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### PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF STATES AND ALASKA, HAWAII, AND PUERTO RICO: JULY 1, 1956

(Estimates for earlier years back to 1940 are contained in Nos. 72, 80, and 145 of this series)

Provisional estimates of the total and civilian population of States and of the civilian population of Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, for July 1, 1956, were released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. These provisional estimates will be revised next summer when additional data become available. In particular, the revision will take account of data on school enrollment for 1955-1956, in connection with the measurement of internal migration for that year.

The estimate for each area was prepared by a variation of the "component" method of making postcensal population estimates. This method involves (1) estimating the civilian population on April 1, 1950, from the census figures for that date, (2) adding to this civilian population an estimate of births for the period between the census and the estimate date, (3) subtracting an estimate of civilian deaths, (4) adding or subtracting an estimate of net civilian migration, (5) subtracting an estimate of the net movement of civilians into the Armed Forces, and (6) adding an estimate of the number of persons in the Armed Forces stationed in the area on the estimate date.

The estimates of net civilian migration for each State (and Alaska) were obtained by extrapolation of the annual migration series implied by the estimates of the population of States for 1940 to 1955 shown in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 72 and 145.

The estimates of annual net migration for the period up to July 1, 1955, were developed, for the most part, on the basis of statistics of school enrollment in the elementary grades. Data on migration for Hawaii and Puerto Rico, for the period ending June 30, 1956, 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) subtracting (a) the number of persons serving in the Armed Forces on April 1, 1950, who reported the area as their pre-service residence from (b) the number serving in the Armed Forces on the estimate date 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 used in preparing these estimates include final figures for 1954 classified geographically on the basis of the residence of the mother or decedent, and provisional figures for 1955 and 1956 classified geographically on the basis of the place where the birth or death occurred. For the present purpose, the provisional figures were adjusted to a residence basis. All figures were corrected for underregistration. The factors used in correcting the births for underregistration were obtained by extending the results of the 1950 Birth Registration Test to the estimate dates. This test was 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.

As has been indicated, total population change in a State between the census date and a given estimate date consists of the net contribution of births, deaths, net movement into the Armed Forces, and net civilian migration. The estimates of net migration implied by the population estimates shown in this report are

subject to considerably greater percentage error than the estimates for the other components of population change. Since net migration is frequently an important component of change, the estimates of total population change between the census date and the estimate date are also subject to substantial error, and particular care should be used in interpreting small changes. Although the estimates of total population change and the population estimates themselves have the same absolute errors, percentagewise the errors in the population estimates are considerably smaller than those in the estimates of total population change.

Because of the highly seasonal pattern of migration to and from Alaska, the monthly statistics on migration for this area for the period through 1955, obtained from the Alaska Development Board, were adjusted to eliminate seasonal variations. Thus, although the population estimate shown here for Alaska for 1956 is centered on July 1, the figure is designed to include "average" migration during the calendar year rather than the high midsummer peak.

PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE TOTAL AND CIVILIAN POPULATION OF STATES, AND OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF SELECTED OUTLYING AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES: JULY 1, 1956

(Total population figures include persons in the Armed Forces stationed in each State and exclude members of the Armed Forces overseas. 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)

| Area                         | Total population |                        |  |         | Civilian population |               |  |         |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--|---------|---------------------|---------------|--|---------|
|                              | July 1, 1956     | April 1, 1950 (census) | Increase (+) or decrease (-), April 1, 1950, to July 1, 1956 |         | July 1, 1956        | April 1, 1950 | Increase (+) or decrease (-), April 1, 1950, to July 1, 1956 |         |
|                              |                  |                        | Amount   | Percent |                     |               | Amount   | Percent |
| Continental United States... | 167,191,000      | 150,697,361            | +16,493,000  | +10.9   | 165,255,000         | 149,634,000   | +15,621,000  | +10.4   |
| <b>REGIONS:</b>              |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Northeast.....               | 42,273,000       | 39,477,986             | +2,795,000   | +7.1    | 42,039,000          | 39,344,000    | +2,696,000   | +6.9    |
| North Central.....           | 49,278,000       | 44,460,762             | +4,817,000   | +10.8   | 49,074,000          | 44,369,000    | +4,706,000   | +10.6   |
| South.....                   | 51,694,000       | 47,197,088             | +4,497,000   | +9.5    | 50,748,000          | 46,653,000    | +4,095,000   | +8.8    |
| West.....                    | 23,945,000       | 19,561,525             | +4,384,000   | +22.4   | 23,393,000          | 19,269,000    | +4,124,000   | +21.4   |
| <b>NORTHEAST:</b>            |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| New England.....             | 9,711,000        | 9,314,453              | +397,000   | +4.3    | 9,603,000           | 9,261,000     | +341,000   | +3.7    |
| Middle Atlantic.....         | 32,562,000       | 30,163,533             | +2,398,000   | +8.0    | 32,437,000          | 30,083,000    | +2,354,000   | +7.8    |
| <b>NORTH CENTRAL:</b>        |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| East North Central.....      | 34,221,000       | 30,399,368             | +3,821,000   | +12.6   | 34,118,000          | 30,337,000    | +3,781,000   | +12.5   |
| West North Central.....      | 15,057,000       | 14,061,394             | +995,000   | +7.1    | 14,957,000          | 14,032,000    | +925,000   | +6.6    |
| <b>SOUTH:</b>                |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| South Atlantic.....          | 23,971,000       | 21,182,335             | +2,788,000   | +13.2   | 23,399,000          | 20,860,000    | +2,539,000   | +12.2   |
| East South Central.....      | 11,743,000       | 11,477,181             | +266,000   | +2.3    | 11,646,000          | 11,412,000    | +234,000   | +2.1    |
| West South Central.....      | 15,980,000       | 14,537,572             | +1,443,000   | +9.9    | 15,702,000          | 14,380,000    | +1,322,000   | +9.2    |
| <b>WEST:</b>                 |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Mountain.....                | 6,127,000        | 5,074,998              | +1,052,000   | +20.7   | 5,997,000           | 5,021,000     | +976,000   | +19.4   |
| Pacific.....                 | 17,818,000       | 14,486,527             | +3,331,000   | +23.0   | 17,396,000          | 14,248,000    | +3,148,000   | +22.1   |
| <b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>          |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Maine.....                   | 910,000          | 913,774                | -4,000   | -0.4    | 855,000             | 912,000       | -17,000  | -1.8    |
| New Hampshire.....           | 560,000          | 533,242                | +27,000  | +5.1    | 554,000             | 531,000       | +23,000  | +4.3    |
| Vermont.....                 | 370,000          | 377,747                | -7,000   | -2.0    | 369,000             | 378,000       | -9,000   | -2.3    |
| Massachusetts.....           | 4,812,000        | 4,690,514              | +121,000   | +2.6    | 4,766,000           | 4,665,000     | +101,000   | +2.2    |
| Rhode Island.....            | 828,000          | 791,896                | +36,000  | +4.5    | 796,000             | 774,000       | +22,000  | +2.8    |
| Connecticut.....             | 2,232,000        | 2,007,280              | +224,000   | +11.2   | 2,222,000           | 2,001,000     | +221,000   | +11.0   |
| <b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>      |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| New York.....                | 16,195,000       | 14,830,192             | +1,365,000   | +9.2    | 16,142,000          | 14,801,000    | +1,342,000   | +9.1    |
| New Jersey.....              | 5,403,000        | 4,835,329              | +567,000   | +11.7   | 5,358,000           | 4,802,000     | +556,000   | +11.6   |
| Pennsylvania.....            | 10,964,000       | 10,498,012             | +466,000   | +4.4    | 10,936,000          | 10,480,000    | +457,000   | +4.4    |
| <b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>   |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Ohio.....                    | 9,096,000        | 7,946,627              | +1,150,000   | +14.5   | 9,077,000           | 7,938,000     | +1,139,000   | +14.3   |
| Indiana.....                 | 4,413,000        | 3,934,224              | +478,000   | +12.2   | 4,406,000           | 3,932,000     | +474,000   | +12.0   |
| Illinois.....                | 9,432,000        | 8,712,176              | +720,000   | +8.3    | 9,374,000           | 8,672,000     | +702,000   | +8.1    |
| Michigan.....                | 7,516,000        | 6,371,766              | +1,144,000   | +18.0   | 7,502,000           | 6,361,000     | +1,141,000   | +17.9   |
| Wisconsin.....               | 3,764,000        | 3,434,305              | +329,000   | +9.6    | 3,759,000           | 3,433,000     | +326,000   | +9.5    |
| <b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>   |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Minnesota.....               | 3,241,000        | 2,982,483              | +258,000   | +8.7    | 3,236,000           | 2,981,000     | +255,000   | +8.6    |
| Iowa.....                    | 2,692,000        | 2,621,073              | +71,000  | +2.7    | 2,689,000           | 2,621,000     | +69,000  | +2.6    |
| Missouri.....                | 4,255,000        | 3,954,653              | +300,000   | +7.6    | 4,234,000           | 3,952,000     | +272,000   | +6.9    |
| North Dakota.....            | 657,000          | 619,636                | +37,000  | +6.0    | 656,000             | 620,000       | +36,000  | +5.9    |
| South Dakota.....            | 696,000          | 652,740                | +43,000  | +6.6    | 689,000             | 650,000       | +40,000  | +6.1    |
| Nebraska.....                | 1,414,000        | 1,325,510              | +89,000  | +6.7    | 1,402,000           | 1,322,000     | +80,000  | +6.1    |
| Kansas.....                  | 2,103,000        | 1,905,299              | +198,000   | +10.4   | 2,061,000           | 1,887,000     | +173,000   | +9.2    |
| <b>SOUTH ATLANTIC:</b>       |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Delaware.....                | 402,000          | 318,085                | +84,000  | +26.4   | 394,000             | 318,000       | +77,000  | +24.1   |
| Maryland.....                | 2,812,000        | 2,343,001              | +469,000   | +20.0   | 2,741,000           | 2,301,000     | +440,000   | +19.1   |
| District of Columbia.....    | 866,000          | 802,178                | +63,000  | +7.9    | 843,000             | 787,000       | +56,000  | +7.2    |
| Virginia.....                | 3,651,000        | 3,218,680              | +433,000   | +10.0   | 3,490,000           | 3,208,000     | +282,000   | +8.8    |
| West Virginia.....           | 1,983,000        | 2,005,552              | -23,000  | -1.1    | 1,982,000           | 2,005,000     | -23,000  | -1.2    |
| North Carolina.....          | 4,423,000        | 4,061,929              | +361,000   | +8.9    | 4,333,000           | 4,014,000     | +318,000   | +7.9    |
| South Carolina.....          | 2,353,000        | 2,117,027              | +236,000   | +11.1   | 2,303,000           | 2,096,000     | +208,000   | +9.9    |
| Georgia.....                 | 3,712,000        | 3,444,578              | +267,000   | +7.8    | 3,635,000           | 3,402,000     | +233,000   | +6.8    |
| Florida.....                 | 3,770,000        | 2,771,305              | +999,000   | +36.0   | 3,677,000           | 2,729,000     | +948,000   | +34.7   |
| <b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>   |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Kentucky.....                | 3,017,000        | 2,944,806              | +72,000  | +2.5    | 2,985,000           | 2,913,000     | +72,000  | +2.5    |
| Tennessee.....               | 3,466,000        | 3,291,718              | +175,000   | +5.3    | 3,448,000           | 3,281,000     | +167,000   | +5.1    |
| Alabama.....                 | 3,135,000        | 3,061,743              | +74,000  | +2.4    | 3,110,000           | 3,053,000     | +56,000  | +1.8    |
| Mississippi.....             | 2,124,000        | 2,178,914              | -55,000  | -2.5    | 2,104,000           | 2,164,000     | -61,000  | -2.8    |
| <b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>   |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Arkansas.....                | 1,815,000        | 1,909,511              | -95,000  | -5.0    | 1,793,000           | 1,908,000     | -115,000   | -6.0    |
| Louisiana.....               | 3,004,000        | 2,683,516              | +321,000   | +12.0   | 2,962,000           | 2,670,000     | +293,000   | +11.0   |
| Oklahoma.....                | 2,237,000        | 2,233,351              | +3,000   | +0.1    | 2,205,000           | 2,218,000     | -13,000  | -0.6    |
| Texas.....                   | 8,925,000        | 7,711,194              | +1,214,000   | +15.7   | 8,742,000           | 7,584,000     | +1,158,000   | +15.3   |
| <b>MOUNTAIN:</b>             |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Montana.....                 | 638,000          | 591,024                | +47,000  | +8.0    | 633,000             | 589,000       | +44,000  | +7.5    |
| Idaho.....                   | 625,000          | 588,637                | +36,000  | +6.1    | 621,000             | 588,000       | +33,000  | +5.5    |
| Wyoming.....                 | 321,000          | 290,529                | +30,000  | +10.4   | 290,000             | 282,000       | +8,000   | +2.7    |
| Colorado.....                | 1,612,000        | 1,325,089              | +287,000   | +21.7   | 1,560,000           | 1,307,000     | +253,000   | +19.4   |
| New Mexico.....              | 815,000          | 681,187                | +134,000   | +19.6   | 791,000             | 668,000       | +123,000   | +18.4   |
| Arizona.....                 | 1,057,000        | 749,587                | +308,000   | +41.0   | 1,035,000           | 742,000       | +293,000   | +39.5   |
| Utah.....                    | 812,000          | 688,862                | +123,000   | +17.9   | 809,000             | 687,000       | +122,000   | +17.7   |
| Nevada.....                  | 247,000          | 160,083                | +87,000  | +54.6   | 239,000             | 157,000       | +82,000  | +52.3   |
| <b>PACIFIC:</b>              |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Washington.....              | 2,667,000        | 2,378,963              | +289,000   | +12.1   | 2,593,000           | 2,317,000     | +276,000   | +11.9   |
| Oregon.....                  | 1,718,000        | 1,521,341              | +196,000   | +12.9   | 1,712,000           | 1,519,000     | +194,000   | +12.8   |
| California.....              | 13,433,000       | 10,586,223             | +2,846,000   | +26.9   | 13,090,000          | 10,413,000    | +2,678,000   | +25.7   |
| <b>OUTLYING AREAS:</b>       |                  |                        |  |         |                     |               |  |         |
| Alaska.....                  | (2)              | 128,643                | (2)  | (2)     | 161,000             | 108,000       | +53,000  | +48.6   |
| Hawaii.....                  | (2)              | 499,794                | (2)  | (2)     | 526,000             | 477,000       | +49,000  | +10.2   |
| Puerto Rico.....             | (2)              | 2,210,703              | (2)  | (2)     | 2,256,000           | 2,205,000     | +51,000  | +2.3    |

<sup>1</sup> The estimated total population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas for July 1, 1956, is 168,091,000.

<sup>2</sup> Data not available.