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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE: JULY 1, 1950 TO 1958

(The figures in this report for 1955 to date supersede the corresponding estimates published in Series P-25, No. 173, and subsequent monthly reports in this series presenting population totals. Estimates for earlier years as given in No. 173 of this series have not been modified. Estimates for 1957 and 1958 are preliminary)

By mid-1958, the population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas exceeded 174 million, according to estimates just completed by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The population is expected to reach 175 million during October of this year. On July 1, 1958, the population of the United States numbered 174,064,000, compared with 172,738,000 at the beginning of 1958 and 171,196,000 on July 1, 1957.

Population growth for the 12 months ending July 1, 1958, amounted to 2,868,000, representing a growth rate of 1.68 percent of the population on July 1, 1957. This increase in population was less by about 150,000, or 5.0 percent, than the increase a year earlier. Since the beginning of this decade, the population has increased by more than 23½ million, or at an average annual rate of about 1.7 percent. During the 1940's, on the other hand, our population increased at an average annual rate of 1.4 percent.

Births during the 12 months ending July 1, 1958, continued at a high level, numbering 4.3 million for the second "fiscal year" in succession. However, there was a slight decline in the rate between these 2 years, from 25.2 births per 1,000 of the population in 1956-57 to 24.8 births per 1,000 of the population in 1957-58. In each of the 6-month periods of the 1957-58 "fiscal year," the birth rate

was slightly lower than in the corresponding period of 1956-57. It is rather likely that births in the second half of calendar year 1958 will be appreciably lower than in the second half of calendar year 1957, in view of the recent decline in marriage rates.

The slight slowing down of population growth in the year ending June 30, 1958, was apparently due more to the increase in the number of deaths during 1957-58 than to any change in the number of births. For the 12-month period ending July 1, 1958, deaths in the United States numbered 1,679,000. In comparison, there were 1,579,000 deaths between July 1, 1956, and July 1, 1957. Correspondingly, the death rate (deaths per 1,000 of our population) in 1957-58--estimated at 9.7--reached its highest level in recent years. The rate has averaged about 9.3 for the past several years. Most of the excess of 100,000 in the number of deaths in the 12-month period July 1, 1958, over the number in the corresponding period ending July 1, 1957, was concentrated in the late fall and early winter of 1957-58, when the influenza epidemic occurred. As a result of the increase in deaths, natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) during "fiscal year" 1957-58 was slightly lower than in "fiscal year" 1956-57. It amounted to 2.6 million in the more recent period and to 2.7 million in the earlier one.

Net immigration from abroad was estimated to be smaller in "fiscal year" 1957-58 than in "fiscal year" 1956-57. This was also partly responsible for the smaller population growth during the more recent period. On the basis of partial data, it is estimated that about 48,000 fewer net "immigrants" were admitted during July 1957 to June 1958 than in the preceding 12-month period. Net immigration from abroad has averaged about 300,000 per year for the past several years. In all, since the beginning of the decade, net immigration has contributed about 2½ million persons to our population; this represents about 10 percent of the total net gain. The relative contribution of net immigration to our net population gain in the 1940-50 period was about the same as in the period since 1950.

Table 1 gives birth and death rates, rates of natural increase, and net civilian immigration per 1,000 of the population for 1950 to 1958.

Table 1.--BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES, RATES OF NATURAL INCREASE, AND NET IMMIGRATION PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1950 TO 1958

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

Fiscal year (July 1 to June 30)	Rate of natural increase	Birth rate	Death rate	Net civilian immigra- tion per 1,000 of the popula- tion
1957-1958.....	15.1	24.8	9.7	1.5
1956-1957.....	16.0	25.2	9.3	1.8
1955-1956.....	15.4	24.8	9.4	2.0
1954-1955.....	15.8	25.0	9.2	1.6
1953-1954.....	15.8	25.0	9.2	1.5
1952-1953.....	15.2	24.8	9.6	1.3
1951-1952.....	15.0	24.6	9.7	2.1
1950-1951.....	14.8	24.5	9.7	2.5
Annual average, 1950 to 1958..	15.4	24.8	9.5	1.8

Table 2 presents figures on the components of population change, for the population including Armed Forces overseas, for each July 1-June 30 period from 1940 to 1958. Estimates of the population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas, the population residing in continental United States (excluding Armed Forces overseas), and the civilian population, for each month from January 1950 to June 1958 are shown in table 3.

The estimates presented here are based on the 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 reported monthly figures on nonimmigrant and nonemigrant aliens and on citizens entering and leaving the country 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 governments of these outlying areas. Data on such movements are not completely reported to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Immigration statistics reported for the period ending June 30, 1957, were used in preparing the estimates shown in this report. Net immigration for July 1957 to June 1958 was estimated partly on the basis of the figures for preceding months and partly on the basis of preliminary information for July 1957 to June 1958.

Table 2.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS, 1940 TO 1958,
WITH COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

(The estimates for 1955 to date supersede those published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 173. 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 ¹		Births ²	Deaths ³	Net civilian immigration ⁴	Number	Per-cent
		Number	Per-cent					
1940 TO 1958								
July 1, 1950 to 1958:								
July 1, 1958.....	174,064,000	2,868,000	1.68	4,286,000	1,679,000	⁵ 264,000	22,932,000	15.17
July 1, 1957.....	171,196,000	3,020,000	1.80	4,287,000	1,579,000	312,000	20,064,000	13.28
July 1, 1956.....	168,176,000	2,907,000	1.76	4,142,000	1,566,000	332,000	17,044,000	11.28
July 1, 1955.....	165,270,000	2,852,000	1.76	4,096,000	1,501,000	262,000	14,137,000	9.35
July 1, 1954.....	162,417,000	2,782,000	1.74	4,022,000	1,483,000	241,000	11,285,000	7.47
July 1, 1953.....	159,636,000	2,608,000	1.66	3,928,000	1,526,000	204,000	8,504,000	5.63
July 1, 1952.....	157,028,000	2,667,000	1.73	3,839,000	1,506,000	331,000	5,895,000	3.90
July 1, 1951.....	154,360,000	2,677,000	1.77	3,753,000	1,480,000	389,000	3,228,000	2.14
July 1, 1950.....	151,683,000	2,495,000	1.67	3,620,000	1,460,000	337,000	551,000	0.36
July 1, 1940 to 1949:								
July 1, 1949.....	149,188,000	2,557,000	1.74	3,642,000	1,435,000	350,000	...	...
July 1, 1948.....	146,631,000	2,505,000	1.74	3,640,000	1,453,000	309,000	...	...
July 1, 1947.....	144,126,000	2,738,000	1.94	3,931,000	1,425,000	241,000	...	...
July 1, 1946.....	141,389,000	1,460,000	1.04	2,859,000	1,438,000	100,000	...	...
July 1, 1945.....	139,928,000	1,531,000	1.11	2,922,000	1,634,000	237,000	...	...
July 1, 1944.....	138,397,000	1,658,000	1.21	2,975,000	1,515,000	179,000	...	...
July 1, 1943.....	136,739,000	1,880,000	1.39	3,154,000	1,447,000	141,000	...	...
July 1, 1942.....	134,860,000	1,457,000	1.09	2,776,000	1,382,000	52,000	...	...
July 1, 1941.....	133,402,000	1,280,000	0.97	2,619,000	1,421,000	74,000	...	...
July 1, 1940.....	132,122,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total change:								
July 1, 1950 to 1958.....	...	22,381,000	14.76	32,352,000	12,320,000	2,334,000	...	...
July 1, 1940 to 1950.....	...	19,561,000	14.81	32,138,000	14,610,000	2,020,000	...	...
Annual average change:								
1950 to 1958.....	...	2,798,000	1.74	4,044,000	1,540,000	292,000	...	...
1940 to 1950.....	...	1,956,000	1.39	3,214,000	1,461,000	202,000	...	...
SEMIANNUAL DATES: 1950 TO 1958								
July 1, 1958.....	174,064,000	1,326,000	0.77	2,045,000	851,000	132,000	22,932,000	15.17
January 1, 1958.....	172,738,000	1,542,000	0.90	2,240,000	828,000	132,000	21,606,000	14.31
July 1, 1957.....	171,196,000	1,393,000	0.82	2,061,000	811,000	143,000	20,064,000	13.28
January 1, 1957.....	169,803,000	1,627,000	0.97	2,226,000	768,000	169,000	18,670,000	12.36
July 1, 1956.....	168,176,000	1,358,000	0.81	1,993,000	800,000	166,000	17,044,000	11.28
January 1, 1956.....	166,818,000	1,549,000	0.94	2,149,000	766,000	166,000	15,686,000	10.39
July 1, 1955.....	165,270,000	1,314,000	0.80	1,954,000	766,000	128,000	14,137,000	9.35
January 1, 1955.....	163,956,000	1,539,000	0.95	2,141,000	735,000	134,000	12,824,000	8.49
July 1, 1954.....	162,417,000	1,303,000	0.81	1,937,000	750,000	115,000	11,285,000	7.47
January 1, 1954.....	161,115,000	1,479,000	0.93	2,085,000	733,000	126,000	9,982,000	6.61
July 1, 1953.....	159,636,000	1,202,000	0.76	1,880,000	794,000	113,000	8,504,000	5.63
January 1, 1953.....	158,434,000	1,407,000	0.90	2,048,000	731,000	91,000	7,302,000	4.83
July 1, 1952.....	157,028,000	1,238,000	0.79	1,864,000	777,000	149,000	5,895,000	3.90
January 1, 1952.....	155,790,000	1,430,000	0.93	1,975,000	729,000	182,000	4,658,000	3.08
July 1, 1951.....	154,360,000	1,288,000	0.84	1,850,000	767,000	197,000	3,228,000	2.14
January 1, 1951.....	153,072,000	1,389,000	0.92	1,902,000	713,000	191,000	1,940,000	1.28
July 1, 1950.....	151,683,000	1,131,000	0.75	1,724,000	751,000	158,000	551,000	0.36
January 1, 1950.....	150,552,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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 Preliminary; based on final statistics for period ending July 1, 1957, and on partial data thereafter.

Table 3.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS, 1950 TO 1958, WITH COMPARATIVE MIDYEAR FIGURES FOR 1940 TO 1949

(The estimates for 1955 to date supersede the corresponding estimates previously published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25)

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			
July 1.....	174,064,000	173,260,000	171,433,000	December 1.....	160,883,000	159,548,000	157,391,000
June 1.....	173,822,000	173,012,000	171,191,000	November 1.....	160,658,000	159,300,000	157,141,000
May 1.....	173,588,000	172,762,000	170,950,000	October 1.....	160,417,000	159,045,000	156,873,000
April 1.....	173,374,000	172,555,000	170,719,000	September 1.....	160,161,000	158,788,000	156,579,000
March 1.....	173,153,000	172,301,000	170,502,000	August 1.....	159,896,000	158,519,000	156,304,000
February 1.....	172,956,000	172,101,000	170,309,000	July 1.....	159,636,000	158,313,000	156,046,000
January 1.....	172,738,000	171,922,000	170,087,000	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.....	172,505,000	171,660,000	169,810,000	April 1.....	159,012,000	157,716,000	155,459,000
November 1.....	172,281,000	171,419,000	169,546,000	March 1.....	158,807,000	157,474,000	155,261,000
October 1.....	172,026,000	171,098,000	169,233,000	February 1.....	158,629,000	157,322,000	155,081,000
September 1.....	171,751,000	170,866,000	168,927,000	January 1.....	158,434,000	157,177,000	154,891,000
August 1.....	171,474,000	170,570,000	168,632,000	1952			
July 1.....	171,196,000	170,293,000	168,368,000	December 1.....	158,222,000	156,932,000	154,652,000
June 1.....	170,957,000	170,070,000	168,137,000	November 1.....	158,006,000	156,713,000	154,414,000
May 1.....	170,721,000	169,803,000	167,899,000	October 1.....	157,775,000	156,461,000	154,157,000
April 1.....	170,499,000	169,608,000	167,677,000	September 1.....	157,525,000	156,251,000	153,870,000
March 1.....	170,262,000	169,373,000	167,443,000	August 1.....	157,271,000	155,985,000	153,598,000
February 1.....	170,040,000	169,153,000	167,222,000	July 1.....	157,028,000	155,761,000	153,366,000
January 1.....	169,803,000	168,950,000	166,992,000	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.....	169,547,000	168,635,000	166,718,000	April 1.....	156,421,000	155,201,000	152,711,000
November 1.....	169,302,000	168,423,000	166,471,000	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.....	168,745,000	167,858,000	165,916,000	January 1.....	155,790,000	154,649,000	152,292,000
August 1.....	168,456,000	167,544,000	165,616,000	1951			
July 1.....	168,176,000	167,261,000	165,341,000	December 1.....	155,574,000	154,429,000	152,081,000
June 1.....	167,937,000	167,033,000	165,095,000	November 1.....	155,355,000	154,162,000	151,906,000
May 1.....	167,719,000	166,813,000	164,853,000	October 1.....	155,107,000	153,996,000	151,701,000
April 1.....	167,509,000	166,587,000	164,630,000	September 1.....	154,856,000	153,823,000	151,480,000
March 1.....	167,271,000	166,337,000	164,378,000	August 1.....	154,604,000	153,590,000	151,261,000
February 1.....	167,046,000	166,120,000	164,138,000	July 1.....	154,360,000	153,384,000	151,082,000
January 1.....	166,818,000	165,931,000	163,902,000	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.....	166,580,000	165,671,000	163,635,000	April 1.....	153,691,000	152,832,000	150,700,000
November 1.....	166,339,000	165,412,000	163,386,000	March 1.....	153,480,000	152,690,000	150,658,000
October 1.....	166,076,000	165,150,000	163,116,000	February 1.....	153,288,000	152,515,000	150,640,000
September 1.....	165,800,000	164,864,000	162,826,000	January 1.....	153,072,000	152,361,000	150,689,000
August 1.....	165,525,000	164,564,000	162,556,000	1950			
July 1.....	165,270,000	164,302,000	162,306,000	December 1.....	152,860,000	152,153,000	150,573,000
June 1.....	165,040,000	164,078,000	162,043,000	November 1.....	152,647,000	151,986,000	150,505,000
May 1.....	164,814,000	163,817,000	161,750,000	October 1.....	152,416,000	151,793,000	150,503,000
April 1.....	164,607,000	163,589,000	161,474,000	September 1.....	152,174,000	151,600,000	150,525,000
March 1.....	164,379,000	163,313,000	161,192,000	August 1.....	151,921,000	151,443,000	150,402,000
February 1.....	164,175,000	163,107,000	160,944,000	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	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
				July 1, 1942.....	134,860,000	133,920,000	130,942,000
				July 1, 1941.....	133,402,000	133,121,000	131,595,000
				July 1, 1940.....	132,122,000	131,954,000	131,658,000

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.