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(Comparable estimates for each month, from May 1, 1950, to December 1, 1953, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 136)

The total population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas was about 167,649,000 on May 1, 1956, according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase of 16,517,000, or 10.9 percent, since April 1, 1950, the date of the last census, and an increase of 2,828,000, or 1.7 percent, over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago. Estimates of the total population including Armed Forces overseas, of the population residing in continental United States (excluding Armed Forces overseas), and

of the civilian population, for selected months back to January 1, 1950, are shown below.

The estimates presented in this report are based on the total population count from the 1950 Census; statistics and estimates 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.

| Date | Total population including Armed Forces overseas | Total population residing in United States (excluding Armed Forces overseas) | Civilian population | Date | Total population including Armed Forces overseas | Total population residing in United States (excluding Armed Forces overseas) | Civilian population |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1956 | | | | 1954 | | | |
| December 1..... | | | | December 1..... | 163,721,000 | 162,662,000 | 160,460,000 |
| November 1..... | | | | November 1..... | 163,483,000 | 162,382,000 | 160,197,000 |
| October 1..... | | | | October 1..... | 163,226,000 | 162,114,000 | 159,918,000 |
| September 1..... | | | | September 1..... | 162,954,000 | 161,810,000 | 159,636,000 |
| August 1..... | | | | August 1..... | 162,678,000 | 161,486,000 | 159,347,000 |
| July 1..... | | | | July 1..... | 162,417,000 | 161,191,000 | 159,086,000 |
| June 1..... | | | | June 1..... | 162,188,000 | 160,956,000 | 158,847,000 |
| May 1..... | 167,649,000 | 166,730,000 | 164,784,000 | May 1..... | 161,969,000 | 160,710,000 | 158,613,000 |
| April 1..... | 167,440,000 | 166,506,000 | 164,561,000 | April 1..... | 161,761,000 | 160,489,000 | 158,389,000 |
| March 1..... | 167,211,000 | 166,279,000 | 164,318,000 | March 1..... | 161,540,000 | 160,235,000 | 158,150,000 |
| February 1..... | 166,995,000 | 166,069,000 | 164,089,000 | February 1..... | 161,332,000 | 160,012,000 | 157,920,000 |
| January 1..... | 166,766,000 | 165,879,000 | 163,850,000 | January 1..... | 161,115,000 | 159,825,000 | 157,679,000 |
| 1955 | | | | 1950 TO 1953 | | | |
| December 1..... | 166,540,000 | 165,630,000 | 163,594,000 | July 1, 1953..... | 159,636,000 | 158,313,000 | 156,046,000 |
| November 1..... | 166,307,000 | 165,381,000 | 163,355,000 | January 1, 1953..... | 158,434,000 | 157,177,000 | 154,891,000 |
| October 1..... | 166,056,000 | 165,130,000 | 163,096,000 | July 1, 1952..... | 157,028,000 | 155,761,000 | 153,366,000 |
| September 1..... | 165,787,000 | 164,851,000 | 162,814,000 | January 1, 1952..... | 155,790,000 | 154,649,000 | 152,292,000 |
| August 1..... | 165,519,000 | 164,558,000 | 162,550,000 | July 1, 1951..... | 154,360,000 | 153,384,000 | 151,082,000 |
| July 1..... | 165,271,000 | 164,303,000 | 162,307,000 | January 1, 1951..... | 153,072,000 | 152,361,000 | 150,689,000 |
| June 1..... | 165,046,000 | 164,084,000 | 162,049,000 | July 1, 1950..... | 151,683,000 | 151,234,000 | 150,202,000 |
| May 1..... | 164,821,000 | 163,823,000 | 161,756,000 | April 1, 1950..... | ¹ 151,132,000 | ² 150,697,361 | ³ 149,634,000 |
| April 1..... | 164,617,000 | 163,599,000 | 161,484,000 | January 1, 1950..... | 150,552,000 | 150,085,000 | 148,980,000 |
| March 1..... | 164,388,000 | 163,322,000 | 161,201,000 | | | | |
| February 1..... | 164,186,000 | 163,118,000 | 160,955,000 | | | | |
| January 1..... | 163,956,000 | 162,927,000 | 160,748,000 | | | | |

¹ 1950 Census count (150,697,361) plus estimate of Armed Forces overseas.

² 1950 Census count.

³ 1950 Census count minus estimate of Armed Forces in continental United States.