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

The total population residing in continental United States was about 150,388,000 on February 1, 1950, according to estimates released today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase of 18,719,000, or 14.2 percent, over the 131,669,275 persons enumerated on April 1, 1940, the date of the last census. The estimate relates to the population including armed forces stationed in the United States but excluding those serving overseas. The total population enumerated as present in the United States is expected to number between 150½ and 151 million in April, 1950, when the next official census count will be made.

The population of the United States including armed forces overseas and the civilian population on February 1, 1950, are estimated at 150,808,000 and 149,442,000, 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 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 excluding armed forces overseas[1]	Total population including armed forces overseas	Civilian population
1950			
February 1	150,388,000	150,808,000	149,442,000
January 1	150,161,000	150,604,000	149,196,000
1949			
December 1	149,940,000	150,397,000	148,966,000
November 1	149,716,000	150,183,000	148,747,000
October 1	149,460,000	149,947,000	148,502,000
September 1	149,211,000	149,703,000	148,244,000
August 1	148,955,000	149,452,000	147,983,000
July 1	148,720,000	149,215,000	147,752,000
June 1	148,515,000	149,014,000	147,546,000
May 1	148,327,000	148,823,000	147,354,000
April 1	148,131,000	148,639,000	147,145,000
1949--Con.			
March 1	147,921,000	148,430,000	146,921,000
February 1	147,735,000	148,245,000	146,731,000
January 1	147,551,000	148,051,000	146,578,000
1940 TO 1948			
July 1, 1948	146,113,000	146,571,000	145,290,000
July 1, 1947	143,405,000	144,024,000	142,650,000
July 1, 1946	139,899,000	141,235,000	138,400,000
July 1, 1945	132,019,000	139,586,000	127,452,000
July 1, 1944	132,552,000	138,083,000	126,536,000
July 1, 1943	133,966,000	136,497,000	127,410,000
July 1, 1942	133,771,000	134,665,000	130,875,000
July 1, 1941	133,060,000	133,203,000	131,558,000
July 1, 1940	131,954,000	131,970,000	131,659,000
April 1, 1940 (census)	131,669,275	131,669,275	131,402,000

[1] The official count of the total population of continental United States, to be made in April, 1950, will relate to the total population excluding armed forces overseas.

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