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PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES: JANUARY 1, 1950

The population of the United States including armed forces overseas was about 150,604,000 on January 1, 1950, according to estimates released today by Philip M. Hauser, Acting Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase of 18,935,000, or 14.4 percent, over the 131,669,275 persons enumerated on April 1, 1940, the date of the last census.

The total population actually present in the 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 January 1, 1950, are estimated at 150,161,000 and 149,196,000, 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 and 1948 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 1950 (Figures for 1948, 1949, and 1950 are provisional)

| Date | Total population including armed forces overseas | Total population excluding armed forces overseas | Civilian population | Date | Total population including armed forces overseas | Total population excluding armed forces overseas | Civilian population |
|------------------|--|--|---------------------|------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| 1950 | | | | 1940 TO 1948 | | | |
| January 1..... | 150,604,000 | 150,161,000 | 149,196,000 | July 1, 1948..... | 146,571,000 | 146,113,000 | 145,290,000 |
| 1949 | | | | July 1, 1947..... | 144,024,000 | 143,405,000 | 142,650,000 |
| December 1..... | 150,397,000 | 149,940,000 | 148,966,000 | July 1, 1946..... | 141,235,000 | 139,899,000 | 138,400,000 |
| November 1..... | 150,183,000 | 149,716,000 | 148,747,000 | July 1, 1945..... | 139,586,000 | 132,019,000 | 127,452,000 |
| October 1..... | 149,947,000 | 149,460,000 | 148,502,000 | July 1, 1944..... | 138,083,000 | 132,552,000 | 126,536,000 |
| September 1..... | 149,703,000 | 149,211,000 | 148,244,000 | July 1, 1943..... | 136,497,000 | 133,966,000 | 127,410,000 |
| August 1..... | 149,452,000 | 148,955,000 | 147,983,000 | July 1, 1942..... | 134,665,000 | 133,771,000 | 130,875,000 |
| July 1..... | 149,215,000 | 148,720,000 | 147,752,000 | July 1, 1941..... | 133,203,000 | 133,060,000 | 131,553,000 |
| June 1..... | 149,014,000 | 148,515,000 | 147,546,000 | July 1, 1940..... | 131,970,000 | 131,954,000 | 131,659,000 |
| May 1..... | 148,823,000 | 148,327,000 | 147,354,000 | April 1, 1940 (census) | 131,669,275 | 131,669,275 | 131,402,000 |
| 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 | | | | |