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PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS: AUGUST 1 TO OCTOBER 1, 1948

By October 1, 1948, the population of the United States was larger by about 15½ million persons than it had been on April 1, 1940, the date of the last census, according to provisional estimates released today by J. C. Capt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The population of the United States October 1, 1948, was estimated at 147,280,000 compared with 131,669,275 persons counted in the last census. Provisional estimates of the population including armed forces overseas, for August 1, September 1, and October 1, 1948, are as follows:

August 1	146,794,000
September 1	147,034,000
October 1	147,280,000

Population growth in the first nine months of 1948 amounted to about 1.8 million persons. In the corresponding period of 1947, the increase had been somewhat larger, about 2.1 million persons. According to present indications, population growth in the entire year 1948 will be somewhat smaller than in 1947 but will exceed that in any earlier year of this decade.

The population excluding armed forces overseas (that is, the population actually present in the United States) and the civilian population on October 1, 1948, are estimated at 146,814,000 and 145,888,000, respectively. Because the number of persons in the armed forces abroad changed very little between July 1 and October 1, the population in the United States grew about as much as the total including armed forces abroad during this period. Provisional estimates of the population excluding armed forces overseas and of the civilian population, for August 1, September 1, and October 1, 1948, are as follows:

	Population excluding armed forces overseas	Civilian population
August 1	146,330,000	145,464,000
September 1	146,570,000	145,669,000
October 1	146,814,000	145,888,000

The estimates presented in this report are based on the 1940 census; statistics of births and deaths provided by the National Office of Vital Statistics, United States Public Health Service; statistics of immigration and emigration provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and data on the size and distribution of the armed forces obtained from the Department of National Defense. The figures on births and deaths have been adjusted for incomplete registration.

Comparable estimates for earlier months in 1948, for each month in 1946 and 1947, and for July 1 of each year, 1940 to 1945, are available in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 13.

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