

# Population Estimates

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## ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES BY AGE, RACE, AND SEX: JULY 1, 1968

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(Estimates are for the total population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas)

These estimates show the composition of the Nation's population by age, race, and sex. The average age of the population has attracted considerable attention during the past two decades because of marked changes in trend, associated with changes in the birth rate.

Median age stabilizes.--The median age of the Nation's population held to its previous July 1 level of 27.7 years for July 1, 1968 (table 1). Its failure to drop ends fifteen years of continuous decline, a decline that interrupted the historic upward trend in the median age of the American population.

This measure of the average age rose from 16.7 in 1820 (the earliest year for which age data for the total population are available) to 30.3 in 1952, mainly because of the decline in fertility during the period.

The decrease in average age since 1952 was brought about by the postwar baby boom which, as it continued through the 1950's, produced large numbers of young people, thus pulling down the average age of the population. Since 1961, however, when there were 4.3 million births, the absolute number of births has decreased every year and is estimated to be 3.5 million for fiscal 1967-68. As a result the median age has, for the present, stabilized. Even if the number of births holds steady or increases moderately, the median age of the population would not drop much below its present level.

For the population of voting age, in contrast to the population of all ages, the median age for 1968 is higher than was the case in 1960. The 1968 figure is 45.0 years, compared to 44.3 in 1960, for the population 21 years old and over including the Armed Forces overseas.

Table 1.--MEDIAN AGE OF THE POPULATION, BY SEX AND RACE: 1820 TO 1968

(Total population including Armed Forces overseas, 1950 to 1968; resident population, 1820 and 1900)

Year (July 1)	Total	Sex		Race	
		Male	Female	White	Negro
United States:					
1968.....	27.7	26.4	29.0	28.6	21.3
1967.....	27.7	26.4	29.0	28.7	21.3
1966.....	27.8	26.5	29.0	28.7	21.3
1965.....	28.0	26.7	29.2	28.9	21.5
1964.....	28.2	27.0	29.4	29.1	21.7
1963.....	28.5	27.4	29.6	29.4	22.1
1962.....	28.8	27.7	29.9	29.7	22.4
1961.....	29.1	28.1	30.1	30.0	22.9
1960.....	29.4	28.5	30.3	30.2	23.4
1952 (peak).....	30.3	29.8	30.7	30.8	(NA)
Conterminous United States:					
1950.....	30.2	29.8	30.6	30.7	26.2
1900.....	22.9	23.4	22.5	23.4	19.4
1820.....	16.7	16.6	16.7	16.5	(NA)

NA Not available.

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**Table 2.—Estimates of the Total Population of the United States Including Armed Forces Overseas, by Age, Race, and Sex,  
July 1, 1968, With Comparable Figures for April 1, 1960**

(Figures represent the sum of the total resident population and Armed Forces stationed outside the United States. For a statement of sources and methods, see Series P-25, No. 385)

Date and age	All classes			White			Nonwhite			
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Negro		
								Total	Male	Female
<b>JULY 1, 1968</b>										
All ages.....	201,166,000	98,869,000	102,296,000	176,663,000	86,977,000	89,686,000	24,503,000	22,354,000	10,803,000	11,551,000
Under 5 years.....	18,521,000	9,452,000	9,069,000	15,400,000	7,879,000	7,521,000	3,121,000	2,859,000	1,439,000	1,419,000
5 to 9 years.....	20,918,000	10,655,000	10,263,000	17,712,000	9,049,000	8,663,000	3,205,000	2,916,000	1,460,000	1,456,000
10 to 14 years.....	20,231,000	10,277,000	9,954,000	17,354,000	8,839,000	8,515,000	2,878,000	2,654,000	1,324,000	1,329,000
15 to 19 years.....	18,197,000	9,247,000	8,950,000	15,726,000	8,012,000	7,714,000	2,471,000	2,276,000	1,135,000	1,141,000
20 to 24 years.....	15,788,000	7,976,000	7,811,000	13,875,000	7,028,000	6,847,000	1,913,000	1,762,000	873,000	889,000
25 to 29 years.....	12,859,000	6,415,000	6,443,000	11,343,000	5,684,000	5,659,000	1,516,000	1,376,000	665,000	711,000
30 to 34 years.....	11,107,000	5,500,000	5,607,000	9,781,000	4,880,000	4,902,000	1,326,000	1,189,000	557,000	632,000
35 to 39 years.....	11,397,000	5,611,000	5,787,000	10,063,000	4,996,000	5,067,000	1,334,000	1,183,000	547,000	636,000
40 to 44 years.....	12,251,000	5,977,000	6,274,000	10,921,000	5,365,000	5,556,000	1,330,000	1,192,000	548,000	644,000
45 to 49 years.....	12,032,000	5,827,000	6,205,000	10,809,000	5,254,000	5,555,000	1,223,000	1,113,000	516,000	596,000
50 to 54 years.....	10,856,000	5,247,000	5,609,000	9,805,000	4,754,000	5,050,000	1,051,000	968,000	448,000	520,000
55 to 59 years.....	9,717,000	4,655,000	5,062,000	8,808,000	4,225,000	4,583,000	909,000	838,000	387,000	451,000
60 to 64 years.....	8,162,000	3,837,000	4,325,000	7,442,000	3,494,000	3,948,000	720,000	653,000	302,000	351,000
65 to 69 years.....	6,635,000	3,018,000	3,617,000	6,090,000	2,761,000	3,329,000	545,000	485,000	223,000	262,000
70 to 74 years.....	5,150,000	2,207,000	2,943,000	4,784,000	2,047,000	2,737,000	367,000	337,000	144,000	193,000
75 to 79 years.....	3,863,000	1,599,000	2,264,000	3,566,000	1,472,000	2,094,000	298,000	277,000	117,000	160,000
80 to 84 years.....	2,241,000	898,000	1,343,000	2,072,000	824,000	1,248,000	169,000	156,000	66,000	90,000
85 years and over...	1,239,000	469,000	769,000	1,111,000	414,000	697,000	128,000	121,000	52,000	70,000
1 to 4 years.....	15,095,000	7,702,000	7,393,000	12,580,000	6,435,000	6,145,000	2,515,000	2,303,000	1,159,000	1,144,000
5 to 13 years.....	37,239,000	18,949,000	18,290,000	31,703,000	16,177,000	15,526,000	5,536,000	5,066,000	2,534,000	2,533,000
14 to 17 years.....	15,053,000	7,646,000	7,407,000	12,982,000	6,611,000	6,370,000	2,071,000	1,908,000	951,000	957,000
18 to 21 years.....	14,372,000	7,296,000	7,076,000	12,556,000	6,390,000	6,167,000	1,815,000	1,662,000	828,000	834,000
14 years and over...	145,405,000	70,468,000	74,937,000	129,559,000	62,921,000	66,639,000	15,846,000	14,429,000	6,830,000	7,599,000
18 years and over...	130,353,000	62,822,000	67,530,000	116,578,000	56,309,000	60,268,000	13,775,000	12,521,000	5,879,000	6,643,000
21 years and over...	119,751,000	57,437,000	62,314,000	107,367,000	51,619,000	55,748,000	12,384,000	11,239,000	5,239,000	6,000,000
62 years and over...	23,858,000	10,406,000	13,452,000	21,932,000	9,530,000	12,402,000	1,926,000	1,754,000	777,000	971,000
65 years and over...	19,129,000	8,192,000	10,936,000	17,622,000	7,517,000	10,105,000	1,506,000	1,376,000	602,000	775,000
Median age...years..	27.7	26.4	29.0	28.6	27.4	29.9	21.5	21.3	20.2	22.4
<b>APRIL 1, 1960</b>										
All ages.....	180,007,000	89,011,000	90,996,000	159,467,000	78,998,000	80,469,000	20,540,000	18,916,000	9,158,000	9,759,000
Under 5 years.....	20,321,000	10,330,000	9,991,000	17,359,000	8,849,000	8,509,000	2,962,000	2,731,000	1,363,000	1,368,000
5 to 9 years.....	18,692,000	9,504,000	9,187,000	16,088,000	8,202,000	7,885,000	2,604,000	2,405,000	1,201,000	1,204,000
10 to 14 years.....	16,773,000	8,524,000	8,249,000	14,639,000	7,457,000	7,182,000	2,135,000	1,971,000	984,000	987,000
15 to 19 years.....	13,334,000	6,748,000	6,586,000	11,716,000	5,945,000	5,772,000	1,618,000	1,496,000	740,000	755,000
20 to 24 years.....	11,063,000	5,533,000	5,530,000	9,715,000	4,889,000	4,826,000	1,348,000	1,235,000	587,000	649,000
25 to 29 years.....	11,063,000	5,533,000	5,530,000	9,715,000	4,889,000	4,826,000	1,348,000	1,235,000	587,000	649,000
30 to 34 years.....	12,026,000	5,923,000	6,103,000	10,667,000	5,289,000	5,371,000	1,366,000	1,237,000	573,000	664,000
35 to 39 years.....	12,541,000	6,139,000	6,402,000	11,197,000	5,502,000	5,694,000	1,345,000	1,229,000	578,000	651,000
40 to 44 years.....	11,640,000	5,715,000	5,925,000	10,460,000	5,154,000	5,306,000	1,180,000	1,093,000	515,000	578,000
45 to 49 years.....	10,893,000	5,371,000	5,522,000	9,798,000	4,841,000	4,957,000	1,095,000	1,019,000	486,000	534,000
50 to 54 years.....	9,610,000	4,739,000	4,871,000	8,697,000	4,290,000	4,408,000	913,000	846,000	407,000	440,000
55 to 59 years.....	8,431,000	4,128,000	4,303,000	7,627,000	3,729,000	3,898,000	804,000	731,000	355,000	376,000
60 to 64 years.....	7,143,000	3,409,000	3,733,000	6,551,000	3,122,000	3,429,000	592,000	549,000	262,000	287,000
65 to 69 years.....	6,258,000	2,931,000	3,327,000	5,739,000	2,684,000	3,055,000	519,000	488,000	230,000	258,000
70 to 74 years.....	4,739,000	2,185,000	2,554,000	4,391,000	2,018,000	2,373,000	348,000	324,000	152,000	172,000
75 to 79 years.....	3,054,000	1,359,000	1,694,000	2,835,000	1,255,000	1,580,000	218,000	204,000	95,000	109,000
80 to 84 years.....	1,580,000	665,000	915,000	1,481,000	619,000	861,000	99,000	93,000	42,000	51,000
85 years and over...	929,000	362,000	567,000	858,000	331,000	527,000	72,000	67,000	29,000	38,000
1 to 4 years.....	16,209,000	8,240,000	7,969,000	13,860,000	7,065,000	6,795,000	2,349,000	2,168,000	1,082,000	1,085,000
5 to 13 years.....	32,726,000	16,640,000	16,087,000	28,341,000	14,446,000	13,895,000	4,385,000	4,049,000	2,023,000	2,027,000
14 to 17 years.....	11,162,000	5,653,000	5,508,000	9,785,000	4,967,000	4,818,000	1,376,000	1,273,000	633,000	640,000
18 to 21 years.....	9,440,000	4,750,000	4,690,000	8,293,000	4,193,000	4,100,000	1,147,000	1,057,000	511,000	546,000
14 years and over...	126,960,000	62,042,000	64,918,000	113,767,000	55,703,000	58,064,000	13,193,000	12,136,000	5,772,000	6,364,000
18 years and over...	115,798,000	56,388,000	59,410,000	103,982,000	50,736,000	53,246,000	11,816,000	10,863,000	5,139,000	5,724,000
21 years and over...	108,625,000	52,771,000	55,854,000	97,681,000	47,545,000	50,136,000	10,944,000	10,059,000	4,748,000	5,311,000
62 years and over...	20,714,000	9,475,000	11,239,000	19,123,000	8,718,000	10,405,000	1,592,000	1,489,000	696,000	794,000
65 years and over...	16,560,000	7,903,000	9,056,000	15,304,000	6,908,000	8,396,000	1,256,000	1,176,000	547,000	629,000
Median age...years..	29.5	28.6	30.3	30.3	29.3	31.1	23.5	23.5	22.5	24.4