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PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, BY REGIONS,
DIVISIONS, AND STATES, AND OF ALASKA, HAWAII, PUERTO RICO, THE CANAL ZONE,
AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS: JULY 1, 1955

Provisional estimates of the civilian population of States for July 1, 1955, were released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. They are consistent with annual State estimates for the period 1940 to 1954 that appear in Nos. 72 and 124 of this series. Provisional estimates of the total population of States for July 1, 1955, which include figures for the Armed Forces will be published in January 1956.

The estimates of the civilian population are based upon the 1950 Census statistics and estimates of births, deaths, immigration, emigration, and net internal migration. In view of the absence of data reflecting the most recent internal migration, it is quite possible that these provisional estimates may differ somewhat from revised estimates which will be prepared for publication by the Bureau of the Census when such data become available.

The estimated civilian population of each State was prepared by (1) adding to the civilian population on April 1, 1950, an estimate of births, (2) subtracting an estimate of civilian deaths, (3) adding or subtracting an estimate of net civilian migration, and (4) subtracting an estimate of the movement of civilians into the Armed Forces.

The estimates of net civilian migration for each State (and Alaska and the Virgin Islands) were obtained by extrapolation of the annual migration series implied in the estimates of the population of States for 1940 to 1954, shown in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 72 and 124. Data on migration for Hawaii and Puerto Rico, for the period ending June 30, 1955, were obtained from various departments of the local governments. The net movement of civilians into the Armed Forces for each area was estimated by (1) taking the difference between (a) the number of persons serving in the Armed Forces on the estimate date who reported the area as their preservice residence and (b) the number serving in the Armed Forces on April 1, 1950, who reported the area

as their preservice residence, and (2) adding an allowance for former residents of the area who died during the period while serving in the Armed Forces.

The birth and death statistics available for preparing these estimates include final figures classified on a residence basis for 1952 and provisional figures classified on an occurrence basis for 1953 to 1955. For the present purpose, the provisional figures were adjusted to a residence basis. It is expected that the final figures on births and deaths will differ only slightly from those used. All figures were corrected for underregistration. The factors used in correcting the births for underregistration are extrapolated from results of the 1950 Birth Registration Test conducted by the National Office of Vital Statistics in conjunction with the 1950 Census of Population. The adjustment of the death statistics for underregistration was confined to infants under 1 year of age.

Many of the data used to prepare the population estimates given in this report were obtained from other agencies. The National Office of Vital Statistics, United States Public Health Service, provided the vital statistics. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, provided statistics on immigration and emigration. The Department of Defense provided the figures relating to the Armed Forces. State Departments of Education and parochial school systems throughout the country provided the data on school enrollment used in developing estimates of net internal migration.

Because of the highly seasonal pattern of migration for Alaska, the estimate for Alaska was designed to represent the "average" population during the calendar year rather than the high midsummer peak. The estimate of the Canal Zone represents an extrapolation of the results of the Annual Police Census of the past several years. The latest results available for use were from the census taken during November 1954.

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(Figures exclude persons in the Armed Forces stationed in each area. Each estimate has been independently rounded to the nearest thousand from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sums of parts shown may differ slightly from the totals shown. Percentages are based on unrounded numbers)

Region, division, and State	July 1, 1955	April 1, 1950	Increase (+) or decrease (-), April 1, 1950, to July 1, 1955		Region, division, and State	July 1, 1955	April 1, 1950	Increase (+) or decrease (-), April 1, 1950, to July 1, 1955	
			Amount	Per-cent				Amount	Per-cent
Continental United States....	162,284,000	149,634,000	+12,650,000	+8.5	WEST NORTH CENTRAL--				
REGIONS:					Con.			+22,000	+3.5
Northeast.....	42,393,000	39,344,000	+3,049,000	+7.8	North Dakota.....	641,000	620,000	+22,000	+3.4
North Central.....	48,137,000	44,369,000	+3,768,000	+8.5	South Dakota.....	672,000	650,000	+22,000	+3.6
South.....	49,144,000	46,653,000	+2,492,000	+5.3	Nebraska.....	1,369,000	1,322,000	+47,000	+3.6
West.....	22,610,000	19,269,000	+3,341,000	+17.3	Kansas.....	2,021,000	1,887,000	+134,000	+7.1
NORTHEAST:					SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
New England.....	9,839,000	9,261,000	+577,000	+6.2	Delaware.....	380,000	318,000	+62,000	+19.5
Middle Atlantic.....	32,555,000	30,083,000	+2,472,000	+8.2	Maryland.....	2,593,000	2,301,000	+292,000	+12.7
NORTH CENTRAL:					Dist. of Columbia..	831,000	787,000	+44,000	+5.6
East North Central..	33,480,000	30,337,000	+3,144,000	+10.4	Virginia.....	3,421,000	3,208,000	+214,000	+6.7
West North Central..	14,657,000	14,032,000	+625,000	+4.5	West Virginia.....	2,001,000	2,005,000	-4,000	-0.2
SOUTH:					North Carolina.....	4,190,000	4,014,000	+175,000	+4.4
South Atlantic.....	22,547,000	20,860,000	+1,687,000	+8.1	South Carolina.....	2,226,000	2,096,000	+131,000	+6.2
East South Central..	11,438,000	11,412,000	+26,000	+0.2	Georgia.....	3,539,000	3,402,000	+137,000	+4.0
West South Central..	15,159,000	14,380,000	+779,000	+5.4	Florida.....	3,364,000	2,729,000	+635,000	+23.3
WEST:					EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Mountain.....	5,753,000	5,021,000	+732,000	+14.6	Kentucky.....	2,948,000	2,913,000	+34,000	+1.2
Pacific.....	16,857,000	14,248,000	+2,609,000	+18.3	Tennessee.....	3,399,000	3,281,000	+118,000	+3.6
NEW ENGLAND:					Alabama.....	3,006,000	3,053,000	-47,000	-1.6
Maine.....	890,000	912,000	-22,000	-2.4	Mississippi.....	2,085,000	2,164,000	-79,000	-3.7
New Hampshire.....	553,000	531,000	+22,000	+4.1	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Vermont.....	377,000	378,000	-1,000	-0.2	Arkansas.....	1,770,000	1,908,000	-138,000	-7.2
Massachusetts.....	4,972,000	4,665,000	+307,000	+6.6	Louisiana.....	2,902,000	2,670,000	+232,000	+8.7
Rhode Island.....	814,000	774,000	+40,000	+5.1	Oklahoma.....	2,136,000	2,218,000	-82,000	-3.7
Connecticut.....	2,233,000	2,001,000	+231,000	+11.6	Texas.....	8,351,000	7,584,000	+766,000	+10.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					MOUNTAIN:				
New York.....	16,053,000	14,801,000	+1,252,000	+8.5	Montana.....	628,000	589,000	+39,000	+6.6
New Jersey.....	5,370,000	4,802,000	+568,000	+11.8	Idaho.....	606,000	588,000	+17,000	+2.9
Pennsylvania.....	11,132,000	10,480,000	+652,000	+6.2	Wyoming.....	295,000	282,000	+13,000	+4.7
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					Colorado.....	1,508,000	1,307,000	+201,000	+15.4
Ohio.....	8,946,000	7,938,000	+1,008,000	+12.7	New Mexico.....	769,000	668,000	+101,000	+15.1
Indiana.....	4,325,000	3,932,000	+393,000	+10.0	Arizona.....	955,000	742,000	+213,000	+28.7
Illinois.....	9,297,000	8,672,000	+625,000	+7.2	Utah.....	776,000	687,000	+89,000	+12.9
Michigan.....	7,222,000	6,361,000	+861,000	+13.5	Nevada.....	216,000	157,000	+59,000	+37.6
Wisconsin.....	3,691,000	3,433,000	+257,000	+7.5	PACIFIC:				
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:					Washington.....	2,497,000	2,317,000	+180,000	+7.8
Minnesota.....	3,169,000	2,981,000	+188,000	+6.3	Oregon.....	1,664,000	1,519,000	+146,000	+9.6
Iowa.....	2,690,000	2,621,000	+69,000	+2.6	California.....	12,696,000	10,413,000	+2,283,000	+21.9
Missouri.....	4,094,000	3,952,000	+142,000	+3.6	Alaska.....	168,000	108,000	+60,000	+55.6
					Hawaii.....	503,000	477,000	+26,000	+5.5
					Puerto Rico.....	2,248,000	2,205,000	+43,000	+1.9
					Canal Zone.....	39,000	43,000	-4,000	-9.0
					Virgin Islands.....	24,000	26,000	-3,000	-10.9

¹ Estimated total population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas for July 1, 1955, is 165,248,000.