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

The population of the United States including armed forces overseas was about 150,397,000 on December 1, 1949, according to estimates released today by Philip M. Hauser, Acting Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase of 18,727,000, or 14.2 percent, over the 131,669,275 persons enumerated on April 1, 1940, the date of the last census.

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 December 1, 1949, are estimated at 149,940,000 and 148,966,000, respectively. The total population enumerated as present in the United States is expected to number between 150½ and 151 million in April, 1950, when the official census count will be made.

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 Department of Defense. The figures on births and deaths have been adjusted for incomplete registration.

Comparable estimates for each month in 1947 are available in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 27.

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 1948 and 1949 are provisional)

Date	Total population including armed forces overseas	Total population excluding armed forces overseas	Civilian population
1949			
December 1	150,397,000	149,940,000	148,966,000
November 1	150,183,000	149,716,000	148,747,000
October 1	149,947,000	149,460,000	148,502,000
September 1	149,703,000	149,211,000	148,244,000
August 1	149,452,000	148,955,000	147,983,000
July 1	149,215,000	148,720,000	147,752,000
June 1	149,014,000	148,515,000	147,546,000
May 1	148,823,000	148,327,000	147,354,000
April 1	148,639,000	148,131,000	147,145,000
March 1	148,430,000	147,921,000	146,921,000
February 1	148,245,000	147,735,000	146,731,000
January 1	148,051,000	147,551,000	146,578,000
1948			
cember 1	147,838,000	147,348,000	146,381,000
vember 1	147,610,000	147,128,000	146,171,000
October 1	147,358,000	146,882,000	145,943,000
September 1	147,073,000	146,600,000	145,694,000
August 1	146,801,000	146,336,000	145,471,000
1948--Con.			
July 1	146,571,000	146,113,000	145,290,000
June 1	146,386,000	145,935,000	145,131,000
May 1	146,200,000	145,753,000	144,952,000
April 1	146,007,000	145,557,000	144,763,000
March 1	145,806,000	145,348,000	144,555,000
February 1	145,621,000	145,149,000	144,375,000
January 1	145,426,000	144,948,000	144,176,000
1940 TO 1947			
July 1, 1947	144,024,000	143,405,000	142,650,000
July 1, 1946	141,235,000	139,899,000	138,400,000
July 1, 1945	139,586,000	132,019,000	127,452,000
July 1, 1944	138,083,000	132,552,000	126,536,000
July 1, 1943	136,497,000	133,966,000	127,410,000
July 1, 1942	134,665,000	133,771,000	130,875,000
July 1, 1941	133,203,000	133,060,000	131,558,000
July 1, 1940	131,970,000	131,954,000	131,659,000
April 1, 1940 (census)	131,669,275	131,669,275	131,402,000

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