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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. Figures from February 1, 1959, to date include Alaska; figures from September 1, 1959, to date include Hawaii. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950, to December 1, 1956, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 223)

The total population residing in the United States (excluding Armed Forces abroad) was about 182,481,000 on May 1, 1961, according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase of 3,157,000, or 1.8 percent, since April 1, 1960, the date of the most recent census, and an increase of 2,942,000, or 1.6 percent, over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago. These estimates are based on the 1960 and 1950 Censuses and statistics on births, deaths, immigration, and emigration for the years since 1950. The final count of the total population residing in the United States on April 1, 1960, is 179,323,175.

Estimates of the total population including Armed Forces abroad, of the population residing in the United States (excluding Armed Forces abroad), and of the civilian population, for selected months back to January 1, 1950, are shown below.

Estimates presented in this report are based on the total population counts from the 1960 and 1950 Censuses; statistics and estimates of births and deaths provided by the National Office of Vital Statistics, United States 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 have been adjusted for incomplete registration. The population estimates for August 1, 1957, to March 1, 1960, include small adjustments for the "error of closure," i.e., the difference between the final census count for April 1, 1960, and the postcensal estimate for this date based on the 1950 Census.

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(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
1961[1]			
December 1			
November 1			
October 1			
September 1			
August 1			
July 1			
June 1	183,174,000	182,481,000	180,661,000
May 1	182,952,000	182,269,000	180,432,000
April 1	182,714,000	182,018,000	180,185,000
March 1	182,489,000	181,790,000	179,955,000
February 1	182,257,000	181,571,000	179,733,000
1960[1]			
December 1	182,018,000	181,325,000	179,488,000
November 1	181,778,000	181,088,000	179,245,000
October 1	181,519,000	180,826,000	179,002,000
September 1	181,232,000	180,549,000	178,715,000
August 1	180,936,000	180,250,000	178,421,000
July 1	180,670,000	179,977,000	178,163,000
June 1	180,439,000	179,770,000	177,941,000
May 1	180,217,000	179,539,000	177,712,000
April 1	180,004,000	[2]179,323,175	177,492,000
March 1	179,787,000	179,106,000	177,265,000
February 1	179,594,000	178,901,000	177,068,000
January 1	179,388,000	178,736,000	176,866,000
1959[1]			
December 1	179,161,000	178,502,000	176,625,000
November 1	178,926,000	178,245,000	176,395,000
October 1	178,660,000	177,958,000	176,132,000
September 1[3]	178,385,000	177,690,000	175,850,000
August 1	177,539,000	176,786,000	174,999,000
July 1	177,261,000	176,511,000	174,724,000
June 1	177,012,000	176,256,000	174,475,000
May 1	176,778,000	176,011,000	174,228,000
April 1	176,551,000	175,806,000	173,980,000
March 1	176,307,000	175,552,000	173,724,000
February 1[4]	176,080,000	175,336,000	173,485,000
January 1	175,654,000	174,896,000	173,053,000
1958			
December 1	175,410,000	174,623,000	172,783,000
November 1	175,164,000	174,374,000	172,531,000
October 1	174,890,000	174,078,000	172,256,000
September 1	174,602,000	173,811,000	171,962,000
August 1	174,326,000	173,494,000	171,691,000
July 1	174,060,000	173,239,000	171,426,000
June 1	173,822,000	173,019,000	171,190,000
May 1	173,584,000	172,781,000	170,945,000
April 1	173,367,000	172,547,000	170,712,000
March 1	173,138,000	172,287,000	170,488,000
February 1	172,943,000	172,087,000	170,295,000
January 1	172,731,000	171,915,000	170,080,000
1957			
December 1	172,499,000	171,654,000	169,803,000
November 1	172,274,000	171,411,000	169,538,000
October 1	172,022,000	171,094,000	169,229,000
September 1	171,747,000	170,863,000	168,924,000
August 1	171,468,000	170,564,000	168,625,000
July 1	171,198,000	170,295,000	168,370,000
June 1	170,959,000	170,072,000	168,138,000
May 1	170,722,000	169,803,000	167,900,000
April 1	170,496,000	169,606,000	167,674,000
March 1	170,258,000	169,370,000	167,440,000
February 1	170,038,000	169,151,000	167,221,000
January 1	169,803,000	168,950,000	166,992,000
1950 TO 1956			
July 1, 1956	168,176,000	167,261,000	165,341,000
January 1, 1956	166,818,000	165,931,000	163,902,000
July 1, 1955	165,270,000	164,302,000	162,306,000
January 1, 1955	163,956,000	162,927,000	160,748,000
July 1, 1954	162,417,000	161,191,000	159,086,000
January 1, 1954	161,115,000	159,825,000	157,679,000
July 1, 1953	159,636,000	158,313,000	156,046,000
January 1, 1953	158,434,000	157,177,000	154,891,000
July 1, 1952	157,028,000	155,761,000	153,366,000
January 1, 1952	155,790,000	154,649,000	152,292,000
July 1, 1951	154,360,000	153,384,000	151,082,000
January 1, 1951	153,072,000	152,361,000	150,689,000
July 1, 1950	151,683,000	151,234,000	150,202,000
April 1, 1950[5]	151,132,000	[2]150,697,361	149,634,000
January 1, 1950	150,552,000	150,085,000	148,980,000

[1] Provisional estimates.
[2] Census count.
[3] Change over August 1, 1959, reflects addition of Hawaii to United States population including Alaska.
[4] Change over January 1, 1959, reflects addition of Alaska to United States population.
[5] Population figures including Alaska and Hawaii for April 1, 1950, are as follows:

Total population including Armed Forces abroad	151,718,000
Total population residing in the United States (excluding Armed Forces abroad)	151,325,798
Civilian population	150,219,000