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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF ALASKA, HAWAII, PUERTO RICO, THE CANAL ZONE, AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1950 TO 1952

(The population estimates for April 1 and July 1, 1950, given in this report, supersede the corresponding estimates published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 52)

Estimates of the population of Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, and the Virgin Islands of the United States, for July 1, 1950 to 1952, were released today by Robert W. Burgess, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. Two types of population estimates are shown here: (1) The total population residing in the area, i.e., the civilian population plus the armed forces stationed in the area, and (2) the civilian population.

The estimates are based on data from the 1950 Census of Population; statistics and estimates of births and deaths provided by the National Office of Vital Statistics, United States Public Health Service; statistics on the movement of civilians to and from the Territories and possessions provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and data on armed forces obtained from the Department of Defense. The vital statistics and

immigration data were supplemented by data obtained from various departments of the local governments.

Direct information on travel to and from Alaska was not available. Therefore, the estimates for Alaska were prepared by a somewhat different procedure than that used for the other areas. Two methods were adapted for use: the so-called "migration and natural increase method" using school enrollment data, and the "vital rates method" using birth and death statistics. A detailed description of the way these methods are usually applied is given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 70.

Estimates of the population of the Canal Zone represent interpolations and adjustments of the results of the Annual Police Census of the Canal Zone usually taken each year during the month of March. The latest results available for use were from the census taken during March 1952.

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(Estimates of the total population include the civilian population and the armed forces stationed in the area. Each estimate has been independently rounded to the nearest thousand (nearest hundred for the Canal Zone and the Virgin Islands) from figures computed to the last digit. Derived figures are based on unrounded absolute numbers)

Area	July 1, 1952	July 1, 1951	July 1, 1950	April 1, 1950	Increase (+) or decrease (-), April 1950 to July 1952	
					Number	Percent
TOTAL POPULATION						
Alaska.....	182,000	159,000	138,000	1128,643	+53,000	+41.3
Hawaii.....	522,000	514,000	491,000	1499,794	+22,000	+4.4
Puerto Rico.....	2,240,000	2,233,000	2,207,000	12,210,703	+29,000	+1.3
Canal Zone.....	58,400	55,500	53,200	152,822	+5,600	+10.6
Virgin Islands of the United States..	24,000	25,000	26,800	126,665	-2,600	-9.9
CIVILIAN POPULATION						
Alaska.....	132,000	121,000	112,000	108,000	+24,000	+21.8
Hawaii.....	467,000	470,000	470,000	477,000	-10,000	-2.1
Puerto Rico.....	2,214,000	2,214,000	2,202,000	2,205,000	+9,000	+0.4
Canal Zone.....	42,400	41,400	42,500	43,200	-800	-1.8
Virgin Islands of the United States..	23,800	24,800	26,600	26,500	-2,600	-9.9

¹ 1950 Census count.