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ESTIMATED MALE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, 19 TO 25 YEARS OF AGE: APRIL 1, 1948

The male civilian population of the United States 19 to 25 years of age numbered about 7,783,000 on April 1, 1948, according to estimates released today by J. C. Capt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The age group 19 to 25 years is the one most often referred to in connection with pending Selective Service legislation. The total male population in this age range, which included about 592,000 persons serving in the armed forces n April 1, 1948, was about 8,375,000.

About 2 out of every 3 male civilians 19 to 25 years of age on April 1, 1948, were veterans of World War II. The 7,783,000 male civilians included about 5,198,000 who were veterans and only about 2,585,000 who were not veterans. As used here, the term "veteran of World War II" refers to civilians who served on active duty in any of the armed forces of the United States at any time between September 16, 1940, and July 25, 1947. All other civilians comprise the nonveteran population.

In the total population 19 to 25 years of age there were about 7,428,000 white men and about 947,000 nonwhite men, a ratio of almost 8 to 1. Among civilian nonveterans, the group likely to be first affected by pending Selective Service legislation, the ratio of white to nonwhite men was far lower (less than 5 to 1), primarily because a far larger proportion of the white civilian males (69.1 percent) than of the nonwhite civilian males (49.1 percent) were veterans of World War II.

The estimates are based on figures from the 1940 census; statistics of deaths provided by the National Office of Vital Statistics, United States Public Health Service, and by the several armed services; statistics on foreign migration provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and data on the strength of the armed forces and on separations from the armed forces provided by the Department of National Defense.

Estimates of the male population of the United States, 19 to 25 years of age, by color and veteran status, for April 1, 1948, are given in the table below.

ESTIMATED MALE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, 19 TO 25 YEARS OF AGE, BY COLOR AND VETERAN STATUS: APRIL 1, 1948

Veteran status	Total	White	Nonwhite
Total population	8,375,000	7,428,000	947,000
Civilian population	7,783,000	6,881,000	902,000
Veteran of World War II	5,198,000	4,755,000	443,000
Nonveteran	2,585,000	2,126,000	459,000
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF CIVILIAN POPULATION BY VETERAN STATUS			
Civilian population	100.0	100.0	100.0
Veteran of World War II	66.8	69.1	49.1
Nonveteran	33.2	30.9	50.9

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