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### ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE: 1950 TO 1957

(The figures in this report supersede the corresponding estimates for 1955 to date published in Series P-25, No. 136, and subsequent monthly reports in this series presenting population totals)

Population growth in the United States reached a new record high in 1956, according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. During 1956, the population of the United States including Armed Forces abroad increased by about 3 million persons, the largest one year numerical gain in our history. There were an estimated 169,800,000 persons in our population on January 1, 1957, compared with 166,805,000 a year earlier. On the whole, annual population growth has been rather stable at a relatively high level for the past several years, ranging between 2.6 and 3.0 million since 1951. In each of the last 10 years, population growth exceeded  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million and the rate of increase approximated 1.7 percent. In the 7-year period since the beginning of this decade, the increase in population exceeded 19 million, a population gain greater than that which occurred during the entire 1940 decade.

The sustained high level of the number of births has been the primary factor in the continued rapid growth of the population. The year 1956 was the third year in succession in which the number of births exceeded 4 million; there were an estimated 4,220,000 babies born in 1956. In comparison, births in 1940 numbered only 2.6 million. About  $27\frac{3}{4}$  million babies were born during the past seven years; this is substantially more than were born dur-

ing the entire decade of the 1930's and almost as many as the total number born during the 1940's.

Mortality continued at relatively low levels. About 1.6 million deaths occurred during 1956, and the estimated death rate per 1,000 of the population including Armed Forces overseas was 9.3. The death rate in 1956 was the same as in 1955, and only a trifle higher than the record low rate of 9.1 in 1954. As a result, natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) during 1956 reached a record high of 2,652,000. During the past seven years, births exceeded deaths by about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million annually, on the average. The rate of natural increase in 1956 was estimated at 15.8 per 1,000 of the population, compared with a rate of 15.5 in 1955 and 16.0 in 1954.

Net civilian immigration to the United States during the past year amounted to 344,000, or about 2.0 per 1,000 of the population. This rate was somewhat higher than the rates for the preceding four years, but below the rates of 1948 to 1951. Since the beginning of this decade, net civilian immigration has contributed about 2.1 million persons to our population and has constituted about 10.8 percent of the total net gain. Table A gives birth and death rates, rates of natural increase, and net civilian immigration per 1,000 of the population.

Table A.--BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES, RATES OF NATURAL INCREASE, AND NET IMMIGRATION PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1940 TO 1956

(Rates are based on midperiod estimates of total population including Armed Forces overseas. Vital rates have been adjusted for underregistration and for mortality of Armed Forces abroad)

Calendar year	Rate of natural increase	Birth rate	Death rate	Net civilian immigration per 1,000 of the population <sup>1</sup>
1956.....	15.8	25.1	9.3	2.0
1955.....	15.5	24.8	9.3	1.8
1954.....	16.0	25.1	9.1	1.5
1953.....	15.3	24.8	9.6	1.5
1952.....	15.3	24.9	9.6	1.5
1951.....	15.1	24.8	9.7	2.5
1950.....	14.3	23.9	9.7	2.3
1949.....	14.8	24.5	9.7	2.4
1948.....	14.9	24.8	9.9	2.2
1947.....	16.4	26.5	10.1	1.9
1946.....	14.2	24.1	9.9	1.2
1945.....	9.4	20.4	11.0	1.2
1944.....	9.8	21.2	11.4	1.5
1943.....	11.7	22.7	11.0	1.2
1942.....	11.8	22.2	10.4	0.7
1941.....	9.7	20.3	10.6	0.5
1940.....	8.6	19.4	10.8	0.6
Annual average:				
1950 to 1956.	15.3	24.8	9.5	1.9
1940 to 1949.	12.1	22.6	10.5	1.3

<sup>1</sup> Figures for 1940 to 1950 include slight adjustments for "error of closure"; see Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 71, page 3, for detailed explanation.

Table 1 presents figures on the components of population change, for the population including Armed Forces overseas, for each year 1940 to 1956, and for each calendar quarter from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1957. Es-

timates of the population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas, the population residing in continental United States (excluding Armed Forces overseas), and of the civilian population for each month, January 1, 1950, to February 1, 1957, and for July 1, 1940 to 1949, are shown in table 2.

The estimates presented in tables 1 and 2 are based on the total population counts from the 1950 and 1940 Censuses; statistics and estimates of births and deaths provided by the National Office of Vital Statistics, U. S. 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, and, in the case of deaths, for deaths of military personnel stationed abroad. The monthly figures on nonimmigrant and nonemigrant aliens and on citizens traveling abroad, as reported, have been adjusted to eliminate seasonal variation. In addition, figures on immigration for recent years were supplemented by data on travel between continental United States and Hawaii and Puerto Rico provided by the local governments. Data on such movements are not completely reported to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Statistics on net civilian immigration were available up through the period ending June 30, 1956. Data for July 1956 to January 1957 were estimated on the basis of the figures for preceding months; allowance was made for the influx of Hungarian refugees in recent months.

Table 1.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS, 1940 TO 1957, WITH COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

(These estimates supersede the corresponding estimates from 1955 to date published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 136 and 152. Each estimate has been independently rounded to the nearest thousand from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sums of parts may differ slightly from the totals shown. Percentages are based on unrounded numbers)

Date	Population	Change since preceding date					Increase in population since April 1, 1950	
		Net change <sup>1</sup>		Births <sup>2</sup>	Deaths <sup>3</sup>	Net civilian immigration <sup>4</sup>	Number	Percent
		Number	Percent					
<b>BY CALENDAR YEARS</b>								
<b>1950 to 1957:</b>								
January 1, 1957.....	169,800,000	2,995,000	1.80	4,220,000	1,568,000	<sup>5</sup> 344,000	18,668,000	12.4
January 1, 1956.....	166,805,000	2,849,000	1.74	4,091,000	1,532,000	295,000	15,673,000	10.4
January 1, 1955.....	163,956,000	2,841,000	1.76	4,078,000	1,485,000	249,000	12,824,000	8.5
January 1, 1954.....	161,115,000	2,681,000	1.69	3,965,000	1,527,000	239,000	9,982,000	6.6
January 1, 1953.....	158,434,000	2,644,000	1.70	3,912,000	1,508,000	240,000	7,302,000	4.8
January 1, 1952.....	155,790,000	2,718,000	1.78	3,826,000	1,497,000	379,000	4,658,000	3.1
January 1, 1951.....	153,072,000	2,520,000	1.67	3,627,000	1,464,000	350,000	1,940,000	1.3
January 1, 1950.....	150,552,000	2,551,000	1.72	3,649,000	1,448,000	354,000	...	...
<b>1940 to 1949:</b>								
January 1, 1949.....	148,001,000	2,530,000	1.74	3,637,000	1,449,000	329,000	...	...
January 1, 1948.....	145,471,000	2,638,000	1.85	3,817,000	1,451,000	275,000	...	...
January 1, 1947.....	142,833,000	2,145,000	1.52	3,411,000	1,404,000	171,000	...	...
January 1, 1946.....	140,689,000	1,452,000	1.04	2,858,000	1,545,000	169,000	...	...
January 1, 1945.....	139,237,000	1,581,000	1.15	2,939,000	1,577,000	208,000	...	...
January 1, 1944.....	137,656,000	1,791,000	1.32	3,104,000	1,498,000	160,000	...	...
January 1, 1943.....	135,865,000	1,704,000	1.27	2,989,000	1,402,000	96,000	...	...
January 1, 1942.....	134,161,000	1,367,000	1.03	2,703,000	1,408,000	63,000	...	...
January 1, 1941.....	132,794,000	1,210,000	0.92	2,559,000	1,428,000	73,000	...	...
January 1, 1940.....	131,584,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Total change:</b>								
January 1, 1950 to 1957...	...	19,248,000	12.8	27,719,000	10,581,000	2,095,000	...	...
January 1, 1940 to 1950...	...	18,969,000	14.4	31,666,000	14,610,000	1,898,000	...	...
<b>Annual average change:</b>								
1950 to 1956.....	...	2,750,000	1.73	3,960,000	1,512,000	299,000	...	...
1940 to 1949.....	...	1,897,000	1.36	3,167,000	1,461,000	190,000	...	...
<b>BY CALENDAR QUARTERS</b>								
<b>1950 to 1957:</b>								
January 1, 1957.....	169,800,000	773,000	0.46	1,080,000	401,000	<sup>5</sup> 94,000	18,668,000	12.4
October 1, 1956.....	169,028,000	854,000	0.51	1,139,000	369,000	<sup>5</sup> 84,000	17,895,000	11.8
July 1, 1956.....	168,174,000	676,000	0.40	977,000	387,000	87,000	17,041,000	11.3
April 1, 1956.....	167,498,000	692,000	0.41	1,024,000	411,000	79,000	16,365,000	10.8
January 1, 1956.....	166,805,000	731,000	0.44	1,040,000	396,000	88,000	15,673,000	10.4
October 1, 1955.....	166,074,000	804,000	0.49	1,096,000	370,000	78,000	14,942,000	9.9
July 1, 1955.....	165,270,000	652,000	0.40	962,000	371,000	63,000	14,138,000	9.4
April 1, 1955.....	164,619,000	663,000	0.40	993,000	395,000	66,000	13,487,000	8.9
January 1, 1955.....	163,956,000	730,000	0.45	1,044,000	384,000	71,000	12,824,000	8.5
October 1, 1954.....	163,226,000	809,000	0.50	1,097,000	351,000	63,000	12,094,000	8.0
July 1, 1954.....	162,417,000	656,000	0.41	965,000	368,000	59,000	11,285,000	7.5
April 1, 1954.....	161,761,000	646,000	0.40	972,000	382,000	56,000	10,629,000	7.0
January 1, 1954.....	161,115,000	698,000	0.43	1,010,000	379,000	67,000	9,982,000	6.6
October 1, 1953.....	160,417,000	781,000	0.49	1,075,000	354,000	59,000	9,285,000	6.1
July 1, 1953.....	159,636,000	624,000	0.39	931,000	374,000	67,000	8,504,000	5.6
April 1, 1953.....	159,012,000	578,000	0.36	950,000	420,000	47,000	7,879,000	5.2
January 1, 1953.....	158,434,000	659,000	0.42	991,000	383,000	52,000	7,302,000	4.8
October 1, 1952.....	157,775,000	748,000	0.48	1,057,000	348,000	39,000	6,643,000	4.4
July 1, 1952.....	157,028,000	607,000	0.39	919,000	377,000	66,000	5,895,000	3.9
April 1, 1952.....	156,421,000	631,000	0.40	945,000	399,000	83,000	5,288,000	3.5
January 1, 1952.....	155,790,000	683,000	0.44	964,000	383,000	101,000	4,658,000	3.1
October 1, 1951.....	155,107,000	747,000	0.48	1,011,000	347,000	81,000	3,975,000	2.6
July 1, 1951.....	154,360,000	670,000	0.44	934,000	367,000	100,000	3,228,000	2.1
April 1, 1951.....	153,691,000	619,000	0.40	917,000	400,000	97,000	2,558,000	1.7
January 1, 1951.....	153,072,000	656,000	0.43	925,000	374,000	100,000	1,940,000	1.3
October 1, 1950.....	152,416,000	733,000	0.48	977,000	339,000	91,000	1,284,000	0.8
July 1, 1950.....	151,683,000	551,000	0.36	846,000	364,000	69,000	551,000	0.4
April 1, 1950.....	151,132,000	580,000	0.39	878,000	386,000	89,000	...	...
January 1, 1950.....	150,552,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Includes change due to admissions into, and discharges from, Armed Forces overseas, mostly on the part of residents of the outlying areas of the United States. Figures are not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted for underregistration.

<sup>3</sup> Deaths occurring in the United States, adjusted for underregistration of infant deaths, plus estimated deaths occurring to Armed Forces overseas.

<sup>4</sup> Figures for 1940 to 1950 include slight adjustments for "error of closure"; see Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 71, page 3, for detailed explanation.

<sup>5</sup> Net civilian immigration for July 1956 to December 1956 was estimated on the basis of figures for the period ending June 30, 1956.

Table 2.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS, 1950 TO 1957, WITH COMPARATIVE MIDYEAR FIGURES FOR 1940 TO 1949

(These estimates supersede the corresponding estimates from 1955 to date published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, including those in Nos. 136 and 152)

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
1957				1952			
February 1.....	170,045,000	169,170,000	167,228,000	December 1.....	158,222,000	156,932,000	154,652,000
January 1.....	169,800,000	168,914,000	166,983,000	November 1.....	158,008,000	156,713,000	154,414,000
1956				1951			
December 1.....	169,541,000	168,662,000	166,715,000	October 1.....	157,773,000	156,461,000	154,157,000
November 1.....	169,291,000	168,412,000	166,460,000	September 1.....	157,525,000	156,251,000	153,870,000
October 1.....	169,028,000	168,146,000	166,202,000	August 1.....	157,271,000	155,985,000	153,598,000
September 1.....	168,737,000	167,850,000	165,908,000	July 1.....	157,028,000	155,761,000	153,366,000
August 1.....	168,451,000	167,538,000	165,610,000	June 1.....	156,819,000	155,592,000	153,133,000
July 1.....	168,174,000	167,259,000	165,339,000	May 1.....	156,616,000	155,376,000	152,904,000
June 1.....	167,934,000	167,030,000	165,093,000	April 1.....	156,421,000	155,201,000	152,711,000
May 1.....	167,715,000	166,810,000	164,850,000	March 1.....	156,209,000	155,001,000	152,531,000
April 1.....	167,498,000	166,575,000	164,619,000	February 1.....	156,007,000	154,809,000	152,411,000
March 1.....	167,260,000	166,325,000	164,367,000	January 1.....	155,790,000	154,649,000	152,292,000
February 1.....	167,040,000	166,114,000	164,132,000	1950			
January 1.....	166,805,000	165,918,000	163,889,000	December 1.....	155,574,000	154,429,000	152,081,000
1955				1949			
December 1.....	166,572,000	165,662,000	163,626,000	November 1.....	155,355,000	154,162,000	151,906,000
November 1.....	166,331,000	165,405,000	163,379,000	October 1.....	155,107,000	153,996,000	151,701,000
October 1.....	166,074,000	165,148,000	163,114,000	September 1.....	154,856,000	153,823,000	151,480,000
September 1.....	165,798,000	164,862,000	162,824,000	August 1.....	154,604,000	153,590,000	151,261,000
August 1.....	165,526,000	164,565,000	162,557,000	July 1.....	154,360,000	153,384,000	151,082,000
July 1.....	165,270,000	164,303,000	162,307,000	June 1.....	154,126,000	153,187,000	150,927,000
June 1.....	165,047,000	164,085,000	162,050,000	May 1.....	153,897,000	152,997,000	150,796,000
May 1.....	164,822,000	163,825,000	161,758,000	April 1.....	153,691,000	152,832,000	150,700,000
April 1.....	164,619,000	163,601,000	161,486,000	March 1.....	153,480,000	152,690,000	150,658,000
March 1.....	164,390,000	163,324,000	161,203,000	February 1.....	153,288,000	152,515,000	150,640,000
February 1.....	164,187,000	163,119,000	160,956,000	January 1.....	153,072,000	152,361,000	150,689,000
January 1.....	163,956,000	162,927,000	160,748,000	1950			
1954				1948			
December 1.....	163,721,000	162,662,000	160,460,000	December 1.....	152,860,000	152,153,000	150,573,000
November 1.....	163,483,000	162,382,000	160,197,000	November 1.....	152,647,000	151,986,000	150,505,000
October 1.....	163,226,000	162,114,000	159,918,000	October 1.....	152,416,000	151,793,000	150,503,000
September 1.....	162,954,000	161,810,000	159,636,000	September 1.....	152,174,000	151,600,000	150,525,000
August 1.....	162,678,000	161,486,000	159,347,000	August 1.....	151,921,000	151,443,000	150,402,000
July 1.....	162,417,000	161,191,000	159,086,000	July 1.....	151,683,000	151,234,000	150,202,000
June 1.....	162,188,000	160,956,000	158,847,000	June 1.....	151,477,000	151,025,000	149,995,000
May 1.....	161,969,000	160,710,000	158,613,000	May 1.....	151,292,000	150,846,000	149,803,000
April 1.....	161,761,000	160,489,000	158,389,000	April 1.....	151,132,000	150,697,361	149,634,000
March 1.....	161,540,000	160,235,000	158,150,000	March 1.....	150,945,000	150,504,000	149,436,000
February 1.....	161,332,000	160,012,000	157,920,000	February 1.....	150,759,000	150,304,000	149,225,000
January 1.....	161,115,000	159,825,000	157,679,000	January 1.....	150,552,000	150,085,000	148,980,000
1953				1940 TO 1949			
December 1.....	160,883,000	159,548,000	157,391,000	July 1, 1949.....	149,188,000	148,665,000	147,578,000
November 1.....	160,658,000	159,300,000	157,141,000	July 1, 1948.....	146,631,000	146,093,000	145,168,000
October 1.....	160,417,000	159,045,000	156,873,000	July 1, 1947.....	144,126,000	143,446,000	142,566,000
September 1.....	160,161,000	158,788,000	156,579,000	July 1, 1946.....	141,389,000	140,054,000	138,385,000
August 1.....	159,896,000	158,519,000	156,304,000	July 1, 1945.....	139,928,000	132,481,000	127,973,000
July 1.....	159,636,000	158,313,000	156,046,000	July 1, 1944.....	138,397,000	132,885,000	126,708,000
June 1.....	159,408,000	158,117,000	155,833,000	July 1, 1943.....	136,739,000	134,245,000	127,499,000
May 1.....	159,199,000	157,895,000	155,640,000	July 1, 1942.....	134,860,000	133,920,000	130,942,000
April 1.....	159,012,000	157,716,000	155,459,000	July 1, 1941.....	133,402,000	133,121,000	131,595,000
March 1.....	158,807,000	157,474,000	155,261,000	July 1, 1940.....	132,122,000	131,954,000	131,658,000
February 1.....	158,629,000	157,322,000	155,081,000				
January 1.....	158,434,000	157,177,000	154,891,000				

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

<sup>2</sup> 1950 Census count.

<sup>3</sup> 1950 Census count minus estimate of Armed Forces in continental United State.