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### ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE: 1950 TO 1959

(The figures in this report are consistent with the estimates previously published in report No. 182 of this series. Estimates for 1957 and 1958 are preliminary; revised estimates will be published in about 6 months)

By January 1, 1959, the population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas numbered more than 175 million, according to estimates by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. At the beginning of this year the population numbered 175,602,000, as compared with 172,738,000 one year earlier. At the beginning of the decade the population was 150,552,000. Thus, in 9 years the increase in population exceeded 25 million, a population gain 6 million greater than that which occurred during the entire 1940 decade.

The figures in this report do not include Alaska, which did not officially become a State until January 3, 1959.

During 1958, the population of the United States increased by 2,864,000, or 1.66 percent, as compared with 2,936,000, or 1.73 percent, in 1957. In each of the last 5 years, population growth exceeded 2.8 million. On the whole, the growth in population has been at a relatively high level for the past 12 years, ranging between 2.5 and 3.0 million, or at an average annual rate of about 1.7 percent.

There were 4,249,000 babies born in 1958, a drop of about 50,000 from 1957, but higher than any other previous year. Nineteen fifty-

eight was the fifth year in succession in which births exceeded 4 million. All told, more than 36 million babies have been born since the beginning of the 1950 decade. The birth rate (that is, the number of births per 1,000 of the population) declined from 25.1 in 1956 and 1957 to 24.4 in 1958, the lowest rate since 1950.

Mortality continued at a relatively low level in 1958. The estimated death rate per 1,000 of the population including Armed Forces overseas was 9.4. There were an estimated 1,648,000 deaths in 1958, or about the same number that occurred in 1957. Natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) amounted to 2,601,000, a slight decrease from the previous year. The rate of natural increase in 1958 was 14.8, compared with a rate of 15.4 in 1957, 15.6 in 1956, 15.4 in 1955, and 15.8 in 1954.

Table 1 presents figures on the components of population change, for the population including Armed Forces overseas, for each year 1950 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 January 1, 1950 to 1959, 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, 1957, were used in preparing the estimates shown in this report. Data for July 1957 to January 1959 were estimated on the basis of the figures for the preceding months.

Table 1.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS, 1940 TO 1959,  
WITH COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

Date	Population	Change since preceding date					Increase in population since beginning of decade	
		Net change <sup>1</sup>		Births <sup>2</sup>	Deaths <sup>3</sup>	Net civilian immigration <sup>4</sup>	Number	Per-cent
		Number	Per-cent					
CALENDAR YEARS: 1950 TO 1959								
January 1, 1950 to 1959:								
1959.....	175,602,000	2,864,000	1.66	4,249,000	1,648,000	<sup>2</sup> 264,000	25,050,000	16.64
1958.....	172,738,000	2,936,000	1.73	4,301,000	1,638,000	<sup>2</sup> 275,000	22,186,000	14.74
1957.....	169,803,000	2,984,000	1.79	4,218,000	1,568,000	335,000	19,250,000	12.79
1956.....	166,818,000	2,862,000	1.75	4,104,000	1,532,000	295,000	16,266,000	10.80
1955.....	163,956,000	2,841,000	1.76	4,078,000	1,485,000	249,000	13,404,000	8.90
1954.....	161,115,000	2,681,000	1.69	3,965,000	1,527,000	239,000	10,562,000	7.02
1953.....	158,434,000	2,644,000	1.70	3,912,000	1,508,000	240,000	7,882,000	5.24
1952.....	155,790,000	2,718,000	1.78	3,826,000	1,497,000	379,000	5,238,000	3.48
1951.....	153,072,000	2,520,000	1.67	3,627,000	1,464,000	350,000	2,520,000	1.67
1950.....	150,552,000	2,551,000	1.72	3,649,000	1,448,000	354,000	...	...
January 1, 1940 to 1949:								
1949.....	148,001,000	2,530,000	1.74	3,637,000	1,449,000	329,000	16,417,000	12.48
1948.....	145,471,000	2,638,000	1.85	3,817,000	1,451,000	275,000	13,887,000	10.55
1947.....	142,833,000	2,145,000	1.52	3,411,000	1,404,000	171,000	11,249,000	8.55
1946.....	140,689,000	1,452,000	1.04	2,858,000	1,545,000	169,000	9,105,000	6.92
1945.....	139,237,000	1,581,000	1.15	2,939,000	1,577,000	208,000	7,653,000	5.82
1944.....	137,656,000	1,791,000	1.32	3,104,000	1,498,000	160,000	6,072,000	4.61
1943.....	135,865,000	1,704,000	1.27	2,989,000	1,402,000	96,000	4,281,000	3.25
1942.....	134,161,000	1,367,000	1.03	2,703,000	1,408,000	63,000	2,577,000	1.96
1941.....	132,794,000	1,210,000	0.92	2,559,000	1,428,000	73,000	1,210,000	0.92
1940.....	131,584,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total change:								
January 1, 1950 to 1959.....	...	25,050,000	16.6	36,279,000	13,867,000	2,625,000	...	...
January 1, 1940 to 1950.....	...	18,969,000	14.4	31,666,000	14,610,000	1,898,000	...	...
Annual average change:								
1950 to 1958.....	...	2,783,000	1.73	4,031,000	1,541,000	292,000	...	...
1940 to 1949.....	...	1,897,000	1.36	3,167,000	1,461,000	190,000	...	...
SEMIANNUAL DATES: 1950 TO 1959								
January 1, 1959.....	175,602,000	1,538,000	0.88	2,203,000	797,000	132,000	25,050,000	16.64
July 1, 1958.....	174,064,000	1,326,000	0.77	2,045,000	851,000	132,000	23,512,000	15.62
January 1, 1958.....	172,738,000	1,542,000	0.90	2,240,000	828,000	132,000	22,186,000	14.74
July 1, 1957.....	171,196,000	1,393,000	0.82	2,061,000	811,000	143,000	20,644,000	13.71
January 1, 1957.....	169,803,000	1,627,000	0.97	2,226,000	768,000	169,000	19,250,000	12.79
July 1, 1956.....	168,176,000	1,358,000	0.81	1,993,000	800,000	166,000	17,624,000	11.71
January 1, 1956.....	166,818,000	1,549,000	0.94	2,149,000	766,000	166,000	16,266,000	10.80
July 1, 1955.....	165,270,000	1,314,000	0.80	1,954,000	766,000	128,000	14,717,000	9.78
January 1, 1955.....	163,956,000	1,539,000	0.95	2,141,000	735,000	134,000	13,404,000	8.90
July 1, 1954.....	162,417,000	1,303,000	0.81	1,937,000	750,000	115,000	11,865,000	7.88
January 1, 1954.....	161,115,000	1,479,000	0.93	2,085,000	733,000	126,000	10,562,000	7.02
July 1, 1953.....	159,636,000	1,202,000	0.76	1,880,000	794,000	113,000	9,084,000	6.03
January 1, 1953.....	158,434,000	1,407,000	0.90	2,048,000	731,000	91,000	7,882,000	5.24
July 1, 1952.....	157,028,000	1,238,000	0.79	1,864,000	777,000	149,000	6,475,000	4.30
January 1, 1952.....	155,790,000	1,430,000	0.93	1,975,000	729,000	182,000	5,238,000	3.48
July 1, 1951.....	154,360,000	1,288,000	0.84	1,850,000	767,000	197,000	3,808,000	2.53
January 1, 1951.....	153,072,000	1,389,000	0.92	1,902,000	713,000	191,000	2,520,000	1.67
July 1, 1950.....	151,683,000	1,131,000	0.75	1,724,000	751,000	158,000	1,131,000	0.75
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> Preliminary; based on final statistics for period ending July 1, 1957, and on partial data thereafter.

Table 2.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS, 1950 TO 1959, WITH COMPARATIVE MIDYEAR FIGURES FOR 1940 TO 1949

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
1959				1953			
January 1.....	175,602,000	174,844,000	173,005,000	December 1.....	160,883,000	159,548,000	157,391,000
1958				November 1.....	160,658,000	159,300,000	157,141,000
December 1.....	175,370,000	174,589,000	172,750,000	October 1.....	160,417,000	159,045,000	156,873,000
November 1.....	175,136,000	174,358,000	172,509,000	September 1.....	160,161,000	158,788,000	156,579,000
October 1.....	174,871,000	174,089,000	172,239,000	August 1.....	159,896,000	158,519,000	156,304,000
September 1.....	174,595,000	173,809,000	171,960,000	July 1.....	159,636,000	158,313,000	156,046,000
August 1.....	174,326,000	173,514,000	171,690,000	June 1.....	159,408,000	158,117,000	155,833,000
July 1.....	174,064,000	173,260,000	171,433,000	May 1.....	159,199,000	157,895,000	155,640,000
June 1.....	173,822,000	173,012,000	171,191,000	April 1.....	159,012,000	157,716,000	155,459,000
May 1.....	173,588,000	172,762,000	170,950,000	March 1.....	158,807,000	157,474,000	155,261,000
April 1.....	173,374,000	172,555,000	170,719,000	February 1.....	158,629,000	157,322,000	155,081,000
March 1.....	173,153,000	172,301,000	170,502,000	January 1.....	158,434,000	157,177,000	154,891,000
February 1.....	172,956,000	172,101,000	170,309,000	1952			
January 1.....	172,738,000	171,922,000	170,087,000	December 1.....	158,222,000	156,932,000	154,652,000
1957				November 1.....	158,008,000	156,713,000	154,414,000
December 1.....	172,505,000	171,660,000	169,810,000	October 1.....	157,775,000	156,461,000	154,197,000
November 1.....	172,281,000	171,419,000	169,546,000	September 1.....	157,525,000	156,251,000	153,870,000
October 1.....	172,026,000	171,098,000	169,233,000	August 1.....	157,271,000	155,985,000	153,598,000
September 1.....	171,751,000	170,866,000	168,927,000	July 1.....	157,028,000	155,761,000	153,366,000
August 1.....	171,474,000	170,570,000	168,632,000	June 1.....	156,819,000	155,592,000	153,133,000
July 1.....	171,196,000	170,293,000	168,368,000	May 1.....	156,616,000	155,376,000	152,904,000
June 1.....	170,957,000	170,070,000	168,137,000	April 1.....	156,421,000	155,201,000	152,711,000
May 1.....	170,721,000	169,803,000	167,899,000	March 1.....	156,209,000	155,001,000	152,531,000
April 1.....	170,499,000	169,608,000	167,677,000	February 1.....	156,007,000	154,809,000	152,411,000
March 1.....	170,262,000	169,373,000	167,443,000	January 1.....	155,790,000	154,649,000	152,292,000
February 1.....	170,040,000	169,153,000	167,222,000	1951			
January 1.....	169,803,000	168,950,000	166,992,000	December 1.....	155,574,000	154,429,000	152,081,000
1956				November 1.....	155,355,000	154,162,000	151,906,000
December 1.....	169,547,000	168,635,000	166,718,000	October 1.....	155,107,000	153,996,000	151,701,000
November 1.....	169,302,000	168,423,000	166,471,000	September 1.....	154,856,000	153,823,000	151,480,000
October 1.....	169,028,000	168,146,000	166,202,000	August 1.....	154,604,000	153,590,000	151,261,000
September 1.....	168,745,000	167,858,000	165,916,000	July 1.....	154,360,000	153,384,000	151,082,000
August 1.....	168,456,000	167,544,000	165,616,000	June 1.....	154,126,000	153,187,000	150,927,000
July 1.....	168,176,000	167,261,000	165,341,000	May 1.....	153,897,000	152,997,000	150,796,000
June 1.....	167,937,000	167,033,000	165,095,000	April 1.....	153,691,000	152,832,000	150,700,000
May 1.....	167,719,000	166,813,000	164,853,000	March 1.....	153,480,000	152,690,000	150,658,000
April 1.....	167,509,000	166,587,000	164,630,000	February 1.....	153,288,000	152,515,000	150,640,000
March 1.....	167,271,000	166,337,000	164,378,000	January 1.....	153,072,000	152,361,000	150,689,000
February 1.....	167,046,000	166,120,000	164,138,000	1950			
January 1.....	166,818,000	165,931,000	163,902,000	December 1.....	152,860,000	152,153,000	150,573,000
1955				November 1.....	152,647,000	151,986,000	150,505,000
December 1.....	166,580,000	165,671,000	163,635,000	October 1.....	152,416,000	151,793,000	150,503,000
November 1.....	166,339,000	165,412,000	163,386,000	September 1.....	152,174,000	151,600,000	150,525,000
October 1.....	166,076,000	165,150,000	163,116,000	August 1.....	151,921,000	151,443,000	150,402,000
September 1.....	165,800,000	164,864,000	162,826,000	July 1.....	151,683,000	151,234,000	150,202,000
August 1.....	165,525,000	164,564,000	162,556,000	June 1.....	151,477,000	151,025,000	149,995,000
July 1.....	165,270,000	164,302,000	162,306,000	May 1.....	151,292,000	150,846,000	149,803,000
June 1.....	165,040,000	164,078,000	162,043,000	April 1.....	151,132,000	150,697,361	149,634,000
May 1.....	164,814,000	163,817,000	161,750,000	March 1.....	150,945,000	150,504,000	149,436,000
April 1.....	164,607,000	163,589,000	161,474,000	February 1.....	150,759,000	150,304,000	149,225,000
March 1.....	164,379,000	163,313,000	161,192,000	January 1.....	150,552,000	150,085,000	148,980,000
February 1.....	164,175,000	163,107,000	160,944,000	1949			
January 1.....	163,956,000	162,927,000	160,748,000	July 1, 1949.....	149,188,000	148,665,000	147,578,000
1954				July 1, 1948.....	146,631,000	146,093,000	145,168,000
December 1.....	163,721,000	162,662,000	160,460,000	July 1, 1947.....	144,126,000	143,446,000	142,566,000
November 1.....	163,483,000	162,382,000	160,197,000	July 1, 1946.....	141,389,000	140,054,000	138,385,000
October 1.....	163,226,000	162,114,000	159,918,000	July 1, 1945.....	139,928,000	132,481,000	127,573,000
September 1.....	162,954,000	161,810,000	159,636,000	July 1, 1944.....	138,397,000	132,885,000	126,708,000
August 1.....	162,678,000	161,486,000	159,347,000	July 1, 1943.....	136,739,000	134,245,000	127,499,000
July 1.....	162,417,000	161,191,000	159,086,000	July 1, 1942.....	134,860,000	133,920,000	130,942,000
June 1.....	162,188,000	160,956,000	158,847,000	July 1, 1941.....	133,402,000	133,121,000	131,595,000
May 1.....	161,969,000	160,710,000	158,613,000	July 1, 1940.....	132,122,000	131,954,000	131,658,000
April 1.....	161,761,000	160,489,000	158,389,000				
March 1.....	161,540,000	160,235,000	158,150,000				
February 1.....	161,332,000	160,012,000	157,920,000				
January 1.....	161,115,000	159,825,000	157,679,000				

<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 States.