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PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES: MAY 1, 1949

The population of the United States including armed forces overseas was about 148,711,000 on May 1, 1949, according to estimates released today by J. C. Capt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase of 17,042,000, or 12.9 percent, over the 131,669,275 persons enumerated on April 1, 1940, the date of the last census. The increase of 765,000 in the first 4 months of 1949 was about the same as the increase during the corresponding period of 1948.

The total population actually present in continental United States (that is, the population including armed forces stationed in the United States but excluding those serving overseas), and the civilian population, on May 1, 1949, are estimated at 148,215,000 and 147,242,000, respectively.

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 on immigration and emigration provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and data on the size and distribution of the armed forces provided by the National Military Establishment. The figures on births and deaths have been adjusted for incomplete registration.

Comparable estimates for each month in 1946 and 1947 are available in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 13.

The absolute figures presented in this release have been rounded to the nearest thousand. Derived figures are based on the unrounded numbers.

ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES: 1940 TO 1949
(Figures for 1947, 1948, and 1949 are provisional)

Date	Total population including armed forces overseas	Total population present	Civilian population	Date	Total population including armed forces overseas	Total population present	Civilian population
1949				1948--Con.			
May 1.....	148,711,000	148,215,000	147,242,000	April 1.....	146,018,000	145,568,000	144,774,000
April 1.....	148,527,000	148,018,000	147,034,000	March 1.....	145,809,000	145,352,000	144,559,000
March 1.....	148,324,000	147,815,000	146,815,000	February 1.....	145,622,000	145,151,000	144,376,000
February 1.....	148,139,000	147,629,000	146,625,000	January 1.....	145,434,000	144,957,000	144,184,000
January 1.....	147,946,000	147,449,000	146,463,000	1940 to 1947			
1948				July 1, 1947.....	144,034,000	143,414,000	142,660,000
December 1.....	147,737,000	147,248,000	146,275,000	July 1, 1946.....	141,235,000	139,899,000	138,400,000
November 1.....	147,525,000	147,044,000	146,086,000	July 1, 1945.....	139,586,000	132,019,000	127,452,000
October 1.....	147,280,000	146,814,000	145,888,000	July 1, 1944.....	138,083,000	132,552,000	126,536,000
September 1.....	147,034,000	146,570,000	145,669,000	July 1, 1943.....	136,497,000	133,966,000	127,410,000
August 1.....	146,794,000	146,330,000	145,464,000	July 1, 1942.....	134,665,000	133,771,000	130,875,000
July 1.....	146,571,000	146,114,000	145,290,000	July 1, 1941.....	133,203,000	133,060,000	131,558,000
June 1.....	146,386,000	145,926,000	145,115,000	July 1, 1940.....	131,970,000	131,954,000	131,659,000
May 1.....	146,209,000	145,755,000	144,951,000	April 1, 1940 (census)...	131,669,275	131,669,275	131,402,000