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(The estimates in this report are consistent with the final population count from the 1960 Census taken as of April 1. The figures since July 1, 1957, supersede the corresponding estimates published in Series P-25, Nos. 206 and 216, and subsequent monthly reports in this series presenting population totals. Population estimates from February 1, 1959, to date include Alaska; figures for September 1, 1959, to date also include Hawaii.)

The total population of the United States including Armed Forces abroad numbered about 182,018,000 on December 1, 1960, according to estimates of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure includes the population of the two newest States, Alaska and Hawaii, which were admitted to the Union on January 3, 1959, and August 21, 1959, respectively. The final count of the population residing in the United States shown by the 1960 Census, taken as of April 1, is 179,323,175; the total population including Armed Forces abroad numbered about 180,004,000 on that date.

The numerical increase during the past decade was by far the largest in our Nation's history. The gain of 28.2 million people from July 1, 1950, to July 1, 1960, for the 48-State area (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) exceeded that of the 1940's, the Nation's largest previous decennial increase, by about 8.7 million persons. The number of babies born during the 1950's amounted to nearly 41 million as compared with the 32 million births during the 1940's. The number of deaths occurring during the 1950's amounted to 15.7 million, or 1.1 million more than during the 1940 decade. Net migration into the United States amounted to 3 million, or 1 million more than in the

previous decade. The net result of these increases was a somewhat higher rate of population growth in the 1950's than in the 1940's. The annual average rate of growth for the 1950's (48-State area) was 1.72 percent; during the 1940's, the rate was 1.39 percent. The lowest rate registered since the turn of the century was 0.70 for the decade 1930 to 1940; the highest rate was 1.96 for the decade 1900 to 1910. Rates during the 19th century were, in general, much higher.

During fiscal year 1959-60 the population of the United States increased by 3,409,000 persons, or 1.92 percent. Part of this increase, however, was due to the inclusion of Hawaii as a State. The increase in 1959-60 for the 48-State area was 2,819,000, or 1.59 percent. During fiscal year 1958-59, the increase amounted to 3,201,000 persons, or 1.84 percent, including the effect of the addition of Alaska. The increase in 1958-59 for the 48-State area was 3,015,000, or 1.73 percent. Thus, growth rates have been about the same during the last few years as in the 1950's as a whole.

Births during the 12 months ending July 1, 1960, amounted to 4,255,000, or only slightly fewer than in each of the last three years,

when the figure was about 4,285,000. Despite this small decline in the number of births, 1960 was the seventh year in succession in which births exceeded 4 million. The birth rate of 23.7 (per 1,000 of the population) in 1959-60 was only a little lower than the rate of 24.4 for 1958-59, the previous low of the decade, and represented a moderate decline from the high of 25.2 registered in fiscal year 1956-57, but it is not far below the annual average rate of 24.7 for the 1950-60 decade.

For the 12-month period ending July 1, 1960, deaths in the United States numbered 1,695,000. The corresponding figures for the two previous fiscal years were 1,649,000 and 1,679,000. The death rate is estimated at 9.5 for the 1959-60 fiscal year. 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 recent decline in the birth rate, the rate of natural increase (the excess of births over deaths per 1,000 population) dropped to 14.3 in 1959-60, the lowest level of this decade. However, the amount of natural increase, 2.6 million, was slightly larger than the annual average of 2.5 million for the decade.

Migration from abroad resulted in a net increment of 261,000 persons to the Nation's population in fiscal year 1959-60. This represents a sharp decline from the 343,000 reported for the previous fiscal year; the 1959-60 figure is also less than the decade average of 299,000. The figure for 1958-59 was the highest reported since 1950-51 when there were 389,000 net immigrants. In all years of the decade, net migration exceeded 200,000, and in several years it fell between 300,000 and 400,000. On the average, net migration has been contributing about 10 percent of our total population gain.

The postcensal estimate of the total resident population for April 1, 1960, obtained by combining statistics on births, deaths, immigration, and emigration for 1950 to 1960 with the 1950 Census count differed by only 89,000, or .05 percent, from the final population count shown by the 1960 Census. To adjust for this "error of closure," the estimate of population change for the 1950-60 decade was arbitrarily increased by this amount. Because of the small size of the "error of closure," it seemed satisfactory to confine the actual adjustment

of the postcensal population estimates to only a few recent years. Thus the "error" of 89,000 was distributed over the 33-month period from July 1, 1957, to April 1, 1960, and the previously published population estimates up to July 1, 1957, were retained unchanged. The adjustments have been combined with the reported data on net immigration in table 2.

Table 1 gives birth and death rates, rates of natural increase, and net civilian immigration rates per 1,000 of the population for 1950 to 1960.

Table 1.—BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES, RATES OF NATURAL INCREASE, AND NET IMMIGRATION RATES PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1950 TO 1960

(Rates are based on midperiod estimates of the total population including Armed Forces abroad. Figures from January 1, 1959, to date include Alaska; figures for September 1, 1959, to date also include Hawaii. Vital rates have been adjusted for under-registration and for deaths to Armed Forces abroad)

Fiscal year (July 1 to June 30)	Rate of natural in- crease	Birth rate	Death rate	Net civilian immi- gration rate
1959-60.....	14.3	23.7	9.5	1.5
1958-59.....	15.0	24.4	9.4	2.0
1957-58.....	15.1	24.8	9.7	1.3
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 1960.....	15.2	24.7	9.5	1.8

Table 2 presents figures on the components of population change, for the population including Armed Forces abroad, for each July 1-June 30 period from 1950 to 1960, and each fiscal year between 1940 and 1950. Table 3 presents monthly estimates of the population of the United States including Armed Forces abroad, the population residing in the United States (excluding Armed Forces abroad), and the civilian population, for the period January 1, 1950, to December 1, 1960.

These estimates take account of the final population count from the 1960 Census, taken as of April 1. They are also based on the population counts from the 1950 and 1940 Censuses; and 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, for the 1940-50 and 1950-60 decades.

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 nonemigrant aliens was discontinued in fiscal year 1956-57; no allowance was made for the net movement of nonimmigrant

and nonemigrant aliens in that year and later years. Because the net number of such migrants should be quite small, their inclusion would have little effect on the totals. The figures on immigration were supplemented by data on travel between conterminous 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 by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Immigration statistics for the period after June 30, 1960, were not available at the time of preparation of the estimates shown in this report. Net immigration for July 1960 to November 1960 was estimated on the basis of the figures for preceding months.

Table 2.—ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES ABROAD, 1940 TO 1960, WITH COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

(Numbers in thousands. Population estimates have been adjusted to be consistent with final results of the 1960 Census. Because of the small size of these adjustments, they have been confined to dates subsequent to July 1957. 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 population estimate for January 1, 1960, and the changes since September 1, 1959, include Hawaii, which was admitted to the Union on September 1, 1959.)

Date	Population	Change since preceding date					Increase in population since April 1, 1950 ⁵	
		Net change ¹		Births ²	Deaths ³	Net civilian immigration ⁴	Number	Percent
		Number	Percent					
UNITED STATES								
July 1, 1960 ⁶	180,670	3,409	1.92	4,255	1,695	7283	29,538	19.54
July 1, 1959 ⁶	177,261	3,201	1.84	4,289	1,649	7380	26,129	17.29
CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES ⁹								
July 1, 1950 to 1960:								
1960.....	179,894	2,819	1.59	4,233	1,691	7276	28,762	19.03
1959.....	177,076	3,015	1.73	4,285	1,648	7380	25,943	17.17
1958.....	174,060	2,862	1.67	4,288	1,679	7255	22,928	15.17
1957.....	171,198	3,022	1.80	4,287	1,577	7312	20,066	13.28
1956.....	168,176	2,907	1.76	4,142	1,566	7332	17,044	11.28
1955.....	165,270	2,852	1.76	4,096	1,501	7262	14,137	9.35
1954.....	162,417	2,782	1.74	4,022	1,483	7241	11,285	7.47
1953.....	159,636	2,608	1.66	3,928	1,526	7204	8,504	5.63
1952.....	157,028	2,667	1.73	3,839	1,506	7331	5,895	3.90
1951.....	154,360	2,677	1.77	3,753	1,480	7389	3,228	2.14
1950.....	151,683	2,495	1.67	3,620	1,460	7337	551	0.36
July 1, 1940 to 1949:								
1949.....	149,188	2,377	1.74	3,642	1,435	7350	...	...
1948.....	146,631	2,505	1.74	3,640	1,453	7309	...	...
1947.....	144,126	2,738	1.94	3,931	1,425	7241	...	...
1946.....	141,389	1,460	1.04	2,859	1,438	7100	...	...
1945.....	139,928	1,531	1.11	2,922	1,634	7237	...	...
1944.....	138,397	1,658	1.21	2,975	1,515	7179	...	...
1943.....	136,739	1,880	1.39	3,154	1,447	7141	...	...
1942.....	134,860	1,457	1.09	2,776	1,382	7052	...	...
1941.....	133,402	1,280	0.97	2,619	1,421	7074	...	...
1940.....	132,122	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total change:								
July 1, 1950 to 1960 ⁶.....	...	28,987	19.11	40,899	15,662	72,988	...	...
July 1, 1940 to 1950.....	...	19,561	14.81	32,138	14,610	2,020	...	...
Annual average change:								
1950 to 1960 ⁶.....	...	2,899	1.77	4,090	1,566	7299	...	...
1940 to 1950.....	...	1,956	1.39	3,214	1,461	202	...	...
Semiannual dates, 1950 to 1960:								
July 1, 1960 ⁶	180,670	1,282	0.71	2,034	881	7129	29,538	19.54
January 1, 1960 ⁶	179,388	2,127	1.20	2,221	814	7154	28,256	18.70
July 1, 1959 ⁸	177,261	1,607	0.91	2,077	849	7198	26,129	17.29
January 1, 1959.....	175,654	1,594	0.92	2,212	800	7182	24,522	16.23
July 1, 1958.....	174,060	1,329	0.77	2,043	851	7138	22,928	15.17
January 1, 1958.....	172,731	1,533	0.90	2,246	828	7117	21,599	14.29
July 1, 1957.....	171,198	1,395	0.82	2,061	809	7143	20,066	13.28
January 1, 1957.....	169,803	1,627	0.97	2,226	768	7169	18,670	12.35
July 1, 1956.....	168,176	1,258	0.81	1,993	800	7166	17,044	11.28
January 1, 1956.....	166,818	1,549	0.94	2,149	766	7166	15,686	10.39
July 1, 1955.....	165,270	1,314	0.80	1,954	766	7128	14,137	9.35
January 1, 1955.....	163,956	1,539	0.95	2,141	735	7134	12,824	8.49
July 1, 1954.....	162,417	1,303	0.81	1,937	750	7115	11,285	7.47
January 1, 1954.....	161,115	1,479	0.93	2,085	733	7126	9,982	6.61
July 1, 1953.....	159,636	1,202	0.76	1,880	794	7113	8,504	5.63
January 1, 1953.....	158,434	1,407	0.90	2,048	731	7191	7,302	4.83
July 1, 1952.....	157,028	1,238	0.79	1,864	777	7149	5,895	3.90
January 1, 1952.....	155,790	1,430	0.93	1,975	725	7182	4,658	3.08
July 1, 1951.....	154,360	1,288	0.84	1,850	767	7197	3,228	2.14
January 1, 1951.....	153,072	1,389	0.92	1,902	713	7191	1,940	1.28
July 1, 1950.....	151,683	1,131	0.75	1,724	751	7158	551	0.36
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 1957 to 1960 include small adjustments for "error of closure"; see footnote 7 and text for explanation. Figures for 1940 to 1950 also include slight adjustments for "error of closure"; see *Current Population Reports*, Series P-23, No. 71, p. 3, for explanation.

⁵ The total population of the United States including Armed Forces abroad on April 1, 1950, was 151,132,000.

⁶ Population estimates for July 1, 1960, and January 1, 1960, relate to 50 States and the District of Columbia (including Alaska and Hawaii). Estimates of births, deaths, and migration include Alaska after January 1, 1959, and Hawaii after September 1, 1959; net change figure includes, in addition to these components, the estimated civilian population of Alaska on January 1, 1959, and of Hawaii on September 1, 1959.

⁷ Figures include adjustment for small difference between final census count of population for April 1, 1960, and postcensal estimate for this date based on 1950 Census count. Reported net civilian immigration to the United States (expanding area) for recent years is as follows: 1959-60, 261,000; 1958-59, 343,000; 1957-58, 225,000. See text for further explanation.

⁸ Population estimate for July 1, 1959, relates to 49 States and the District of Columbia (including Alaska). Estimates of births, deaths, and migration include Alaska after January 1, 1959; and the net change figure includes, in addition to these components, the estimated civilian population of Alaska on January 1, 1959.

⁹ 48 States and the District of Columbia. Population estimates for January 1, 1959, and earlier dates also relate to the conterminous area.

Table 3.--ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY MONTHS, 1950 TO 1960, WITH COMPARATIVE MIDYEAR FIGURES FOR 1940 TO 1949

(Numbers in thousands. Figures take account of final results of the 1960 Census of Population. The estimates for August 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, and later months also include Hawaii)

Date	Total population including Armed Forces abroad	Total population residing in United States (excluding Armed Forces abroad)	Civilian population	Date	Total population including Armed Forces abroad	Total population residing in United States (excluding Armed Forces abroad)	Civilian population
1960: ¹				1954:			
December 1.....	182,018	181,325	175,488	December 1.....	163,721	162,662	160,460
November 1.....	181,778	181,088	175,245	November 1.....	163,485	162,382	160,197
October 1.....	181,519	180,826	175,002	October 1.....	163,226	162,114	159,918
September 1.....	181,232	180,549	174,715	September 1.....	162,954	161,810	159,636
August 1.....	180,936	180,250	174,421	August 1.....	162,678	161,486	159,347
July 1.....	180,670	179,977	174,163	July 1.....	162,417	161,191	159,086
June 1.....	180,439	179,770	173,941	June 1.....	162,188	160,956	158,847
May 1.....	180,217	179,539	173,712	May 1.....	161,969	160,710	158,613
April 1.....	180,004	179,323	173,492	April 1.....	161,761	160,489	158,389
March 1.....	179,787	179,106	173,265	March 1.....	161,540	160,235	158,150
February 1.....	179,594	178,901	173,068	February 1.....	161,332	160,012	157,920
January 1.....	179,383	178,736	172,866	January 1.....	161,115	159,825	157,679
1959: ¹				1953:			
December 1.....	179,161	178,502	172,625	December 1.....	160,883	159,548	157,391
November 1.....	178,926	178,245	172,395	November 1.....	160,658	159,300	157,141
October 1.....	178,660	177,958	172,162	October 1.....	160,417	159,045	156,873
September 1 ²	178,385	177,690	171,850	September 1.....	160,161	158,788	156,579
August 1.....	177,539	176,786	171,999	August 1.....	159,896	158,519	156,304
July 1.....	177,261	176,511	171,724	July 1.....	159,636	158,313	156,046
June 1.....	177,012	176,256	171,475	June 1.....	159,408	158,117	155,833
May 1.....	176,778	176,011	171,228	May 1.....	159,199	157,895	155,640
April 1.....	176,551	175,806	171,980	April 1.....	159,012	157,716	155,459
March 1.....	176,307	175,552	171,724	March 1.....	158,807	157,474	155,261
February 1 ³	176,080	175,336	171,485	February 1.....	158,629	157,322	155,081
January 1.....	175,654	174,896	171,053	January 1.....	158,434	157,177	154,891
1958:				1952:			
December 1.....	175,410	174,623	170,783	December 1.....	158,222	156,932	154,652
November 1.....	175,164	174,374	170,531	November 1.....	158,008	156,713	154,414
October 1.....	174,890	174,078	170,256	October 1.....	157,775	156,461	154,157
September 1.....	174,602	173,811	170,962	September 1.....	157,525	156,251	153,870
August 1.....	174,326	173,494	170,691	August 1.....	157,271	155,985	153,598
July 1.....	174,060	173,239	170,426	July 1.....	157,028	155,761	153,366
June 1.....	173,822	173,019	170,190	June 1.....	156,819	155,592	153,133
May 1.....	173,584	172,781	170,945	May 1.....	156,616	155,376	152,904
April 1.....	173,367	172,547	170,712	April 1.....	156,421	155,201	152,711
March 1.....	173,138	172,287	170,483	March 1.....	156,209	155,001	152,531
February 1.....	172,943	172,087	170,295	February 1.....	156,007	154,809	152,411
January 1.....	172,731	171,915	170,080	January 1.....	155,790	154,649	152,292
1957:				1951:			
December 1.....	172,499	171,654	169,803	December 1.....	155,574	154,429	152,081
November 1.....	172,274	171,411	169,538	November 1.....	155,355	154,162	151,906
October 1.....	172,022	171,094	169,229	October 1.....	155,107	153,996	151,701
September 1.....	171,747	170,863	168,924	September 1.....	154,856	153,823	151,480
August 1.....	171,468	170,564	168,625	August 1.....	154,604	153,590	151,261
July 1.....	171,198	170,295	168,370	July 1.....	154,360	153,384	151,082
June 1.....	170,959	170,072	168,138	June 1.....	154,126	153,187	150,927
May 1.....	170,722	169,803	167,900	May 1.....	153,897	152,997	150,796
April 1.....	170,496	169,606	167,674	April 1.....	153,691	152,832	150,700
March 1.....	170,258	169,370	167,440	March 1.....	153,480	152,690	150,658
February 1.....	170,038	169,151	167,221	February 1.....	153,288	152,515	150,640
January 1.....	169,803	168,950	166,992	January 1.....	153,072	152,361	150,689
1956:				1950:			
December 1.....	169,547	168,635	166,718	December 1.....	152,860	152,153	150,573
November 1.....	169,302	168,423	166,471	November 1.....	152,647	151,986	150,505
October 1.....	169,028	168,146	166,202	October 1.....	152,416	151,793	150,503
September 1.....	168,745	167,858	165,916	September 1.....	152,174	151,600	150,525
August 1.....	168,456	167,544	165,616	August 1.....	151,921	151,443	150,402
July 1.....	168,176	167,261	165,341	July 1.....	151,683	151,234	150,202
June 1.....	167,937	167,033	165,095	June 1.....	151,477	151,025	149,995
May 1.....	167,719	166,813	164,853	May 1.....	151,292	150,846	149,803
April 1.....	167,509	166,587	164,630	April 1.....	151,132	150,697	149,634
March 1.....	167,271	166,337	164,378	March 1.....	150,945	150,504	149,436
February 1.....	167,046	166,120	164,138	February 1.....	150,799	150,304	149,225
January 1.....	166,818	165,931	163,902	January 1.....	150,552	150,085	148,980
1955:				1940 TO 1949:			
December 1.....	166,580	165,671	163,635	July 1, 1949.....	149,188	148,665	147,578
November 1.....	166,339	165,412	163,386	July 1, 1948.....	146,631	146,093	145,168
October 1.....	166,076	165,150	163,116	July 1, 1947.....	144,126	143,446	142,566
September 1.....	165,800	164,864	162,826	July 1, 1946.....	141,389	140,054	138,385
August 1.....	165,525	164,564	162,556	July 1, 1945.....	139,928	138,481	137,573
July 1.....	165,270	164,302	162,306	July 1, 1944.....	138,397	137,885	137,008
June 1.....	165,040	164,078	162,043	July 1, 1943.....	136,739	136,245	135,499
May 1.....	164,814	163,817	161,750	July 1, 1942.....	134,860	134,520	133,942
April 1.....	164,607	163,589	161,474	July 1, 1941.....	133,402	133,121	131,595
March 1.....	164,379	163,313	161,192	July 1, 1940.....	132,122	131,954	131,658
February 1.....	164,175	163,107	160,944				
January 1.....	163,956	162,927	160,748				

¹ Provisional estimates.

² Change over August 1, 1959, reflects addition of Hawaii to United States population including Alaska.

³ Change over January 1, 1959, reflects addition of Alaska to United States population.