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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES BY AGE AND SEX: JULY 1, 1971

(Preliminary report)

This report shows the total population including Armed Forces overseas by age and sex on July 1, 1971; July 1, 1970; and April 1, 1970. The estimates are consistent with the 1970 census figures shown in Advance Report, Series PC(V2)-1, table 2. The data by 10-year age groups from the report were interpolated to obtain the appropriate 5 year and single year of age data. Estimates of the number of Armed Forces overseas on April 1, 1970, were added to these counts to obtain estimates of the total population including Armed Forces overseas. These figures were carried forward to

July 1, 1971, using estimated birth, death, and net immigration data for the April 1, 1970, to July 1, 1971, period.

The preliminary figures presented here will be adjusted after publication of final 1970 census data in Final Report Series PC(1)-B, which will provide revised population data by single years of age. In addition, the PC(1)-B report will include a revision of the 1970 census data for the State of New York made in May 1971, by which the total population figure for New York was increased

Table 1. AGE OF THE POPULATION IN 1971, 1970, AND 1960 WITH AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

(Numbers in thousands. Total population including Armed Forces overseas)

Age	Population			Percent distribution			Change, 1970 to 1971		Average annual percent of change	
	July 1, 1971	April 1, 1970 ¹	April 1, 1960	July 1, 1971	April 1, 1970	April 1, 1960	Number	Per-cent	1970 to 1971	1960 to 1970
All ages.....	207,006	204,265	180,007	100.0	100.0	100.0	+2,740	+1.3	+1.1	+1.3
Under 5 years.....	17,328	17,167	20,321	8.4	8.4	11.3	+161	+0.9	+0.7	-1.7
5 to 13 years.....	35,986	36,684	32,726	17.4	18.0	18.2	-698	-1.9	-1.5	+1.1
14 to 17 years....	16,284	15,840	11,162	7.9	7.8	6.2	+444	+2.8	+2.2	+3.5
18 to 24 years....	25,693	24,404	15,975	12.4	11.9	8.9	+1,289	+5.3	+4.1	+4.2
25 to 34 years....	25,916	25,132	23,007	12.5	12.3	12.8	+784	+3.1	+2.5	+0.9
35 to 44 years....	22,899	23,184	24,181	11.1	11.3	13.4	-285	-1.2	-1.0	-0.4
45 to 54 years....	23,451	23,222	20,503	11.3	11.4	11.4	+229	+1.0	+0.8	+1.2
55 to 64 years....	18,894	18,583	15,573	9.1	9.1	8.7	+311	+1.7	+1.3	+1.8
65 years and over.	20,555	20,050	16,560	9.9	9.8	9.2	+506	+2.5	+2.0	+1.9

¹Preliminary figures consistent with 1970 Census of Population, Advance Report, Series PC(V2)-1, table 2.

50,526. The revision is not reflected in the tables of this report.

On July 1, 1971, the total population including Armed Forces overseas was 207.0 million, an increase of 2.7 million, or 1.3 percent, over the April 1, 1970, population of 204.3 million (table 1). The average annual percent of change between April 1, 1970, and July 1, 1971, was 1.1 percent, slightly lower than the rate of 1.3 between 1960 and 1970.

The age structure of the population continues to change largely due to past fluctuations in the birth rate. Since April 1, 1970, the population aged 5 to 13 years has decreased by 1.9 percent as children born in 1956 and 1957, when fertility was high, moved out of this age group and were replaced by children born during 1965 and 1966, when fertility was relatively lower. This decline in the elementary school age population since 1970 is in contrast to the 1960 to 1970 period when the population 5 to 13 years increased by about 1 per-

cent annually (table 1). The number of children under 5 years of age increased slightly between April 1, 1970, and July 1, 1971, reflecting the rise in the number of births after 1968. The number of children under 5 declined from 20.3 million in 1960 to 17.2 million in 1970, an average annual decrease of 1.7 percent. The continuing decrease in the population aged 35 to 44 reflects the low fertility of the 1930's.

The group aged 18 to 24 years is still growing rapidly as the large cohorts born during the 1950's continue to move into this age group. The number of young adults, 18 to 24 years of age, a key group for entry into the labor force and college, increased by 1.3 million, or 5.3 percent, between April 1, 1970, and July 1, 1971, and this group now constitutes 12.4 percent of the total population compared to only 8.9 percent in 1960. The population 25 to 34 years of age is beginning to grow rapidly and should continue to do so for a number of years as the large cohorts born following World War II move into this age category.

Table 2. ESTIMATES OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS, BY AGE AND SEX: JULY 1, 1971; JULY 1, 1970; AND APRIL 1, 1970

(Population in thousands. 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. 441)

Age	July 1, 1971			July 1, 1970			April 1, 1970 ¹		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
All ages.....	207,006	101,226	105,780	204,800	100,217	104,583	204,265	99,975	104,290
Under 5 years.....	17,328	8,836	8,492	17,184	8,753	8,430	17,167	8,745	8,422
5 to 9 years.....	19,278	9,820	9,458	19,876	10,127	9,749	19,955	10,166	9,789
10 to 14 years.....	20,935	10,660	10,275	20,805	10,596	10,209	20,788	10,589	10,198
15 to 19 years.....	19,659	9,989	9,670	19,285	9,793	9,492	19,169	9,733	9,436
20 to 24 years.....	18,090	9,113	8,977	17,176	8,645	8,531	17,016	8,562	8,454
25 to 29 years.....	14,092	7,002	7,090	13,758	6,827	6,931	13,678	6,785	6,893
30 to 34 years.....	11,823	5,835	5,988	11,520	5,686	5,834	11,454	5,654	5,800
35 to 39 years.....	11,151	5,480	5,671	11,208	5,505	5,703	11,225	5,512	5,712
40 to 44 years.....	11,748	5,720	6,027	11,918	5,802	6,116	11,959	5,822	6,137
45 to 49 years.....	12,212	5,914	6,298	12,210	5,917	6,293	12,205	5,916	6,289
50 to 54 years.....	11,239	5,391	5,848	11,059	5,312	5,747	11,016	5,293	5,723
55 to 59 years.....	10,086	4,801	5,285	9,992	4,771	5,221	9,967	4,763	5,204
60 to 64 years.....	8,808	4,107	4,701	8,656	4,044	4,612	8,616	4,027	4,589
65 to 69 years.....	6,963	3,133	3,830	6,831	3,075	3,756	6,801	3,061	3,740
70 to 74 years.....	5,661	2,372	3,289	5,634	2,372	3,263	5,624	2,370	3,254
75 to 79 years.....	3,871	1,568	2,303	3,739	1,541	2,199	3,706	1,533	2,173
80 to 84 years.....	2,285	883	1,401	2,341	897	1,443	2,356	900	1,455
85 years and over.....	1,775	601	1,174	1,611	556	1,055	1,563	543	1,020
1 to 4 years.....	13,661	6,959	6,701	13,771	7,012	6,759	13,710	6,982	6,727
5 to 13 years.....	35,986	18,327	17,659	36,615	18,651	17,964	36,684	18,687	17,997
14 to 17 years.....	16,284	8,285	7,999	15,902	8,085	7,816	15,840	8,053	7,787
18 to 21 years.....	14,860	7,526	7,334	14,540	7,356	7,183	14,455	7,312	7,143
14 years and over.....	153,692	74,063	79,629	151,001	72,813	78,189	150,414	72,544	77,871
16 years and over.....	145,394	69,836	75,558	142,916	68,696	74,220	142,343	68,435	73,907
18 years and over.....	137,408	65,778	71,630	135,100	64,727	70,372	134,574	64,491	70,084
21 years and over.....	126,090	60,040	66,051	124,112	59,160	64,951	123,658	58,961	64,696
62 years and over.....	25,668	10,925	14,742	25,161	10,764	14,396	25,025	10,719	14,305
65 years and over.....	20,555	8,557	11,999	20,156	8,441	11,716	20,050	8,408	11,642
Median age..... years..	27.9	26.6	29.2	27.9	26.6	29.2	27.9	26.6	29.2

¹Preliminary figures consistent with 1970 Census of Population, Advance Report, Series PC(V2)-1, table 2. Includes approximately 23,000 Armed Forces personnel overseas who resided outside of the United States at the time they entered military service.