Estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which are independently rounded. Derived figures are based on the unrounded absolute numbers)

Region, division, and State	Total population excluding armed forces overseas				Civilian population			
	July 1, 1948	April 1, 1940 (census)	Increase (+) or decrease (-), 1940 to 1948		July 1, 1948	April 1, 1940	Increase (+) or decrease (-), 1940 to 1948	
			Number	Percent			Number	Percent
United States	146,114,000	131,669,275	+14,444,000	+11.0	145,290,000	131,401,985	+13,888,000	+10.6
REGIONS:								
The Northeastern States	39,104,000	35,976,777	+3,128,000	+8.7	38,993,000	35,938,020	+3,055,000	+8.5
The North Central States	43,846,000	40,143,332	+3,703,000	+9.2	43,750,000	40,118,881	+3,631,000	+9.1
The South	44,507,000	41,665,901	+2,841,000	+6.8	44,107,000	41,521,487	+2,586,000	+6.2
The West	18,656,000	13,883,265	+4,773,000	+34.4	18,440,000	13,823,597	+4,616,000	+33.4
THE NORTHEASTERN STATES:								
New England	9,300,000	8,437,290	+862,000	+10.2	9,270,000	8,423,129	+847,000	+10.1
Middle Atlantic	29,805,000	27,539,487	+2,265,000	+8.2	29,723,000	27,514,891	+2,208,000	+8.0
THE NORTH CENTRAL STATES:								
East North Central	29,883,000	26,626,342	+3,257,000	+12.2	29,813,000	26,609,703	+3,204,000	+12.0
West North Central	13,963,000	13,516,990	+446,000	+3.3	13,937,000	13,509,178	+428,000	+3.2
THE SOUTH:								
South Atlantic	19,478,000	17,823,151	+1,655,000	+9.3	19,231,000	17,730,642	+1,500,000	+8.5
East South Central	10,937,000	10,778,225	+159,000	+1.5	10,883,000	10,761,311	+121,000	+1.1
West South Central	14,092,000	13,064,525	+1,027,000	+7.9	13,994,000	13,029,534	+964,000	+7.4
THE WEST:								
Mountain	4,512,000	4,150,003	+362,000	+8.7	4,468,000	4,145,454	+322,000	+7.8
Pacific	14,144,000	9,733,262	+4,411,000	+45.3	13,972,000	9,678,143	+4,294,000	+44.4
NEW ENGLAND:								
Maine	900,000	847,226	+53,000	+6.2	897,000	845,153	+52,000	+6.1
New Hampshire	548,000	491,524	+57,000	+11.6	545,000	490,626	+55,000	+11.2
Vermont	374,000	359,231	+15,000	+4.1	374,000	358,851	+15,000	+4.1
Massachusetts	4,718,000	4,316,721	+401,000	+9.3	4,704,000	4,313,799	+391,000	+9.1
Rhode Island	748,000	713,346	+34,000	+4.8	742,000	707,846	+34,000	+4.8
Connecticut	2,011,000	1,709,242	+302,000	+17.7	2,008,000	1,706,854	+301,000	+17.6
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:								
New York	14,386,000	13,479,142	+907,000	+6.7	14,357,000	13,462,417	+894,000	+6.6
New Jersey	4,729,000	4,160,165	+569,000	+13.7	4,691,000	4,156,594	+534,000	+12.9
Pennsylvania	10,689,000	9,900,180	+789,000	+8.0	10,676,000	9,895,880	+780,000	+7.9
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:								
Ohio	7,799,000	6,907,612	+891,000	+12.9	7,788,000	6,905,058	+883,000	+12.
Indiana	3,909,000	3,427,796	+482,000	+14.1	3,907,000	3,427,389	+480,000	+14.
Illinois	8,670,000	7,897,241	+773,000	+9.8	8,622,000	7,887,193	+734,000	+9.3
Michigan	6,195,000	5,256,106	+939,000	+17.9	6,189,000	5,252,879	+936,000	+17.8
Wisconsin	3,309,000	3,137,587	+171,000	+5.5	3,307,000	3,137,184	+170,000	+5.4
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:								
Minnesota	2,940,000	2,792,300	+147,000	+5.3	2,938,000	2,791,928	+146,000	+5.2
Iowa	2,625,000	2,538,268	+87,000	+3.4	2,624,000	2,537,596	+87,000	+3.4
Missouri	3,947,000	3,784,664	+163,000	+4.3	3,945,000	3,783,748	+161,000	+4.3
North Dakota	560,000	641,935	-82,000	-12.8	559,000	641,874	-82,000	-12.8
South Dakota	623,000	642,961	-20,000	-3.2	620,000	642,865	-23,000	-3.6
Nebraska	1,301,000	1,315,834	-15,000	-1.1	1,297,000	1,314,234	-17,000	-1.3
Kansas	1,968,000	1,801,028	+167,000	+9.3	1,953,000	1,796,933	+156,000	+8.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC:								
Delaware	297,000	266,505	+31,000	+11.5	297,000	266,123	+31,000	+11.6
Maryland	2,148,000	1,821,244	+326,000	+17.9	2,118,000	1,813,022	+305,000	+16.8
District of Columbia	898,000	663,091	+235,000	+35.5	867,000	658,018	+209,000	+31.7
Virginia	3,029,000	2,677,773	+351,000	+13.1	2,975,000	2,649,572	+325,000	+12.3
West Virginia	1,915,000	1,901,974	+13,000	+0.7	1,915,000	1,901,918	+13,000	+0.7
North Carolina	3,715,000	3,571,623	+144,000	+4.0	3,675,000	3,566,133	+109,000	+3.1
South Carolina	1,991,000	1,899,804	+92,000	+4.8	1,960,000	1,885,826	+74,000	+3.9
Georgia	3,128,000	3,123,723	+4,000	+0.1	3,104,000	3,099,199	+5,000	+0.2
Florida	2,356,000	1,897,414	+459,000	+24.2	2,320,000	1,890,831	+429,000	+22.7
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:								
Kentucky	2,819,000	2,845,627	-26,000	-0.9	2,793,000	2,840,881	-48,000	-1.7
Tennessee	3,149,000	2,915,841	+233,000	+8.0	3,140,000	2,915,532	+224,000	+7.7
Alabama	2,848,000	2,832,961	+15,000	+0.5	2,839,000	2,821,498	+17,000	+0.6
Mississippi	2,121,000	2,183,796	-63,000	-2.9	2,112,000	2,183,400	-72,000	-3.3
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:								
Arkansas	1,925,000	1,949,387	-25,000	-1.3	1,923,000	1,948,036	-25,000	-1.3
Louisiana	2,576,000	2,363,680	+212,000	+9.0	2,566,000	2,359,349	+206,000	+8.7
Oklahoma	2,362,000	2,336,434	+25,000	+1.1	2,352,000	2,332,800	+19,000	+0.8
Texas	7,230,000	6,414,824	+815,000	+12.7	7,153,000	6,389,349	+764,000	+12.0
MOUNTAIN:								
Montana	511,000	559,456	-48,000	-8.6	509,000	559,380	-51,000	-9.0
Idaho	530,000	524,873	+5,000	+1.0	530,000	524,873	+5,000	+1.0
Wyoming	275,000	250,742	+24,000	+9.6	270,000	249,861	+20,000	+8.0
Colorado	1,165,000	1,123,296	+41,000	+3.7	1,151,000	1,121,510	+29,000	+2.6
New Mexico	571,000	531,818	+39,000	+7.4	561,000	531,785	+29,000	+5.5
Arizona	664,000	499,261	+164,000	+32.9	654,000	497,864	+156,000	+31.4
Utah	655,000	550,310	+104,000	+19.0	652,000	550,059	+102,000	+18.5
Nevada	142,000	110,247	+31,000	+28.4	141,000	110,122	+31,000	+28.1
PACIFIC:								
Washington	2,487,000	1,736,191	+751,000	+43.3	2,453,000	1,732,313	+721,000	+41.
Oregon	1,626,000	1,089,684	+536,000	+49.2	1,625,000	1,088,460	+536,000	+49
California	10,031,000	6,907,387	+3,124,000	+45.2	9,894,000	6,857,370	+3,037,000	+44.

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