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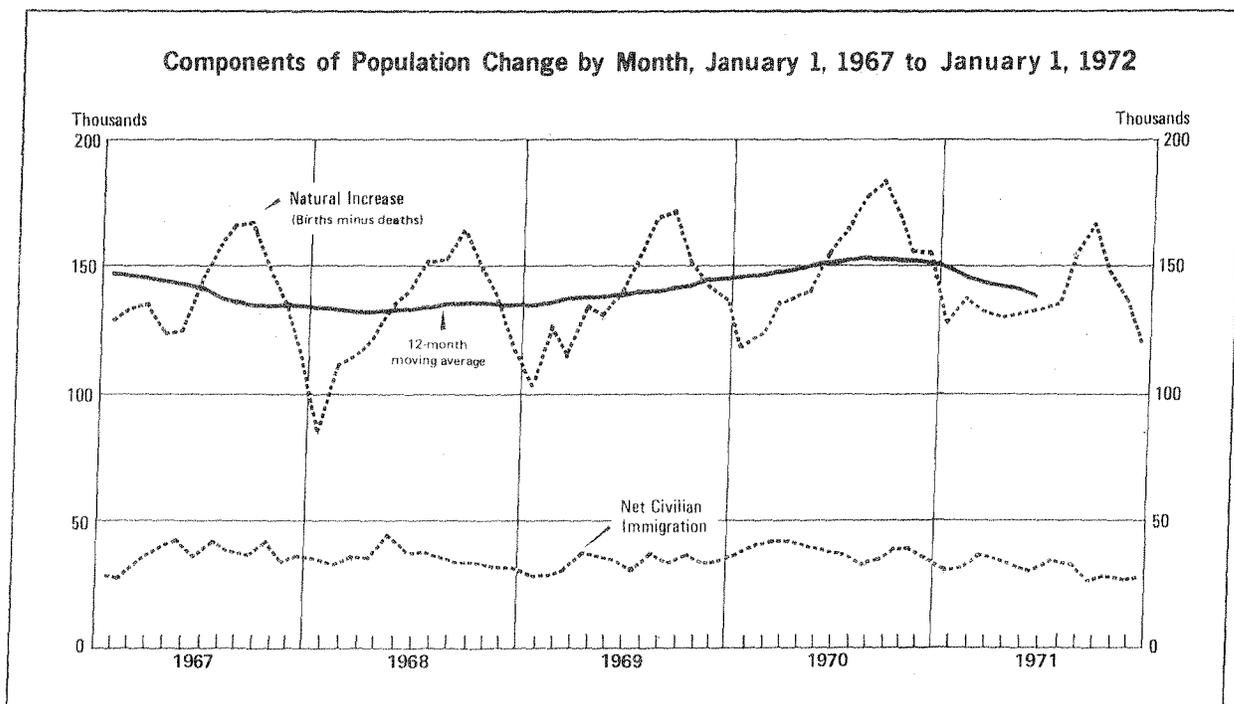
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## ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO JANUARY 1, 1972

The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was about 208,056,000 on January 1, 1972, according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase of 2,039,000, or 1.0 percent, over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago; and an increase of 150,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 123,000 (excess of births over deaths), and an estimated net civilian immigration of 29,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month, and are provisional after December 1967.)

The January 1, 1972, total population represents an increase of 3,791,000 over the population on April 1, 1970, the date of the census upon which these estimates are based. Previous to January 1, 1971, the current national estimates were based on the 1960 census count. Estimates for the period April 1, 1960 to April 1, 1970 have been adjusted in order to make the estimates consistent with the 1970 census count. This adjustment is provisional, subject to further revision when intercensal estimates by age, race, and sex are prepared.

This report presents estimates for (1) the total population including Armed Forces overseas, (2)



the total resident population, and (3) the civilian resident population, for selected months back to January 1, 1950. The population coverage shown by the Census Clock in the lobby of the Department of Commerce includes, in addition to the total population including Armed Forces overseas, overseas civilian employees of the Federal Government, their dependents, and the dependents of the Armed Forces overseas. On April 1, 1970, this population was 204,765,770.

In addition to data from the decennial censuses, the estimates are based on statistics on births and deaths provided by the National Center for Health

Statistics, U.S. Public Health Service; statistics on immigration provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; data on civilian citizens abroad provided by the Department of Defense and the Civil Service Commission; data on movement between Puerto Rico and the United States mainland provided by the Puerto Rico Planning Board; and data on the Armed Forces provided by the Department of Defense. Provisional estimates of net civilian immigration since July 1, 1970, are based in part on immigrant visa statistics provided by the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State.

ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY TYPE OF POPULATION: JANUARY 1, 1950 TO JANUARY 1, 1972

(In thousands. Includes Alaska and Hawaii in all years. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1971, and estimates for July 1 of each year from 1900 to 1949 are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 465)

Date	Total including Armed Forces overseas	Total resident	Civilian resident	Date	Total including Armed Forces overseas	Total resident	Civilian resident
1972				1968			
January 1.....	208,056	207,336	205,462	December 1.....	201,532	200,252	198,029
1971				November 1.....	201,374	200,094	197,851
December 1.....	207,905	207,133	205,246	October 1.....	201,196	199,918	197,643
November 1.....	207,743	206,961	205,046	September 1.....	201,001	199,715	197,418
October 1.....	207,563	206,784	204,846	August 1.....	200,808	199,504	197,213
September 1.....	207,372	206,564	204,623	July 1.....	200,619	199,312	197,026
August 1.....	207,180	206,358	204,406	June 1.....	200,447	199,150	196,887
July 1.....	207,006	206,187	204,211	May 1.....	200,270	198,979	196,732
June 1.....	206,843	205,986	204,027	April 1.....	200,118	198,833	196,603
May 1.....	206,676	205,832	203,826	March 1.....	199,968	198,701	196,477
April 1.....	206,511	205,614	203,629	February 1.....	199,837	198,596	196,360
March 1.....	206,339	205,425	203,414	January 1.....	199,721	198,492	196,272
February 1.....	206,179	205,258	203,228	1950 TO 1967			
January 1.....	206,017	205,056	203,046	July 1, 1967.....	198,629	197,374	195,181
1970				January 1, 1967.....	197,656	196,516	194,275
December 1.....	205,823	204,830	202,806	July 1, 1966.....	196,485	195,501	193,345
November 1.....	205,634	204,623	202,592	January 1, 1966.....	195,468	194,578	192,562
October 1.....	205,426	204,382	202,347	July 1, 1965.....	194,237	193,460	191,539
September 1.....	205,213	204,175	202,106	January 1, 1965.....	193,162	192,468	190,451
August 1.....	205,001	203,952	201,867	July 1, 1964.....	191,833	191,085	189,085
July 1.....	204,800	203,736	201,647	January 1, 1964.....	190,618	189,922	187,892
June 1.....	204,615	203,546	201,442	July 1, 1963.....	189,197	188,438	186,448
May 1.....	204,437	203,345	201,213	January 1, 1963.....	187,974	187,244	185,242
April 1.....	204,265	203,166	200,994	July 1, 1962.....	186,504	185,738	183,644
March 1.....	204,086	202,964	200,768	July 1, 1961.....	183,672	182,973	181,123
February 1.....	203,937	202,797	200,590	July 1, 1960.....	180,667	179,975	178,136
January 1.....	203,777	202,617	200,391	April 1, 1960.....	180,007	179,323	177,472
1969				January 1, 1960.....	179,386	178,729	176,850
December 1.....	203,598	202,411	200,158	July 1, 1959.....	177,830	177,135	175,277
November 1.....	203,419	202,192	199,943	July 1, 1958.....	174,882	174,149	172,226
October 1.....	203,219	201,966	199,691	July 1, 1957.....	171,984	171,187	169,110
September 1.....	203,010	201,733	199,467	July 1, 1956.....	168,903	168,088	166,055
August 1.....	202,795	201,503	199,258	July 1, 1955.....	165,931	165,069	162,967
July 1.....	202,599	201,306	199,067	July 1, 1954.....	163,026	161,884	159,695
June 1.....	202,426	201,129	198,905	July 1, 1953.....	160,184	158,956	156,595
May 1.....	202,251	200,968	198,725	July 1, 1952.....	157,553	156,393	153,892
April 1.....	202,084	200,810	198,575	July 1, 1951.....	154,878	153,982	151,599
March 1.....	201,941	200,647	198,444	July 1, 1950.....	152,271	151,868	150,790
February 1.....	201,804	200,512	198,322	April 1, 1950.....	151,718	151,326	150,219
January 1.....	201,678	200,415	198,204	January 1, 1950.....	151,135	150,720	149,563

<sup>1</sup>Includes approximately 23,000 Armed Forces personnel overseas who resided outside of the United States at the time they entered military service.

<sup>2</sup>The corrected 1970 population count was 203,235,298. Corrected data by age, race, and sex needed in developing national estimates are not available, since the corrections were introduced after the tabulations were made.

<sup>3</sup>Census counts: April 1, 1960--179,323,175; April 1, 1950--151,325,798.