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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY AGE, COLOR, AND SEX JULY 1, 1954

(Corresponding figures for July 1 of each year 1940 to 1949 and 1950 to 1953 are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 98 and 93, respectively)

There were almost 5 million more children of elementary school age on July 1, 1954, than there were at the beginning of this decade, according to estimates of the population of the United States, by age, color, and sex, for July 1, 1954, released today by Robert W. Burgess, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. In the total population of 162.4 million on July 1, 1954, there were about 26,943,000 children 5 to 13 years old (roughly approximating the elementary school ages) as compared with 22,180,000 children in this group on April 1, 1950, the date of the last census, representing a gain in this age group of 4,764,000, or 21.5 percent of the 1950 figure. Two types of population estimates are shown in this report: The total population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas, and the civilian population.

INDICATED CHANGES

Age composition.--Between April 1, 1950, and July 1, 1954, the total population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas increased by about 11,282,000, or 7.5 percent. The rate of growth of some of the age groups was much greater, particularly the younger age groups and the elderly. On the other hand, some of the young adult groups showed declines during this period.

Changes in the population including Armed Forces overseas since April 1950, by broad age groups, are as follows:

Age	Population including Armed Forces overseas		Change, April 1950 to July 1954	
	July 1954	April 1950	Number	Per cent
All ages.....	162,414,000	151,132,000	+11,282,000	+7.5
Under 5 years.....	17,807,000	16,164,000	+1,643,000	+10.2
5 to 13 years.....	26,943,000	22,180,000	+4,764,000	+21.5
14 to 17 years.....	9,016,000	8,409,000	+607,000	+7.2
18 to 24 years.....	15,227,000	16,081,000	-853,000	-5.3
25 to 44 years.....	46,829,000	45,385,000	+1,444,000	+3.2
45 to 64 years.....	32,877,000	30,720,000	+2,157,000	+7.0
65 years and over.....	13,715,000	12,195,000	+1,520,000	+12.5

The effect of the rapidly growing school age population on our nation's schools is generally well known throughout the country. Of considerable importance is the fact that there are now about 18 million children of preschool age (under 5 years). Most of these children will be entering school during the next five years, and they will add considerably to the problems already facing many school administrators and local boards of education. A considerably smaller number will be leaving school (by dropout or graduation) over this period.

The decline in the 18-to-24-year age group reflects primarily the substantially fewer births that occurred in the years 1932 to 1936, as compared to births during the 1926 to 1930 period. Although slight increases may take place after next year, it will not be until sometime after 1960 that this group will begin to grow rapidly, as persons born during the 1940's replace those born in the middle and latter half of the 1930 decade.

The population 65 years and over continued to show rapid gains, increasing by about 1½ million between 1950 and 1954. There were about 13.7 million persons in this group on July 1, 1954. In comparison, there were 12.2 million in 1950 and fewer than 9 million in 1940. Thus, about 1 in every 12 persons in the population in 1954 was 65 years old or over, as compared with 1 in every 15 in 1940. At the beginning of this century only 1 in every 25 persons was 65 or over.

Sex composition.--In 1950 for the first time in our history, the census showed more females than males in our population. At that time there were about 600,000 more women than men (including the Armed Forces overseas). By 1954, females outnumbered males by about 1 million.

Since the beginning of this century (with the exception of the 1900-1909 decade), the sex ratio (the number of males per 100 females) of the total population had declined steadily and in 1954 was estimated at 98.7. The decline in the sex ratio was not consistent throughout the age scale, however.

For the past several decades, the age groups 25 years of age and over generally have followed the declining pattern of the sex ratio for the population of all ages while the groups under 25 years registered somewhat different changes from decade to decade. The table below shows the sex ratio (by broad age groups) at each census since 1900 and for July 1, 1954. Between 1950 and 1954 there has been very little change in the sex ratio at each age.

Year	All ages	Under 15	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and over
1954 ¹	98.7	104.0	102.3	96.6	97.3	87.4
1950 ¹	99.2	103.7	99.9	97.1	100.0	89.7
1940.....	100.7	103.0	98.5	98.5	105.2	95.5
1930.....	² 102.5	102.6	97.9	101.8	109.1	100.5
1920.....	² 104.0	102.1	96.8	105.1	115.2	101.3
1910.....	² 106.0	102.2	101.0	110.2	114.4	101.1
1900.....	² 104.4	102.1	98.1	108.8	110.7	102.0

¹ Population including Armed Forces overseas.
² Includes figures for "age not reported."

the proportion of nonwhites has changed very little; it was 10.3 in 1920, and 10.2 both in 1930 and 1940. At the beginning of the century, however, the nonwhites constituted 12.1 percent of the population.

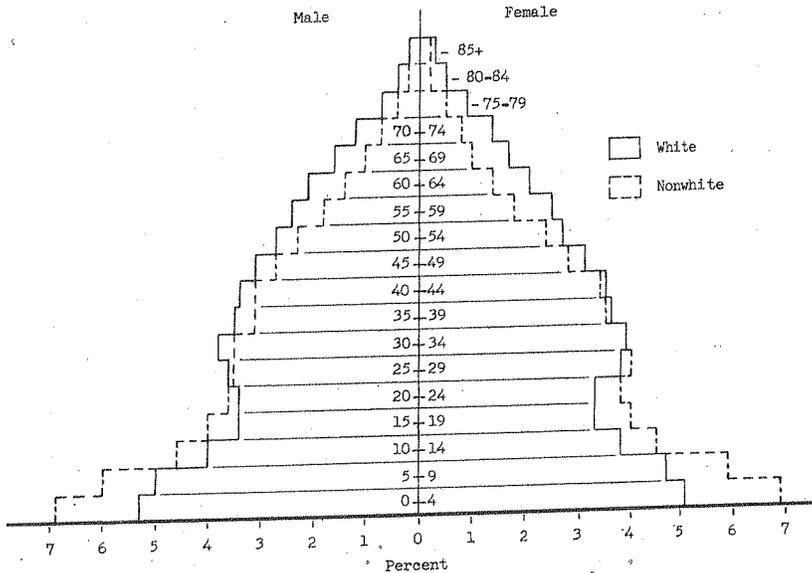
The age and sex composition of the nonwhite population are in many respects substantially different from that of the white population. The median age of the nonwhite population was 25.1 years on July 1, 1954, as compared with 30.7 years for the white. The sex ratio for many age groups is also appreciably different as is shown by the following table for July 1, 1954:

Age	White	Nonwhite
All ages.....	99.1	95.9
Under 15 years.....	104.5	100.4
15 to 24 years.....	103.0	97.5
25 to 44 years.....	97.5	89.1
45 to 64 years.....	97.3	97.7
65 years and over.....	86.9	95.0

Color composition.--On July 1, 1954, the nonwhite population numbered about 17,410,000 as compared with 15,789,000 on April 1, 1950, a gain of 1,621,000 or 10.3 percent of the 1950 figure. Thus, between 1950 and 1954 the nonwhite population grew at a somewhat higher rate than the white population, which increased by only 7.1 percent. Accordingly, during the period, the proportion of nonwhites in the total population increased slightly from 10.4 percent in 1950 to 10.7 percent in 1954. Since 1920

The differences in the basic age-sex structure of the white and nonwhite population are perhaps more clearly illustrated in the diagram below, which shows the percent distribution of the nonwhite population including Armed Forces overseas, by age and sex, superimposed on the corresponding figure for the white population. It indicates, for example, the much larger proportions of the nonwhite population in the younger ages, as compared with the white population.

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS, BY AGE, COLOR, AND SEX: JULY 1, 1954



Civilian population.--Changes in the civilian population for the age groups 15 to 44 years are shown below. Changes in the population for age groups under 15 years and 45 years and over, were, of course, virtually the same as those shown for the population including Armed Forces overseas. The substantial decline in the 20-to-24 age group reflects primarily the expansion of our Armed Forces in 1950 and 1951.

Age	Change, April 1950 to July 1954	
	Number	Percent
15 to 44 years.....	-770,000	-1.2
15 to 19 years.....	+244,000	+2.3
20 to 24 years.....	-2,154,000	-19.4
25 to 29 years.....	-576,000	-4.8
30 to 34 years.....	+708,000	+6.2
35 to 39 years.....	+155,000	+1.4
40 to 44 years.....	+852,000	+8.4

METHOD AND SOURCES

The estimates shown in this report are based on statistics 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 civilian citizens and aliens to and from continental United States provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, supplemented by data provided by the Territory of Hawaii and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and data on the size and distribution of the Armed Forces obtained from the Department of Defense.

The estimates of the number of persons in an age group on July 1, 1954, given in table 1, were obtained by adding to the number of persons in the corresponding group 4½ years younger on April 1, 1950 (or to births since April 1950), an estimate of the net change arising from deaths and migration during the period following the census. For this purpose, the population enumerated as of April 1, 1950, was adjusted to include an estimate of persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States overseas on that date. The estimates of the civilian population in a given age group shown in table 2 were obtained by subtracting an estimate of the total Armed Forces in that age group (both at home and abroad) from the figures in table 1.

In the United States, as well as in many other countries, there has been a tendency for the census count to understate the number of children under 2 years of age to a greater extent than the number at the adjacent higher ages. On the basis of estimates of the number of children under 5 years of age for April 1, 1950, derived from statistics of births, deaths, and migration, it is estimated that the 1950 Census count understated the number of children under 2 years of age by about 638,000, or 9.0 percent, and of the children 2 to 4 years of age by about 164,000, or 1.6 percent. (Some of the understatement is accounted for by misreporting of age.) If the census count under 2 years of age were used as part of the base for an estimate, for example, of children 2 to 4 years of age on April 1, 1953, the change from 1950 to 1953 in the number in the age group 2 to 4 years would reflect the difference of 474,000 (that is, 638,000 minus 164,000) in the net undercounts for the two age groups in 1950. Therefore, in preparing the estimates shown in this report, the 1950 figures for single years under age 5 used as a base were estimates derived from births, not the census counts. At the same time, in order to maintain comparability with the 1950 Census figures, in the sense that the net change for a given age group between the census date and the estimate date would not include the net census undercount, the estimates of the "true" total number of children under 5 years of age, based on births, were deflated by the net census undercounts in the same age group. The last lines of table 1 show the estimates for the age groups, under 1 year, 1 and 2 years, and 3 and 4 years, before deflation.

By the same procedure as described above, it was also possible to estimate the net undercounts

(including misstatements of age) of children 5 to 14 years of age. However, since the adjustment for this age group would be somewhat smaller than that for children under 5 and also seemed less reliable, it was considered desirable to retain the original census figures as a base and make the adjustment only for children under 5 years. The actual estimates of the net census undercounts for these age groups by sex, as a percent of the estimated population, are as follows:

Sex	5 to 9 years	10 to 14 years
Total.....	3.6	1.8
Male.....	4.0	1.7
Female.....	3.3	1.8

Census counts for other age groups also reflect some net under- or overcount. This situation seems to be particularly true of the age group 65 to 69, especially among the nonwhite population. The relatively large number reported for this age group interrupts a rather smooth decline in the size of successive age groups up the age scale. Consequently, the figures for the 5-year age groups in the span 55 to 69 years for nonwhites were adjusted in order to assure a regular decline throughout the entire age span. The adjustments were obtained from expected ratios of the nonwhite to white population at ages 60 and over and 65 and over derived by interpolation between the observed ratios for the several adjoining cumulated age groups. This procedure involves the assumption that the ratios of nonwhite to white population should progress fairly smoothly by age; and the use of cumulated totals ensures that the resulting adjustments add to zero. A full description of the technique is given on pp. 111 and 112 of Sixteenth Census of the United States: 1940, United States Life Tables and Actuarial Tables, 1939-1941, prepared by Thomas N. E. Greville. The number as reported in the census and the "smoothed" data for the nonwhite population are as follows:

Age	Reported data		Smoothed data	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
55 to 69 years....	689,000	674,000	689,000	674,000
55 to 59 years.....	279,000	260,000	290,000	285,000
60 to 64 years.....	208,000	198,000	227,000	219,000
65 to 69 years.....	202,000	216,000	172,000	170,000

The effect of these adjustments on the estimated nonwhite population 65 years and over, for July 1, 1954, is as follows:

Date	Nonwhite population, 65 years and over	
	Reported data	Smoothed data
April 1, 1950.....	897,000	821,000
July 1, 1954.....	976,000	932,000
Percent change, April 1950 to July 1954.....	+8.8	+13.5

Table 1.--ESTIMATES OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS, BY AGE, COLOR, AND SEX:
JULY 1, 1954, AND APRIL 1, 1950

(Estimates based on adjusted 1950 Census age data; see text for detailed explanation. Figures represent the sum of the total population residing in continental United States and Armed Forces overseas. Each population estimate has been independently rounded to the nearest thousand from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sum of parts shown may differ slightly from the totals shown. Medians are based on unrounded absolute numbers)

Age and date	All classes			White			Nonwhite		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
JULY 1, 1954									
All ages.....	162,414,000	80,696,000	81,718,000	145,004,000	72,172,000	72,832,000	17,410,000	8,524,000	8,886,000
Under 5 years.....	17,807,000	9,072,000	8,735,000	15,436,000	7,884,000	7,552,000	2,370,000	1,188,000	1,182,000
Under 1 year.....	3,531,000	1,798,000	1,733,000	3,063,000	1,565,000	1,499,000	468,000	233,000	234,000
1 and 2 years.....	7,193,000	3,667,000	3,526,000	6,244,000	3,191,000	3,054,000	949,000	477,000	472,000
3 and 4 years.....	7,083,000	3,607,000	3,476,000	6,129,000	3,129,000	3,000,000	954,000	478,000	476,000
5 to 9 years.....	16,347,000	8,351,000	7,996,000	14,286,000	7,316,000	6,970,000	2,061,000	1,035,000	1,026,000
10 to 14 years.....	12,886,000	6,553,000	6,333,000	11,320,000	5,771,000	5,548,000	1,567,000	781,000	785,000
15 to 19 years.....	11,055,000	5,616,000	5,439,000	9,659,000	4,917,000	4,742,000	1,395,000	698,000	697,000
20 to 24 years.....	10,899,000	5,488,000	5,411,000	9,607,000	4,859,000	4,748,000	1,292,000	629,000	663,000
25 to 29 years.....	11,900,000	5,867,000	5,033,000	10,579,000	5,250,000	5,329,000	1,320,000	617,000	704,000
30 to 34 years.....	12,343,000	6,054,000	6,289,000	11,050,000	5,440,000	5,610,000	1,294,000	614,000	680,000
35 to 39 years.....	11,495,000	5,637,000	5,858,000	10,358,000	5,103,000	5,254,000	1,137,000	534,000	603,000
40 to 44 years.....	11,091,000	5,451,000	5,640,000	9,951,000	4,910,000	5,040,000	1,141,000	541,000	600,000
45 to 49 years.....	9,884,000	4,899,000	4,985,000	8,925,000	4,434,000	4,501,000	950,000	466,000	484,000
50 to 54 years.....	8,674,000	4,289,000	4,385,000	7,853,000	3,885,000	3,968,000	821,000	405,000	417,000
55 to 59 years.....	7,743,000	3,804,000	3,939,000	7,100,000	3,483,000	3,618,000	643,000	321,000	322,000
60 to 64 years.....	6,575,000	3,220,000	3,355,000	6,089,000	2,979,000	3,111,000	486,000	241,000	245,000
65 to 69 years.....	5,259,000	2,552,000	2,708,000	4,902,000	2,373,000	2,528,000	358,000	178,000	179,000
70 to 74 years.....	3,975,000	1,850,000	2,123,000	3,707,000	1,721,000	1,986,000	267,000	130,000	137,000
75 to 79 years.....	2,432,000	1,108,000	1,324,000	2,275,000	1,032,000	1,244,000	157,000	77,000	80,000
80 to 84 years.....	1,288,000	570,000	718,000	1,206,000	530,000	676,000	82,000	40,000	42,000
85 years and over.....	762,000	316,000	446,000	693,000	286,000	407,000	69,000	30,000	39,000
5 to 17 years.....	35,960,000	18,324,000	17,636,000	31,476,000	16,078,000	15,398,000	4,483,000	2,246,000	2,238,000
14 years and over.....	117,664,000	57,885,000	59,779,000	105,958,000	52,219,000	53,739,000	11,706,000	5,666,000	6,040,000
18 years and over.....	108,648,000	53,300,000	55,348,000	98,091,000	48,210,000	49,882,000	10,556,000	5,090,000	5,466,000
21 years and over.....	102,244,000	50,060,000	52,184,000	92,482,000	45,363,000	47,119,000	9,763,000	4,698,000	5,065,000
65 years and over.....	13,715,000	6,396,000	7,319,000	12,782,000	5,942,000	6,841,000	932,000	454,000	478,000
Median age.....years..	30.1	29.5	30.7	30.7	30.1	31.4	25.1	24.4	25.6
Adjusted for Net Under-enumeration and Misreporting of Age in Census									
Under 5 years.....	18,609,000	9,509,000	9,100,000	16,027,000	8,211,000	7,817,000	2,582,000	1,298,000	1,283,000
Under 1 year.....	3,921,000	2,004,000	1,917,000	3,371,000	1,727,000	1,644,000	549,000	276,000	273,000
1 and 2 years.....	7,532,000	3,851,000	3,682,000	6,496,000	3,329,000	3,167,000	1,036,000	521,000	515,000
3 and 4 years.....	7,156,000	3,655,000	3,502,000	6,160,000	3,154,000	3,006,000	996,000	501,000	496,000
APRIL 1, 1950									
All ages.....	151,132,000	75,266,000	75,867,000	135,343,000	67,528,000	67,816,000	15,789,000	7,738,000	8,051,000
Under 5 years.....	16,164,000	8,236,000	7,927,000	14,185,000	7,244,000	6,940,000	1,979,000	992,000	987,000
Under 1 year.....	3,147,000	1,602,000	1,545,000	2,741,000	1,400,000	1,341,000	406,000	202,000	204,000
1 and 2 years.....	6,776,000	3,454,000	3,323,000	5,942,000	3,034,000	2,908,000	834,000	420,000	415,000
3 and 4 years.....	6,240,000	3,180,000	3,060,000	5,502,000	2,811,000	2,691,000	738,000	370,000	369,000
5 to 9 years.....	13,200,000	6,715,000	6,485,000	11,597,000	5,915,000	5,681,000	1,603,000	799,000	804,000
10 to 14 years.....	11,119,000	5,660,000	5,459,000	9,695,000	4,945,000	4,750,000	1,425,000	716,000	709,000
15 to 19 years.....	10,700,000	5,394,000	5,306,000	9,407,000	4,762,000	4,645,000	1,293,000	632,000	661,000
20 to 24 years.....	11,651,000	5,775,000	5,876,000	10,335,000	5,158,000	5,177,000	1,316,000	617,000	699,000
25 to 29 years.....	12,318,000	6,047,000	6,271,000	10,995,000	5,419,000	5,576,000	1,323,000	628,000	695,000
30 to 34 years.....	11,575,000	5,683,000	5,893,000	10,411,000	5,135,000	5,276,000	1,165,000	548,000	617,000
35 to 39 years.....	11,274,000	5,545,000	5,729,000	10,085,000	4,982,000	5,103,000	1,190,000	564,000	626,000
40 to 44 years.....	10,217,000	5,083,000	5,134,000	9,202,000	4,585,000	4,617,000	1,015,000	498,000	517,000
45 to 49 years.....	9,075,000	4,531,000	4,544,000	8,174,000	4,084,000	4,089,000	901,000	447,000	455,000
50 to 54 years.....	8,274,000	4,131,000	4,144,000	7,537,000	3,758,000	3,779,000	737,000	373,000	364,000
55 to 59 years.....	7,272,000	3,642,000	3,630,000	6,696,000	3,351,000	3,345,000	575,000	290,000	285,000
60 to 64 years.....	6,095,000	3,056,000	3,042,000	5,653,000	2,830,000	2,823,000	446,000	227,000	219,000
65 to 69 years.....	4,928,000	2,395,000	2,533,000	4,586,000	2,223,000	2,363,000	342,000	172,000	170,000
70 to 74 years.....	3,412,000	1,629,000	1,783,000	3,182,000	1,513,000	1,668,000	230,000	116,000	115,000
75 to 79 years.....	2,126,000	992,000	1,136,000	2,002,000	928,000	1,074,000	126,000	64,000	62,000
80 to 84 years.....	1,149,000	514,000	635,000	1,073,000	478,000	595,000	77,000	37,000	40,000
85 years and over.....	577,000	237,000	340,000	532,000	218,000	314,000	45,000	19,000	26,000
5 to 17 years.....	30,589,000	15,547,000	15,042,000	26,780,000	13,647,000	13,134,000	3,809,000	1,901,000	1,908,000
14 years and over.....	112,789,000	55,744,000	57,045,000	101,734,000	50,378,000	51,357,000	11,055,000	5,366,000	5,688,000
18 years and over.....	104,380,000	51,482,000	52,898,000	94,378,000	46,637,000	47,742,000	10,001,000	4,845,000	5,156,000
21 years and over.....	97,698,000	48,147,000	49,552,000	88,468,000	43,667,000	44,801,000	9,230,000	4,480,000	4,751,000
65 years and over.....	12,195,000	5,767,000	6,427,000	11,374,000	5,360,000	6,013,000	821,000	407,000	414,000
Median age.....years..	30.2	29.8	30.5	30.7	30.3	31.1	26.1	25.9	26.2
Adjusted for Net Under-enumeration and Misreporting of Age in Census									
Under 5 years.....	16,966,000	8,673,000	8,293,000	14,775,000	7,571,000	7,204,000	2,191,000	1,102,000	1,088,000
Under 1 year.....	3,537,000	1,808,000	1,729,000	3,049,000	1,562,000	1,486,000	488,000	246,000	242,000
1 and 2 years.....	7,116,000	3,637,000	3,479,000	6,194,000	3,173,000	3,021,000	922,000	464,000	458,000
3 and 4 years.....	6,313,000	3,228,000	3,086,000	5,533,000	2,836,000	2,697,000	781,000	392,000	389,000

¹ Figures for "Nonwhite" and "All classes" adjusted for age biases in nonwhite population as enumerated. See text for explanation.

Table 2.--ESTIMATES OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, BY AGE, COLOR, AND SEX:
JULY 1, 1954, AND APRIL 1, 1950

(Estimates based on adjusted 1950 Census age data; see text for detailed explanation. Each population estimate has been independently rounded to the nearest thousand from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sum of parts shown may differ slightly from the totals shown. Medians are based on unrounded absolute numbers)

Age and date	All classes			White			Nonwhite		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
JULY 1, 1954									
All ages.....	159,084,000	77,407,000	81,677,000	141,961,000	69,167,000	72,794,000	17,123,000	8,239,000	8,884,000
Under 5 years.....	17,807,000	9,072,000	8,735,000	15,436,000	7,884,000	7,552,000	2,370,000	1,188,000	1,182,000
5 to 9 years.....	16,347,000	8,351,000	7,996,000	14,286,000	7,316,000	6,970,000	2,061,000	1,035,000	1,026,000
10 to 14 years.....	12,886,000	6,553,000	6,333,000	11,320,000	5,771,000	5,548,000	1,567,000	781,000	785,000
15 to 19 years.....	10,654,000	5,221,000	5,433,000	9,296,000	4,560,000	4,736,000	1,358,000	661,000	697,000
20 to 24 years.....	8,955,000	3,560,000	3,395,000	7,835,000	3,102,000	4,733,000	1,121,000	458,000	663,000
25 to 29 years.....	11,470,000	5,444,000	6,026,000	10,196,000	4,873,000	5,323,000	1,274,000	570,000	703,000
30 to 34 years.....	12,068,000	5,783,000	6,285,000	10,792,000	5,187,000	5,606,000	1,276,000	596,000	679,000
35 to 39 years.....	11,326,000	5,472,000	5,854,000	10,198,000	4,947,000	5,251,000	1,128,000	525,000	603,000
40 to 44 years.....	11,022,000	5,385,000	5,638,000	9,885,000	4,847,000	5,038,000	1,137,000	538,000	600,000
45 to 49 years.....	9,856,000	4,872,000	4,984,000	8,907,000	4,407,000	4,500,000	949,000	465,000	484,000
50 to 54 years.....	8,664,000	4,279,000	4,385,000	7,843,000	3,875,000	3,968,000	821,000	404,000	417,000
55 to 59 years.....	7,739,000	3,800,000	3,939,000	7,097,000	3,479,000	3,617,000	643,000	321,000	322,000
60 to 64 years.....	6,575,000	3,220,000	3,355,000	6,089,000	2,978,000	3,111,000	486,000	241,000	245,000
65 to 69 years.....	5,259,000	2,552,000	2,708,000	4,902,000	2,373,000	2,528,000	358,000	178,000	179,000
70 to 74 years.....	3,973,000	1,850,000	2,123,000	3,707,000	1,721,000	1,986,000	267,000	130,000	137,000
75 to 79 years.....	2,432,000	1,108,000	1,324,000	2,275,000	1,032,000	1,244,000	157,000	77,000	80,000
80 to 84 years.....	1,288,000	570,000	718,000	1,206,000	530,000	676,000	82,000	40,000	42,000
85 years and over.....	762,000	316,000	446,000	693,000	286,000	407,000	69,000	30,000	39,000
5 to 17 years.....	35,918,000	18,283,000	17,636,000	31,439,000	16,041,000	15,398,000	4,479,000	2,241,000	2,238,000
14 years and over.....	114,334,000	54,596,000	59,738,000	102,915,000	49,214,000	53,701,000	11,419,000	5,381,000	6,038,000
18 years and over.....	105,359,000	50,052,000	55,307,000	95,086,000	45,242,000	49,843,000	10,274,000	4,810,000	5,464,000
21 years and over.....	99,760,000	47,606,000	52,154,000	90,210,000	43,119,000	47,091,000	9,550,000	4,487,000	5,063,000
65 years and over.....	13,715,000	6,396,000	7,319,000	12,782,000	5,942,000	6,841,000	932,000	454,000	478,000
Median age.....years..	30.6	30.4	30.7	31.2	31.0	31.4	25.3	25.0	25.6
APRIL 1, 1950									
All ages.....	149,634,000	73,789,000	75,845,000	133,953,000	66,158,000	67,796,000	15,681,000	7,631,000	8,050,000
Under 5 years.....	16,164,000	8,236,000	7,927,000	14,185,000	7,244,000	6,940,000	1,979,000	992,000	987,000
5 to 9 years.....	13,200,000	6,715,000	6,485,000	11,597,000	5,915,000	5,681,000	1,603,000	799,000	804,000
10 to 14 years.....	11,119,000	5,660,000	5,459,000	9,695,000	4,945,000	4,750,000	1,425,000	716,000	709,000
15 to 19 years.....	10,410,000	5,107,000	5,303,000	9,140,000	4,497,000	4,643,000	1,270,000	610,000	660,000
20 to 24 years.....	11,109,000	5,239,000	5,870,000	9,833,000	4,662,000	5,171,000	1,276,000	577,000	699,000
25 to 29 years.....	12,046,000	5,779,000	6,266,000	10,742,000	5,170,000	5,572,000	1,304,000	609,000	695,000
30 to 34 years.....	12,046,000	5,779,000	6,266,000	10,742,000	5,170,000	5,572,000	1,304,000	609,000	695,000
35 to 39 years.....	11,359,000	5,470,000	5,889,000	10,209,000	4,936,000	5,273,000	1,151,000	534,000	616,000
40 to 44 years.....	11,171,000	5,444,000	5,726,000	9,988,000	4,887,000	5,100,000	1,183,000	557,000	626,000
45 to 49 years.....	10,171,000	5,038,000	5,132,000	9,159,000	4,544,000	4,616,000	1,012,000	495,000	517,000
45 to 49 years.....	9,057,000	4,513,000	4,544,000	8,157,000	4,068,000	4,089,000	900,000	445,000	455,000
50 to 54 years.....	8,267,000	4,124,000	4,143,000	7,530,000	3,751,000	3,779,000	736,000	372,000	364,000
55 to 59 years.....	7,269,000	3,639,000	3,630,000	6,694,000	3,349,000	3,345,000	575,000	290,000	285,000
60 to 64 years.....	6,098,000	3,056,000	3,042,000	5,652,000	2,829,000	2,823,000	446,000	227,000	219,000
65 to 69 years.....	4,928,000	2,395,000	2,533,000	4,585,000	2,223,000	2,363,000	342,000	172,000	170,000
70 to 74 years.....	3,412,000	1,629,000	1,783,000	3,182,000	1,513,000	1,668,000	230,000	116,000	115,000
75 to 79 years.....	2,128,000	992,000	1,136,000	2,002,000	928,000	1,074,000	126,000	64,000	62,000
80 to 84 years.....	1,149,000	514,000	635,000	1,073,000	478,000	595,000	77,000	37,000	40,000
85 years and over.....	577,000	237,000	340,000	532,000	218,000	314,000	45,000	19,000	26,000
5 to 17 years.....	30,560,000	15,518,000	15,042,000	26,753,000	13,620,000	13,134,000	3,806,000	1,898,000	1,908,000
14 years and over.....	111,290,000	54,267,000	57,023,000	100,344,000	49,007,000	51,337,000	10,946,000	5,260,000	5,687,000
18 years and over.....	102,910,000	50,035,000	52,876,000	93,015,000	45,294,000	47,722,000	9,895,000	4,741,000	5,154,000
21 years and over.....	96,670,000	47,136,000	49,534,000	87,512,000	42,727,000	44,785,000	9,158,000	4,409,000	4,749,000
65 years and over.....	12,195,000	5,767,000	6,427,000	11,374,000	5,360,000	6,013,000	821,000	407,000	414,000
Median age.....years..	30.3	30.1	30.5	30.9	30.7	31.1	26.1	26.0	26.2

¹ Figures for "Nonwhite" and "All classes" adjusted for age biases in nonwhite population as enumerated. See text for explanation.

Table 3.—PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS, BY COLOR AND SEX: JULY 1, 1954, AND APRIL 1, 1950

(Based on adjusted 1950 Census age data; see text for detailed explanation)

Age and date	All classes			White			Nonwhite		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
JULY 1, 1954									
All ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	11.0	11.2	10.7	10.6	10.9	10.4	13.6	13.9	13.3
5 to 9 years.....	10.1	10.3	9.8	9.9	10.1	9.6	11.8	12.1	11.5
10 to 14 years.....	7.9	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	7.6	9.0	9.2	8.8
15 to 19 years.....	6.8	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.5	8.0	8.2	7.8
20 to 24 years.....	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.5	7.4	7.4	7.5
25 to 29 years.....	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.2	7.9
30 to 34 years.....	7.6	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.7	7.4	7.2	7.6
35 to 39 years.....	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.2	6.5	6.3	6.8
40 to 44 years.....	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.6	6.3	6.8
45 to 49 years.....	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	5.5	5.5	5.4
50 to 54 years.....	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.7
55 to 59 years.....	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.8	5.0	3.7	3.8	3.6
60 to 64 years.....	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.3	2.8	2.8	2.8
65 to 69 years.....	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.5	2.1	2.1	2.0
70 to 74 years.....	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
75 to 79 years.....	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.7	0.9	0.9	0.9
80 to 84 years.....	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5
85 years and over.....	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
APRIL 1, 1950									
All ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	10.7	10.9	10.4	10.5	10.7	10.2	12.5	12.8	12.3
5 to 9 years.....	8.7	8.9	8.5	8.6	8.8	8.4	10.2	10.3	10.0
10 to 14 years.....	7.4	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.0	9.0	9.3	8.8
15 to 19 years.....	7.1	7.2	7.0	7.0	7.1	6.8	8.2	8.2	8.2
20 to 24 years.....	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	8.3	8.0	8.7
25 to 29 years.....	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.1	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.6
30 to 34 years.....	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.4	7.1	7.7
35 to 39 years.....	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.8
40 to 44 years.....	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.4
45 to 49 years.....	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.7
50 to 54 years.....	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.7	4.8	4.5
55 to 59 years ¹	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.9	3.6	3.8	3.5
60 to 64 years ¹	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	2.8	2.9	2.7
65 to 69 years ¹	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.5	2.2	2.2	2.1
70 to 74 years.....	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
75 to 79 years.....	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
80 to 84 years.....	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5
85 years and over.....	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3

¹ Based on figures for "Nonwhite" and "All classes" adjusted for age biases in nonwhite population as enumerated. See text for explanation.