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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,

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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 underregistration and for deaths to Armed Forces abroad)

Fiscal year (July 1 to June 30)	Rate of natural increase	Birth rate	Death rate	Net civilian immigration 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	[7]283	29,538	19.54
July 1, 1959[8]	177,261	3,201	1.84	4,289	1,649	[7]380	26,129	17.29
CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES[9]								
July 1, 1950 to 1960:								
1960	179,894	2,819	1.59	4,233	1,691	[7]276	28,762	19.03
1959	177,076	3,015	1.73	4,285	1,648	[7]380	25,943	17.17
1958	174,060	2,862	1.67	4,288	1,679	[7]255	22,928	15.17
1957	171,198	3,022	1.80	4,287	1,577	312	20,066	13.28
1956	168,176	2,907	1.76	4,142	1,566	332	17,044	11.28
1955	165,270	2,852	1.76	4,096	1,501	262	14,137	9.35
1954	162,417	2,782	1.74	4,022	1,483	241	11,285	7.47
1953	159,636	2,608	1.66	3,928	1,526	204	8,504	5.63
1952	157,028	2,667	1.73	3,839	1,506	331	5,895	3.90
1951	154,360	2,677	1.77	3,753	1,480	389	3,228	2.14
1950	151,683	2,495	1.67	3,620	1,460	337	551	0.36
July 1, 1940 to 1949:								
1949	149,188	2,557	1.74	3,642	1,435	350	...	...
1948	146,631	2,505	1.74	3,640	1,453	309	...	...
1947	144,126	2,738	1.94	3,931	1,425	241	...	...
1946	141,389	1,460	1.04	2,859	1,438	100	...	...
1945	139,928	1,531	1.11	2,922	1,634	237	...	...
1944	138,397	1,658	1.21	2,975	1,515	179	...	...
1943	136,739	1,880	1.39	3,154	1,447	141	...	...
1942	134,860	1,457	1.09	2,776	1,382	52	...	...
1941	133,402	1,280	0.97	2,619	1,421	74	...	...
1940	132,122	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total change:								
July 1, 1950 to 1960[6]	...	28,987	19.11	40,899	15,662	[7]2,988	...	...
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	[7]299	...	...
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	[7]129	29,538	19.54
January 1, 1960[6]	179,388	2,127	1.20	2,221	814	[7]154	28,256	18.70
July 1, 1959[8]	177,261	1,607	0.91	2,077	849	[7]198	26,129	17.29
January 1, 1959	175,654	1,594	0.92	2,212	800	[7]182	24,522	16.23
July 1, 1958	174,060	1,329	0.77	2,043	851	[7]138	22,928	15.17
January 1, 1958	172,731	1,533	0.90	2,246	828	[7]117	21,599	14.29
July 1, 1957	171,198	1,395	0.82	2,061	809	[7]143	20,066	13.28
January 1, 1957	169,803	1,627	0.97	2,226	768	169	18,670	12.35
July 1, 1956	168,176	1,358	0.81	1,993	800	166	17,044	11.28
January 1, 1956	166,818	1,549	0.94	2,149	766	166	15,686	10.39
July 1, 1955	165,270	1,314	0.80	1,954	766	128	14,137	9.35
January 1, 1955	163,956	1,539	0.95	2,141	735	134	12,824	8.49
July 1, 1954	162,417	1,303	0.81	1,937	750	115	11,285	7.47
January 1, 1954	161,115	1,479	0.93	2,085	733	126	9,982	6.61
July 1, 1953	159,636	1,202	0.76	1,880	794	113	8,504	5.63
January 1, 1953	158,434	1,407	0.90	2,048	731	91	7,302	4.83
July 1, 1952	157,028	1,238	0.79	1,864	777	149	5,895	3.90
January 1, 1952	155,790	1,430	0.93	1,975	729	182	4,658	3.08
July 1, 1951	154,360	1,288	0.84	1,850	767	197	3,228	2.14
January 1, 1951	153,072	1,389	0.92	1,902	713	191	1,940	1.28
July 1, 1950	151,683	1,131	0.75	1,724	751	158	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-25, 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
1960:[1]			
December 1	182,018	181,325	179,488
November 1	181,778	181,088	179,245
October 1	181,519	180,826	179,002
September 1	181,232	180,549	178,715
August 1	180,936	180,250	178,421
July 1	180,670	179,977	178,163
June 1	180,439	179,770	177,941
May 1	180,217	179,539	177,712
April 1	180,004	179,323	177,492
March 1	179,787	179,106	177,265
February 1	179,594	178,901	177,068
January 1	179,388	178,736	176,866
1959:[1]			
December 1	179,161	178,502	176,625
November 1	178,926	178,245	176,395
October 1	178,660	177,958	176,132
September 1[2]	178,385	177,690	175,850
August 1	177,539	176,786	174,999
July 1	177,261	176,511	174,724
June 1	177,012	176,256	174,475
May 1	176,778	176,011	174,228
April 1	176,551	175,806	173,980
March 1	176,307	175,552	173,724
February 1[3]	176,080	175,336	173,485
January 1	175,654	174,896	173,053
1958:			
December 1	175,410	174,623	172,783
November 1	175,164	174,374	172,531
October 1	174,890	174,078	172,256
September 1	174,602	173,811	171,962
August 1	174,326	173,494	171,691
July 1	174,060	173,239	171,426
June 1	173,822	173,019	171,190
May 1	173,584	172,781	170,945
April 1	173,367	172,547	170,712
March 1	173,138	172,287	170,488
February 1	172,943	172,087	170,295
January 1	172,731	171,915	170,080
1957:			
December 1	172,499	171,654	169,803
November 1	172,274	171,411	169,538
October 1	172,022	171,094	169,229
September 1	171,747	170,863	168,924
August 1	171,468	170,564	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
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] 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.