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

Because of the need for a series showing changes in the total population of the United States, the Bureau of the Census is continuing its series of provisional monthly estimates even though figures from the 1950 Census will become available shortly. The level of the series will be revised later to bring it into line with the results of the 1950 Census, but it is expected that the general trends and month-to-month changes will not be affected greatly by this adjustment.

The estimates shown below are not based upon advance information from the Seventeenth Decennial Census, which was conducted as of April 1, 1950. The estimates presented in this report, including the one for April 1, 1950, 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 provided in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 27.

The absolute figures presented in this release have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES: 1940 TO 1950

Date	Total population residing in United States[1]	Total population including armed forces overseas	Civilian population
1950			
May 1	150,953,000	151,358,000	150,037,000
April 1	150,778,000	151,188,000	149,859,000
March 1	150,588,000	150,998,000	149,653,000
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
Apr. 1, 1940 (census)	131,669,275	131,669,275	131,402,000

[1]The official count of the population of continental United States, which was taken as of April 1, will relate to the total population residing in continental United States. These figures exclude armed forces overseas.

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