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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE: 1950 TO 1958

(The figures in this report are consistent with the estimates previously published in report No. 153 of this series. Estimates for 1956, 1957, and 1958 are preliminary; revised estimates will be published in about six months)

Population growth in the United States continued at a record level during 1957, amounting to about 3 million persons, according to estimates of the population just completed by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. There were an estimated 172,790,000 persons in our population at the beginning of this year, compared with 169,800,000 a year earlier. For the second year in succession population growth approximated 3 million. In each year since 1947 population growth exceeded $2\frac{1}{2}$ million and the rate of increase approximated 1.7 percent. In the 8-year period since the beginning of this decade the increase in population exceeded 22 million, a population gain $3\frac{1}{4}$ million 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. There were 4,302,000 babies born in 1957, the largest number on record. About 32 million babies have been born during the past 8 years, or more than the total number born in the whole decade of the 1940's.

Mortality continued at a relatively low level in 1957. The estimated death rate per 1,000 of the population including Armed Forces overseas was 9.6. There were about 70,000 more deaths in 1957 than in 1956, with most of

the excess concentrated in the latter part of the year, when the "flu" epidemic occurred. There were an estimated 1,638,000 deaths in 1957, compared with 1,568,000 in 1956. Natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) during 1957 amounted to 2,664,000, exceeding the previous record in 1956. The rate of natural increase in 1957 was 15.6 per 1,000 of the population, compared with a rate of 15.8 in 1956, 15.5 in 1955, and 16.0 in 1954.

Table 1 presents figures on the components of population change, for the population including Armed Forces overseas, for each year 1940 to 1957. Estimates 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 1958 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.

Immigration statistics for the period ending June 30, 1956, were used in preparing the estimates shown in this report. Data for July 1956 to January 1958 were estimated on the basis of the figures for preceding months; allowance was made for the influx of Hungarian refugees in the latter part of 1956 and early 1957.

Table 1.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS, 1940 TO 1958, WITH COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

(These estimates are consistent with those published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 153. 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)

Calendar year	Population	Change since preceding date					Increase in population since April 1, 1950	
		Net change ¹		Births ²	Deaths ³	Net civilian immigration ⁴	Number	Per cent
		Number	Per cent					
1950 TO 1958								
January 1, 1958.....	172,790,000	2,990,000	1.76	4,302,000	1,638,000	⁵ 328,000	21,658,000	14.3
January 1, 1957.....	169,800,000	2,995,000	1.80	4,220,000	1,568,000	⁵ 344,000	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	...	...
1940 TO 1949								
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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL CHANGE								
January 1, 1950 to 1958.....	...	22,238,000	14.8	32,020,000	12,219,000	2,423,000	...	...
January 1, 1940 to 1950.....	...	18,969,000	14.4	31,666,000	14,610,000	1,898,000	...	...
ANNUAL AVERAGE CHANGE								
1950 to 1957.....	...	2,780,000	1.74	4,003,000	1,527,000	303,000	...	...
1940 to 1949.....	...	1,897,000	1.36	3,167,000	1,461,000	190,000	...	...

¹ 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.

² Adjusted for underregistration.

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

⁴ 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.

⁵ Net civilian immigration for July 1956 to December 1957 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 1958, WITH COMPARATIVE MIDYEAR FIGURES FOR 1940 TO 1949

(These estimates are consistent with the figures published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 153)

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
1958				1953--Con.			
January 1.....	172,790,000	171,971,000	170,143,000	June 1.....	159,408,000	158,117,000	155,833,000
1957				May 1.....	159,199,000	157,895,000	155,640,000
December 1.....	172,554,000	171,710,000	169,866,000	April 1.....	159,012,000	157,716,000	155,459,000
November 1.....	172,327,000	171,481,000	169,598,000	March 1.....	158,807,000	157,474,000	155,261,000
October 1.....	172,069,000	171,212,000	169,283,000	February 1.....	158,629,000	157,322,000	155,081,000
September 1.....	171,790,000	170,903,000	168,971,000	January 1.....	158,434,000	157,177,000	154,891,000
August 1.....	171,510,000	170,607,000	168,671,000	1952			
July 1.....	171,229,000	170,333,000	168,406,000	December 1.....	158,222,000	156,932,000	154,652,000
June 1.....	170,981,000	170,096,000	168,162,000	November 1.....	158,008,000	156,713,000	154,414,000
May 1.....	170,737,000	169,846,000	167,917,000	October 1.....	157,775,000	156,461,000	154,157,000
April 1.....	170,510,000	169,615,000	167,690,000	September 1.....	157,525,000	156,251,000	153,870,000
March 1.....	170,270,000	169,382,000	167,454,000	August 1.....	157,271,000	155,985,000	153,598,000
February 1.....	170,045,000	169,170,000	167,228,000	July 1.....	157,028,000	155,761,000	153,366,000
January 1.....	169,800,000	168,914,000	166,983,000	June 1.....	156,819,000	155,592,000	153,133,000
1956				May 1.....	156,616,000	155,376,000	152,904,000
December 1.....	169,541,000	168,662,000	166,715,000	April 1.....	156,421,000	155,201,000	152,711,000
November 1.....	169,291,000	168,412,000	166,460,000	March 1.....	156,209,000	155,001,000	152,531,000
October 1.....	169,028,000	168,146,000	166,202,000	February 1.....	156,007,000	154,809,000	152,411,000
September 1.....	168,737,000	167,850,000	165,908,000	January 1.....	155,790,000	154,649,000	152,292,000
August 1.....	168,451,000	167,538,000	165,610,000	1951			
July 1.....	168,174,000	167,259,000	165,339,000	December 1.....	155,574,000	154,429,000	152,081,000
June 1.....	167,934,000	167,030,000	165,093,000	November 1.....	155,355,000	154,162,000	151,906,000
May 1.....	167,715,000	166,810,000	164,850,000	October 1.....	155,107,000	153,967,000	151,701,000
April 1.....	167,498,000	166,575,000	164,619,000	September 1.....	154,856,000	153,823,000	151,480,000
March 1.....	167,260,000	166,326,000	164,367,000	August 1.....	154,604,000	153,590,000	151,261,000
February 1.....	167,040,000	166,114,000	164,132,000	July 1.....	154,360,000	153,384,000	151,082,000
January 1.....	166,805,000	165,918,000	163,889,000	June 1.....	154,126,000	153,187,000	150,927,000
1955				May 1.....	153,897,000	152,997,000	150,796,000
December 1.....	166,572,000	165,662,000	163,626,000	April 1.....	153,691,000	152,832,000	150,700,000
November 1.....	166,331,000	165,405,000	163,379,000	March 1.....	153,480,000	152,690,000	150,658,000
October 1.....	166,074,000	165,148,000	163,114,000	February 1.....	153,288,000	152,515,000	150,640,000
September 1.....	165,798,000	164,862,000	162,824,000	January 1.....	153,072,000	152,361,000	150,689,000
August 1.....	165,526,000	164,565,000	162,557,000	1950			
July 1.....	165,270,000	164,303,000	162,307,000	December 1.....	152,860,000	152,153,000	150,573,000
June 1.....	165,047,000	164,085,000	162,050,000	November 1.....	152,647,000	151,986,000	150,505,000
May 1.....	164,822,000	163,825,000	161,758,000	October 1.....	152,416,000	151,793,000	150,503,000
April 1.....	164,619,000	163,601,000	161,486,000	September 1.....	152,174,000	151,600,000	150,525,000
March 1.....	164,390,000	163,324,000	161,203,000	August 1.....	151,921,000	151,443,000	150,402,000
February 1.....	164,187,000	163,119,000	160,956,000	July 1.....	151,683,000	151,234,000	150,202,000
January 1.....	163,956,000	162,927,000	160,748,000	June 1.....	151,477,000	151,025,000	149,995,000
1954				May 1.....	151,292,000	150,846,000	149,803,000
December 1.....	163,721,000	162,662,000	160,460,000	April 1.....	151,132,000	150,697,361 ²	149,634,000
November 1.....	163,483,000	162,382,000	160,197,000	March 1.....	150,945,000	150,504,000	149,436,000
October 1.....	163,226,000	162,114,000	159,918,000	February 1.....	150,759,000	150,304,000	149,225,000
September 1.....	162,954,000	161,810,000	159,636,000	January 1.....	150,552,000	150,085,000	148,980,000
August 1.....	162,678,000	161,486,000	159,347,000	1940 TO 1949			
July 1.....	162,417,000	161,191,000	159,086,000	July 1, 1949.....	149,188,000	148,665,000	147,578,000
June 1.....	162,188,000	160,956,000	158,847,000	July 1, 1948.....	146,631,000	146,093,000	145,168,000
May 1.....	161,969,000	160,710,000	158,613,000	July 1, 1947.....	144,126,000	143,446,000	142,566,000
April 1.....	161,761,000	160,489,000	158,389,000	July 1, 1946.....	141,389,000	140,054,000	138,385,000
March 1.....	161,540,000	160,235,000	158,150,000	July 1, 1945.....	139,928,000	132,481,000	127,573,000
February 1.....	161,332,000	160,012,000	157,920,000	July 1, 1944.....	138,397,000	132,885,000	126,708,000
January 1.....	161,115,000	159,825,000	157,679,000	July 1, 1943.....	136,739,000	134,245,000	127,499,000
1953				July 1, 1942.....	134,860,000	133,920,000	130,942,000
December 1.....	160,883,000	159,548,000	157,391,000	July 1, 1941.....	133,402,000	133,121,000	131,995,000
November 1.....	160,658,000	159,300,000	157,141,000	July 1, 1940.....	132,122,000	131,954,000	131,658,000
October 1.....	160,417,000	159,045,000	156,873,000				
September 1.....	160,161,000	158,788,000	156,579,000				
August 1.....	159,896,000	158,519,000	156,304,000				
July 1.....	159,636,000	158,313,000	156,046,000				

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.