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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE: JANUARY 1, 1950, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1959

(The figures in this report for 1957 to date supersede the corresponding estimates published in Series P-25, Nos. 182 and 195, and subsequent monthly reports in this series presenting population totals. Estimates for earlier years as given in Nos. 182 and 195 of this series have not been modified. Estimates for 1958 and 1959 are preliminary. Population estimates from February 1 to date include Alaska; population estimates for prior dates exclude Alaska. Figures for September 1 also include Hawaii)

By September 1, 1959, the population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas amounted to about 178,252,000, according to estimates by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure includes the population of our two newest States, Alaska and Hawaii. Alaska was admitted to the Union on January 3, 1959, and Hawaii was admitted on August 21, 1959. On July 1, 1959, the population of the United States (excluding Hawaii) numbered 177,103,000, and on July 1, 1958, our population numbered 174,054,000 (excluding Alaska and Hawaii). The population is expected to reach 180 million before mid-1960.

Population growth for the 12 months ending July 1, 1959, amounted to 3,050,000, representing a growth rate of 1.75 percent of the population on July 1, 1958. (This increase reflects the inclusion of Alaska in the figures after January 3, 1959.) If allowance is made for the addition of Alaska to the national total, the increase in "fiscal" year 1958-59 was roughly the same as the increase in "fiscal" year 1957-58. Since the beginning of this decade, our population has increased by more than 27 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 only 1.4 percent.

Births during the 12 months ending July 1, 1959, continued at a high level, amounting to 4,280,000. This was the third successive "fiscal" year in which births numbered about 4.3 million. However, there has been a slight decline in the birth rate in the

last three years, from 25.2 births per 1,000 of the population in 1956-57 to 24.9 births per 1,000 of the population in 1957-58 and 24.4 births per 1,000 of the population in 1958-59. For the 12-month period ending July 1, 1959, deaths in the United States numbered 1,646,000. The corresponding figure for the previous 12 months was 1,679,000, or only slightly larger. The death rate is estimated at 9.4 for the 1958-59 "fiscal" year. This figure is a little lower than for the 1957-58 "fiscal" year, when the rate was 9.7. Except for the 1957-58 "fiscal" year, in which there was an epidemic of influenza, the death rate has been about 9.3 for each year since 1953-54. As a result of the general stability in the number of births and deaths, natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) during "fiscal" year 1958-59 was about the same as for "fiscal" year 1957-58. It amounted to 2.6 million in each period.

Net immigration from abroad was estimated to be slightly larger in "fiscal" year 1958-59 than in "fiscal" year 1957-58. The amount of net immigration in the more recent year--264,000--is affected by the inclusion of Alaska in the data since January 1959. On the basis of available data, it is estimated that about 20,000 more net immigrants were admitted during July 1958 to June 1959 than in the preceding 12-month period. Net immigration from abroad has averaged about 300,000 per year in the years since 1950. In all, since the beginning of the decade, net immigration has contributed about 2 3/4 million persons to our population; this represents about 10 percent of the total net population gain.

The relative contribution of net immigration to our net 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 1959.

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 1959

(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 immigration per 1,000 of the population
1958-59.....	15.0	24.4	9.4	1.5
1957-58.....	15.1	24.9	9.7	1.4
1956-57.....	16.0	25.2	9.3	1.8
1955-56.....	15.4	24.8	9.4	2.0
1954-55.....	15.8	25.0	9.2	1.6
1953-54.....	15.8	25.0	9.2	1.5
1952-53.....	15.2	24.8	9.6	1.3
1951-52.....	15.0	24.6	9.7	2.1
1950-51.....	14.8	24.5	9.7	2.5
Annual average, 1950 to 1959.....	15.3	24.8	9.5	1.7

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 1959. Estimates of the population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas, the population residing in the United States (excluding Armed Forces overseas), and the civilian population,

for each month from January 1, 1950, to September 1, 1959, are shown in table 3. The population estimates relate to the area of the United States as of the date of the estimate.

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 non-immigrant and nonemigrant aliens and on citizens entering and leaving the country have been adjusted to eliminate seasonal variation. The reporting of data on nonimmigrant and nonemigrant aliens was discontinued in the 1957-58 period, but the net numbers of such migrants are rather small. The figures on immigration for recent years were supplemented by data on travel between continental United States and Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico provided by the governments of these areas. Data on such movements are not completely reported to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Immigration statistics reported for the period ending June 30, 1958, were used in preparing the estimates shown in this report. Net immigration for July 1958 to August 1959 was estimated on the basis of the figures for preceding months.

Table 2.—ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS, 1940 TO 1959,
WITH COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

(The estimates for 1957 to date supersede the corresponding estimates previously published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25. 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. The population estimate for July 1, 1959, and the changes since January 1, 1959, include Alaska, which was admitted to the Union on January 3, 1959. The figures for January 1, 1959, and earlier dates exclude Alaska)

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 1959								
July 1, 1950 to 1959:								
1959 ⁵	177,103,000	3,050,000	1.75	4,280,000	1,646,000	⁶ 264,000	25,971,000	17.18
1958.....	174,054,000	2,856,000	1.67	4,293,000	1,679,000	244,000	22,921,000	15.17
1957.....	171,198,000	3,022,000	1.80	4,287,000	1,577,000	312,000	20,066,000	13.28
1956.....	168,176,000	2,907,000	1.76	4,142,000	1,566,000	332,000	17,044,000	11.28
1955.....	165,270,000	2,852,000	1.76	4,096,000	1,501,000	262,000	14,137,000	9.35
1954.....	162,417,000	2,782,000	1.74	4,022,000	1,483,000	241,000	11,285,000	7.47
1953.....	159,636,000	2,608,000	1.66	3,928,000	1,526,000	204,000	8,504,000	5.63
1952.....	157,028,000	2,667,000	1.73	3,839,000	1,506,000	331,000	5,895,000	3.90
1951.....	154,360,000	2,677,000	1.77	3,753,000	1,480,000	389,000	3,228,000	2.14
1950.....	151,683,000	2,495,000	1.67	3,620,000	1,460,000	397,000	551,000	0.36
July 1, 1940 to 1949:								
1949.....	149,188,000	2,557,000	1.74	3,642,000	1,435,000	350,000	...	...
1948.....	146,631,000	2,505,000	1.74	3,640,000	1,453,000	309,000	...	...
1947.....	144,126,000	2,738,000	1.94	3,931,000	1,425,000	241,000	...	...
1946.....	141,389,000	1,460,000	1.04	2,859,000	1,438,000	100,000	...	...
1945.....	139,928,000	1,531,000	1.11	2,922,000	1,634,000	237,000	...	...
1944.....	138,397,000	1,658,000	1.21	2,975,000	1,515,000	179,000	...	...
1943.....	136,739,000	1,880,000	1.39	3,154,000	1,447,000	141,000	...	...
1942.....	134,860,000	1,457,000	1.09	2,776,000	1,382,000	52,000	...	...
1941.....	133,402,000	1,280,000	0.97	2,619,000	1,421,000	74,000	...	...
1940.....	132,122,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total change:								
July 1, 1950 to 1959 ⁵.....	...	25,420,000	16.76	36,639,000	13,964,000	2,578,000	...	...
July 1, 1940 to 1950.....	...	19,561,000	14.81	32,138,000	14,610,000	2,020,000	...	...
Annual average change:								
1950 to 1959.....	...	2,824,000	1.74	4,071,000	1,552,000	286,000	...	...
1940 to 1950.....	...	1,956,000	1.39	3,214,000	1,461,000	202,000	...	...
SEMIANNUAL DATES: 1950 TO 1959								
July 1, 1959 ⁵	177,103,000	1,512,000	0.86	2,077,000	849,000	132,000	25,971,000	17.18
January 1, 1959.....	175,591,000	1,538,000	0.88	2,203,000	797,000	132,000	24,459,000	16.18
July 1, 1958.....	174,054,000	1,328,000	0.77	2,047,000	851,000	132,000	22,921,000	15.17
January 1, 1958.....	172,726,000	1,528,000	0.89	2,246,000	828,000	112,000	21,593,000	14.29
July 1, 1957.....	171,198,000	1,395,000	0.82	2,061,000	809,000	143,000	20,066,000	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 Population estimate includes Alaska; estimates of births, deaths, and migration include changes in Alaska after January 1, 1959; and the net change figure includes an estimate of the civilian population of Alaska on January 1, 1959 (153,000).

⁶ Preliminary; based on final statistics for period ending July 1, 1958.

Table 3.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS, 1950 TO 1959, WITH COMPARATIVE MIDYEAR FIGURES FOR 1940 TO 1949

(The estimates for 1957 to date supersede the corresponding estimates previously published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25. Estimates for February 1, 1959, and later months include Alaska; estimates for September 1, 1959, also include Hawaii)

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				1954--Con.			
September 1 ¹	178,252,000	177,571,000	175,720,000	June 1.....	162,188,000	160,956,000	158,847,000
August 1.....	177,374,000	176,631,000	174,837,000	May 1.....	161,969,000	160,710,000	158,613,000
July 1.....	177,103,000	176,365,000	174,566,000	April 1.....	161,761,000	160,489,000	158,389,000
June 1.....	176,865,000	176,131,000	174,327,000	March 1.....	161,540,000	160,235,000	158,150,000
May 1.....	176,639,000	175,872,000	174,089,000	February 1.....	161,332,000	160,012,000	157,920,000
April 1.....	176,421,000	175,676,000	173,850,000	January 1.....	161,115,000	159,825,000	157,679,000
March 1.....	176,188,000	175,432,000	173,604,000	1953			
February 1 ²	175,969,000	175,224,000	173,374,000	December 1.....	160,883,000	159,548,000	157,391,000
January 1.....	175,591,000	174,833,000	172,990,000	November 1.....	160,658,000	159,300,000	157,141,000
1958				October 1.....	160,417,000	159,045,000	156,873,000
December 1.....	175,359,000	174,572,000	172,732,000	September 1.....	160,161,000	158,788,000	156,579,000
November 1.....	175,125,000	174,335,000	172,492,000	August 1.....	159,896,000	158,519,000	156,304,000
October 1.....	174,861,000	174,048,000	172,227,000	July 1.....	159,636,000	158,313,000	156,046,000
September 1.....	174,584,000	173,793,000	171,944,000	June 1.....	159,408,000	158,117,000	155,833,000
August 1.....	174,315,000	173,484,000	171,681,000	May 1.....	159,199,000	157,895,000	155,640,000
July 1.....	174,054,000	173,232,000	171,420,000	April 1.....	159,012,000	157,716,000	155,459,000
June 1.....	173,810,000	173,007,000	171,178,000	March 1.....	158,807,000	157,474,000	155,261,000
May 1.....	173,573,000	172,771,000	170,934,000	February 1.....	158,629,000	157,322,000	155,081,000
April 1.....	173,359,000	172,540,000	170,704,000	January 1.....	158,434,000	157,177,000	154,891,000
March 1.....	173,135,000	172,284,000	170,485,000	1952			
February 1.....	172,941,000	172,086,000	170,294,000	December 1.....	158,222,000	156,932,000	154,652,000
January 1.....	172,726,000	171,910,000	170,074,000	November 1.....	158,008,000	156,713,000	154,414,000
1957				October 1.....	157,775,000	156,461,000	154,157,000
December 1.....	172,494,000	171,649,000	169,798,000	September 1.....	157,525,000	156,251,000	153,870,000
November 1.....	172,270,000	171,408,000	169,534,000	August 1.....	157,271,000	155,985,000	153,598,000
October 1.....	172,020,000	171,091,000	169,226,000	July 1.....	157,028,000	155,761,000	153,366,000
September 1.....	171,745,000	170,861,000	168,922,000	June 1.....	156,819,000	155,592,000	153,133,000
August 1.....	171,467,000	170,563,000	168,625,000	May 1.....	156,616,000	155,376,000	152,904,000
July 1.....	171,198,000	170,295,000	168,370,000	April 1.....	156,421,000	155,201,000	152,711,000
June 1.....	170,959,000	170,072,000	168,138,000	March 1.....	156,209,000	155,001,000	152,531,000
May 1.....	170,722,000	169,803,000	167,900,000	February 1.....	156,007,000	154,809,000	152,411,000
April 1.....	170,496,000	169,606,000	167,674,000	January 1.....	155,790,000	154,649,000	152,292,000
March 1.....	170,258,000	169,370,000	167,440,000	1951			
February 1.....	170,038,000	169,151,000	167,221,000	December 1.....	155,574,000	154,429,000	152,081,000
January 1.....	169,803,000	168,950,000	166,992,000	November 1.....	155,355,000	154,162,000	151,906,000
1956				October 1.....	155,107,000	153,996,000	151,701,000
December 1.....	169,547,000	168,635,000	166,718,000	September 1.....	154,856,000	153,823,000	151,480,000
November 1.....	169,302,000	168,423,000	166,471,000	August 1.....	154,604,000	153,590,000	151,261,000
October 1.....	169,028,000	168,146,000	166,202,000	July 1.....	154,360,000	153,384,000	151,082,000
September 1.....	168,745,000	167,858,000	165,916,000	June 1.....	154,126,000	153,187,000	150,927,000
August 1.....	168,456,000	167,544,000	165,616,000	May 1.....	153,897,000	152,997,000	150,796,000
July 1.....	168,176,000	167,261,000	165,341,000	April 1.....	153,691,000	152,832,000	150,700,000
June 1.....	167,937,000	167,033,000	165,095,000	March 1.....	153,480,000	152,690,000	150,658,000
May 1.....	167,719,000	166,813,000	164,853,000	February 1.....	153,288,000	152,515,000	150,640,000
April 1.....	167,509,000	166,587,000	164,630,000	January 1.....	153,072,000	152,361,000	150,689,000
March 1.....	167,271,000	166,337,000	164,378,000	1950			
February 1.....	167,046,000	166,120,000	164,138,000	December 1.....	152,860,000	152,153,000	150,573,000
January 1.....	166,818,000	165,931,000	163,902,000	November 1.....	152,647,000	151,986,000	150,505,000
1955				October 1.....	152,416,000	151,793,000	150,503,000
December 1.....	166,580,000	165,671,000	163,635,000	September 1.....	152,174,000	151,600,000	150,525,000
November 1.....	166,339,000	165,412,000	163,386,000	August 1.....	151,921,000	151,443,000	150,402,000
October 1.....	166,076,000	165,150,000	163,116,000	July 1.....	151,683,000	151,234,000	150,202,000
September 1.....	165,800,000	164,864,000	162,826,000	June 1.....	151,477,000	151,025,000	149,995,000
August 1.....	165,525,000	164,564,000	162,556,000	May 1.....	151,292,000	150,846,000	149,803,000
July 1.....	165,270,000	164,302,000	162,306,000	April 1.....	151,132,000	150,697,000	149,634,000
June 1.....	165,040,000	164,078,000	162,043,000	March 1.....	150,945,000	150,504,000	149,436,000
May 1.....	164,814,000	163,817,000	161,750,000	February 1.....	150,759,000	150,304,000	149,225,000
April 1.....	164,607,000	163,589,000	161,474,000	January 1.....	150,552,000	150,085,000	148,980,000
March 1.....	164,379,000	163,313,000	161,192,000	1940 TO 1949			
February 1.....	164,175,000	163,107,000	160,944,000	July 1, 1949.....	149,188,000	148,665,000	147,578,000
January 1.....	163,956,000	162,927,000	160,748,000	July 1, 1948.....	146,631,000	146,093,000	145,168,000
1954				July 1, 1947.....	144,126,000	143,446,000	142,566,000
December 1.....	163,721,000	162,662,000	160,460,000	July 1, 1946.....	141,389,000	140,054,000	138,385,000
November 1.....	163,483,000	162,382,000	160,197,000	July 1, 1945.....	139,928,000	138,481,000	127,573,000
October 1.....	163,226,000	162,114,000	159,918,000	July 1, 1944.....	138,397,000	137,885,000	126,708,000
September 1.....	162,954,000	161,810,000	159,636,000	July 1, 1943.....	136,793,000	134,245,000	127,499,000
August 1.....	162,678,000	161,486,000	159,347,000	July 1, 1942.....	134,860,000	133,920,000	130,942,000
July 1.....	162,417,000	161,191,000	159,086,000	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 Change over August 1, 1959, reflects addition of Hawaii to United States population including Alaska. A tentative estimate of the civilian population of Hawaii on September 1, 1959, is 603,000.

² Change over January 1, 1959, reflects addition of Alaska to United States population. A tentative estimate of the civilian population of Alaska on January 1, 1959, is 153,000.