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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE: 1950 TO 1960

(The figures in this report are consistent with the estimates previously published in Series P-25, No. 206. Estimates for 1958 and 1959 are preliminary. Population estimates include Alaska from February 1, 1959, to date; they include Hawaii from September 1, 1959, to date. A preliminary intercensal series for the 1950-60 decade which takes into account the results of the 1960 Census will be released later this year)

The population of the United States including Armed Forces abroad numbered about 179,647,000 on March 1, 1960, according to estimates of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure includes the population of our two newest States, Alaska and Hawaii, which were admitted to the Union on January 3, 1959, and August 21, 1959, respectively. The population on January 1, 1960, including Alaska and Hawaii, amounted to 179,245,000. A year earlier, excluding these two areas, it numbered 175,591,000. On January 1, 1950, the population excluding Alaska and Hawaii was only about 150,552,000.

The numerical increase during the past decade was by far the largest in our Nation's history. The gain of 28.7 million people from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1960, exceeded that for the 1940's, the country's largest previous decennial increase, by nearly 10 million. Excluding the estimated populations of Alaska and Hawaii, the Nation's increase during the 1950's amounted to 27.9 million persons.

During 1959 the population of the United States increased by 3,654,000, part of which was due to the inclusion of Alaska and Hawaii as States. Without them the increase in 1959 amounted to 2,885,000, or 1.64 percent. The increase in 1958 was roughly the same. Considering the 48-State area, the rate of growth in 1959 was somewhat lower than in the 1950's as a whole, when the average growth rate was 1.70 percent. The 1950-60 average growth rate lies well above the average growth rate of 1.36 percent for the 1940's. In every year since 1947 the Nation has experienced a rate of growth above 1.5 percent.

There were 4,298,000 babies born in the United States in 1959. This represents an increase of 48,000 over 1958 and is the second largest number of children born in the Nation during a single year, barely exceeded by the 4,308,000 born in 1957. The year 1959 was the sixth year in succession in which births exceeded 4 million. During the 1950 decade more than 40 million babies were born. The birth rate of 24.3 (per 1,000 of the population) in 1959 was about the same as the rate of 24.4 for 1958 and represented a moderate decline from the decade's high of 25.2 in 1957. It is the lowest rate registered since 1950.

There were about 1,664,000 deaths in 1959, a few more than in 1958 and 1957. Correspondingly, the death rate of 9.4 (per 1,000 of the

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population) in 1959 was about the same as the rate of 9.5 in 1958. The rate in 1959 was slightly below the average rate for the decade. Natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) in 1959 amounted to 2,634,000, somewhat higher than in 1958. The rate of natural increase, however, remained at the 1958 level of 14.9, lowest since 1950.

Table 1 presents figures on the components of population change, for the population of the United States including Armed Forces abroad, for each year from 1940 to 1959. Table 2 presents monthly estimates of the population of the United States including Armed Forces abroad, of the population residing in the United States (excluding Armed Forces abroad), and of the civilian population, for the period 1950 to 1959. The population estimates relate to the area of the United States as of the date of the estimate.

The estimates presented here are based principally 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. The reporting of data on nonimmigrant and nonemigrant aliens was discontinued in the 1957-58 period, but because the net number of such migrants is quite small, its inclusion would have little effect on the totals. The figures on immigration were supplemented by data on travel between the United States and Puerto Rico, Alaska, and Hawaii provided by the governments of these areas. (For Alaska and Hawaii these data cover only the period prior to statehood.) Data on such movements are not completely reported to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Immigration statistics for the period after June 30, 1958, were not available in preparing the estimates shown in this report. Net immigration for July 1958 to December 1959 was estimated on the basis of figures for preceding months.

Table 1.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES ABROAD, 1940 TO 1960, WITH COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

(Numbers in thousands)

Date	Population	Change since preceding date					Increase in population since beginning of decade	
		Net change[1]		Births[2]	Deaths[3]	Net civilian immigration[4]		
		Number	Percent				Number	Percent
January 1, 1951 to 1960:								
1960[5]	179,245	3,654	2.08	4,298	1,664	[6]266	28,692	19.06
Conterminous area[7]	178,476	2,885	1.64	4,285	1,661	[6]264	27,923	18.55
1959	175,591	2,865	1.66	4,250	1,648	[6]264	25,039	16.63
1958	172,726	2,923	1.72	4,308	1,637	255	22,173	14.73
1957	169,803	2,984	1.79	4,218	1,568	335	19,250	12.79
1956	166,818	2,862	1.75	4,104	1,532	295	16,266	10.80
1955	163,956	2,841	1.76	4,078	1,485	249	13,404	8.90
1954	161,115	2,681	1.69	3,965	1,527	239	10,562	7.02
1953	158,434	2,644	1.70	3,912	1,508	240	7,882	5.24
1952	155,790	2,718	1.78	3,826	1,497	379	5,238	3.48
1951	153,072	2,520	1.67	3,627	1,464	350	2,520	1.67
January 1, 1940 to 1950:								
1950	150,552	2,551	1.72	3,649	1,448	354	18,968	14.42
1949	148,001	2,530	1.74	3,637	1,449	329	16,417	12.48
1948	145,471	2,638	1.85	3,817	1,451	275	13,887	10.55
1947	142,833	2,145	1.52	3,411	1,404	171	11,249	8.55
1946	140,689	1,452	1.04	2,858	1,545	169	9,105	6.92
1945	139,237	1,581	1.15	2,939	1,577	208	7,653	5.82
1944	137,656	1,791	1.32	3,104	1,498	160	6,072	4.61
1943	135,865	1,704	1.27	2,989	1,402	96	4,281	3.25
1942	134,161	1,367	1.03	2,703	1,408	63	2,577	1.96
1941	132,794	1,210	0.92	2,559	1,428	73	1,210	0.92
1940	131,584	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total change:								
January 1, 1950 to 1960[5]	...	28,692	19.1	40,585	15,529	2,871	...	...
January 1, 1940 to 1950	...	18,969	14.4	31,666	14,610	1,898	...	...
Annual average change:								
1950 to 1959	...	2,869	1.76	4,059	1,553	287	...	...
1940 to 1949	...	1,897	1.36	3,167	1,461	190	...	...
SEMIANNUAL DATES: 1950 TO 1960								
January 1, 1960[5]	179,245	2,141	1.21	2,221	815	[6]135	28,692	19.06
July 1, 1959[8]	177,103	1,512	0.86	2,077	849	[6]131	26,551	17.64
January 1, 1959	175,591	1,538	0.88	2,203	797	[6]132	25,039	16.63
July 1, 1958	174,054	1,328	0.77	2,047	851	132	23,501	15.61
January 1, 1958	172,726	1,528	0.89	2,246	828	112	22,173	14.73
July 1, 1957	171,198	1,395	0.82	2,061	809	143	20,646	13.71
January 1, 1957	169,803	1,627	0.97	2,226	768	169	19,250	12.79
July 1, 1956	168,176	1,358	0.81	1,993	800	166	17,624	11.71
January 1, 1956	166,818	1,549	0.94	2,149	766	166	16,266	10.80
July 1, 1955	165,270	1,314	0.80	1,954	766	128	14,717	9.78
January 1, 1955	163,956	1,539	0.95	2,141	735	134	13,404	8.90
July 1, 1954	162,417	1,303	0.81	1,937	750	115	11,865	7.88
January 1, 1954	161,115	1,479	0.93	2,085	733	126	10,562	7.02
July 1, 1953	159,636	1,202	0.76	1,880	794	113	9,084	6.03
January 1, 1953	158,434	1,407	0.90	2,048	731	91	7,882	5.24
July 1, 1952	157,028	1,238	0.79	1,864	777	149	6,475	4.30
January 1, 1952	155,790	1,430	0.93	1,975	729	182	5,238	3.48
July 1, 1951	154,360	1,288	0.84	1,850	767	197	3,808	2.53
January 1, 1951	153,072	1,389	0.92	1,902	713	191	2,520	1.67
July 1, 1950	151,683	1,131	0.75	1,724	751	158	1,131	0.75
January 1, 1950	150,552	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

[1] Includes change due to admissions into, and discharges from, Armed Forces abroad, 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 abroad.

[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 and Hawaii; estimates of births, deaths, and migration include changes in Alaska after January 1, 1959, and in Hawaii after September 1, 1959; net change figure includes an estimate of the civilian population of Alaska on January 1, 1959 (153,000) and of Hawaii on September 1, 1959 (603,000).

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

[7] 48 States and the District of Columbia.

[8] 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).

Table 2.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS, 1950 TO 1960, WITH COMPARATIVE MIDYEAR FIGURES FOR 1940 TO 1949

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

Date	Total population including Armed Forces abroad	Total population residing in United States (excluding Armed Forces abroad)	Civilian population
1960:			
March 1	179,647	178,982	177,127
February 1	179,452	178,790	176,931
January 1	179,245	178,584	176,724
1959:			
December 1	179,017	178,345	176,485
November 1	178,782	178,110	176,253
October 1	178,522	177,848	175,996
September 1[1]	178,252	177,571	175,720
August 1	177,374	176,631	174,837
July 1	177,103	176,365	174,566
June 1	176,865	176,131	174,327
May 1	176,639	175,872	174,089
April 1	176,421	175,676	173,850
March 1	176,188	175,432	173,604
February 1[2]	175,969	175,224	173,374
January 1	175,591	174,833	172,990
1958:			
December 1	175,359	174,572	172,732
November 1	175,125	174,335	172,492
October 1	174,861	174,048	172,227
September 1	174,584	173,793	171,944
August 1	174,315	173,484	171,681
July 1	174,054	173,232	171,420
June 1	173,810	173,007	171,178
May 1	173,573	172,771	170,934
April 1	173,359	172,540	170,704
March 1	173,135	172,284	170,485
February 1	172,941	172,086	170,294
January 1	172,726	171,910	170,074
1957:			
December 1	172,494	171,649	169,798
November 1	172,270	171,408	169,534
October 1	172,020	171,091	169,226
September 1	171,745	170,861	168,922
August 1	171,467	170,563	168,625
July 1	171,198	170,295	168,370
June 1	170,959	170,072	168,138
May 1	170,722	169,803	167,900
April 1	170,496	169,606	167,674
March 1	170,258	169,370	167,440
February 1	170,038	169,151	167,221
January 1	169,803	168,950	166,992
1956:			
December 1	169,547	168,635	166,718
November 1	169,302	168,423	166,471
October 1	169,028	168,146	166,202
September 1	168,745	167,858	165,916
August 1	168,456	167,544	165,616
July 1	168,176	167,261	165,341
June 1	167,937	167,033	165,095
May 1	167,719	166,813	164,853
April 1	167,509	166,587	164,630
March 1	167,271	166,337	164,378
February 1	167,046	166,120	164,138
January 1	166,818	165,931	163,902
1955:			
December 1	166,580	165,671	163,635
November 1	166,339	165,412	163,386
October 1	166,076	165,150	163,116
September 1	165,800	164,864	162,826
August 1	165,525	164,564	162,556
July 1	165,270	164,302	162,306
June 1	165,040	164,078	162,043
May 1	164,814	163,817	161,750
April 1	164,607	163,589	161,474
March 1	164,379	163,313	161,192
February 1	164,175	163,107	160,944
January 1	163,956	162,927	160,748
1954:			
December 1	163,721	162,662	160,460
November 1	163,483	162,382	160,197
October 1	163,226	162,114	159,918
1954--Con.			
September 1	162,954	161,810	159,636
August 1	162,678	161,486	159,347
July 1	162,417	161,191	159,086
June 1	162,188	160,956	158,847
May 1	161,969	160,710	158,613
April 1	161,761	160,489	158,389
March 1	161,540	160,235	158,150
February 1	161,332	160,012	157,920
January 1	161,115	159,825	157,679
1953:			
December 1	160,883	159,548	157,391
November 1	160,658	159,300	157,141
October 1	160,417	159,045	156,873
September 1	160,161	158,788	156,579
August 1	159,896	158,519	156,304
July 1	159,636	158,313	156,046
June 1	159,408	158,117	155,833
May 1	159,199	157,895	155,640
April 1	159,012	157,716	155,459
March 1	158,807	157,474	155,261
February 1	158,629	157,322	155,081
January 1	158,434	157,177	154,891
1952:			
December 1	158,222	156,932	154,652
November 1	158,008	156,713	154,414
October 1	157,775	156,461	154,157
September 1	157,525	156,251	153,870
August 1	157,271	155,985	153,598
July 1	157,028	155,761	153,366
June 1	156,819	155,592	153,133
May 1	156,616	155,376	152,904
April 1	156,421	155,201	152,711
March 1	156,209	155,001	152,531
February 1	156,007	154,809	152,411
January 1	155,790	154,649	152,292
1951:			
December 1	155,574	154,429	152,081
November 1	155,355	154,162	151,906
October 1	155,107	153,996	151,701
September 1	154,856	153,823	151,480
August 1	154,604	153,590	151,261
July 1	154,360	153,384	151,082
June 1	154,126	153,187	150,927
May 1	153,897	152,997	150,796
April 1	153,691	152,832	150,700
March 1	153,480	152,690	150,658
February 1	153,288	152,515	150,640
January 1	153,072	152,361	150,689
1950:			
December 1	152,860	152,153	150,573
November 1	152,647	151,986	150,505
October 1	152,416	151,793	150,503
September 1	152,174	151,600	150,525
August 1	151,921	151,443	150,402
July 1	151,683	151,234	150,202
June 1	151,477	151,025	149,995
May 1	151,292	150,846	149,803
April 1	151,132	150,697	149,634
March 1	150,945	150,504	149,436
February 1	150,759	150,304	149,225
January 1	150,552	150,085	148,980
1940 to 1949:			
July 1, 1949	149,188	148,665	147,578
July 1, 1948	146,631	146,093	145,168
July 1, 1947	144,126	143,446	142,566
July 1, 1946	141,389	140,054	138,385
July 1, 1945	139,928	132,481	127,573
July 1, 1944	138,397	132,885	126,708
July 1, 1943	136,739	134,245	127,499
July 1, 1942	134,860	133,920	130,942
July 1, 1941	133,402	133,121	131,595
July 1, 1940	132,122	131,954	131,658

[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.