



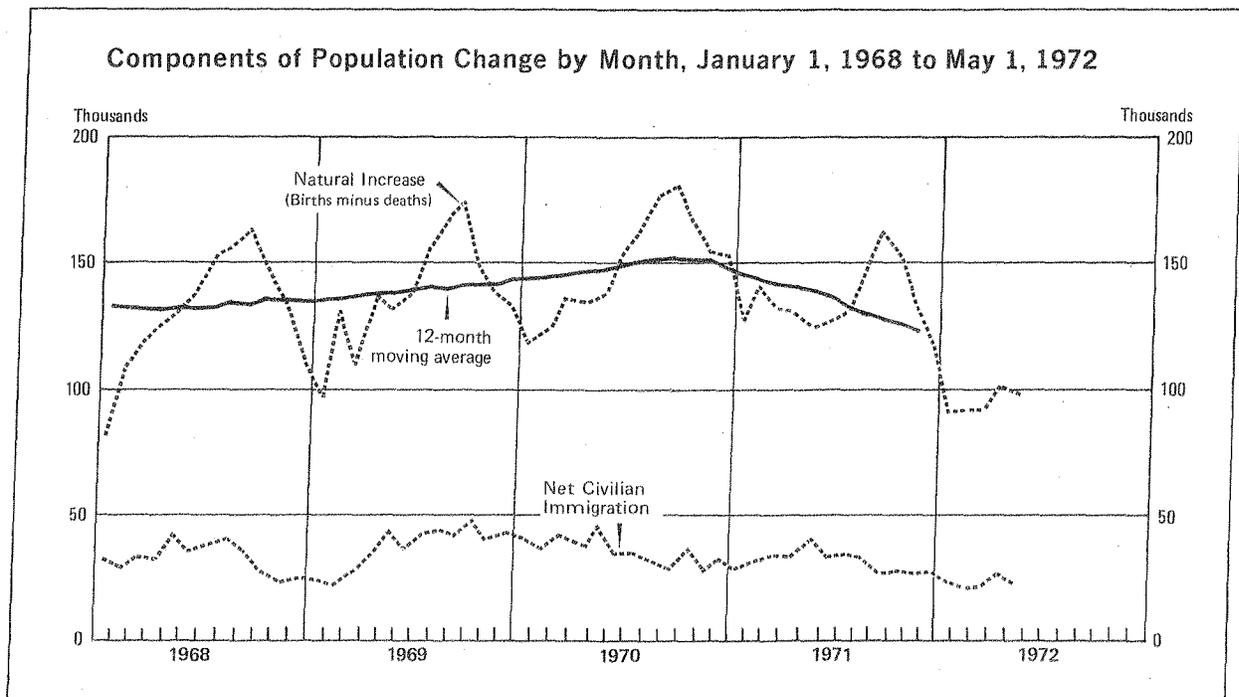
Population Estimates and Projections

ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAY 1, 1972

The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was about 208,558,000 on May 1, 1972, according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase 1,837,000, or 0.9 percent, over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago; and an increase of 120,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 97,000 (excess of births over deaths), and an estimated net civilian immigration of 23,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month, and are provisional after December 1968.)

The May 1, 1972, total population represents an increase of 4,224,000 over the population on April 1, 1970, the date of the census upon which these estimates are based. Estimates for the period since April 1, 1960 have been adjusted to be consistent with the official 1970 resident population count of 203,235,298.¹

¹Previously published estimates for the period from April 1, 1960 to February 1, 1972 shown in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 478 were consistent with an April 1, 1970 census count of 203,165,699 as shown in Advance Report, Series PC(V2)-1.



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, 1960. 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 204,839,000.

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, 1971, are based in part on immigrant visa statistics provided by the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State. For a complete discussion of the estimating procedure used in deriving these estimates, see Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 481.

ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY TYPE OF POPULATION: JANUARY 1, 1960 TO MAY 1, 1972

(In thousands. Includes Alaska and Hawaii in all years. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1960, to January 1, 1972, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 481. Estimates for July 1 of each year from 1900 to 1949 and for each month from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1960, 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				1970--Continued			
December 1.....				March 1.....	204,156	203,032	200,839
November 1.....				February 1.....	204,008	202,865	200,662
October 1.....				January 1.....	203,849	202,717	200,466
September 1.....				1969			
August 1.....				December 1.....	203,675	202,494	200,236
July 1.....				November 1.....	203,500	202,279	200,031
June 1.....				October 1.....	203,302	202,050	199,770
May 1.....	208,558	207,951	206,143	September 1.....	203,090	201,826	199,546
April 1.....	208,439	207,775	205,976	August 1.....	202,877	201,581	199,342
March 1.....	208,309	207,631	205,805	July 1.....	202,677	201,385	199,145
February 1.....	208,200	207,536	205,659	June 1.....	202,507	201,210	198,986
January 1.....	208,084	207,364	205,490	May 1.....	202,331	201,048	198,806
1971				April 1.....	202,161	200,887	198,653
December 1.....	207,936	207,164	205,277	March 1.....	202,023	200,729	198,525
November 1.....	207,775	206,993	205,078	February 1.....	201,881	200,589	198,398
October 1.....	207,591	206,812	204,874	January 1.....	201,760	200,498	198,287
September 1.....	207,404	206,596	204,655	1960 TO 1968			
August 1.....	207,219	206,397	204,445	July 1, 1968.....	200,706	199,399	197,113
July 1.....	207,049	206,230	204,254	January 1, 1968.....	199,808	198,578	196,359
June 1.....	206,890	206,033	204,074	July 1, 1967.....	198,712	197,457	195,264
May 1.....	206,722	205,878	203,872	January 1, 1967.....	197,736	196,596	194,355
April 1.....	206,557	205,660	203,675	July 1, 1966.....	196,560	195,576	193,420
March 1.....	206,388	205,474	203,463	January 1, 1966.....	195,539	194,649	192,633
February 1.....	206,232	205,311	203,281	July 1, 1965.....	194,303	193,526	191,605
January 1.....	206,073	205,153	203,106	January 1, 1965.....	193,223	192,529	190,512
1970				July 1, 1964.....	191,889	191,141	189,141
December 1.....	205,884	204,919	202,869	January 1, 1964.....	190,668	189,973	187,942
November 1.....	205,705	204,699	202,661	July 1, 1963.....	189,242	188,483	186,493
October 1.....	205,499	204,468	202,418	January 1, 1963.....	188,013	187,284	185,282
September 1.....	205,291	204,252	202,182	July 1, 1962.....	186,538	185,771	183,677
August 1.....	205,080	204,029	201,943	January 1, 1962.....	185,242	184,508	182,392
July 1.....	204,879	203,810	201,722	July 1, 1961.....	183,691	182,992	181,143
June 1.....	204,694	203,620	201,520	January 1, 1961.....	182,287	181,629	179,742
May 1.....	204,506	203,409	201,293	July 1, 1960.....	180,671	179,979	178,140
April 1.....	204,335	203,235	201,064	April 1, 1960.....	180,007	179,323	177,472
				January 1, 1960.....	179,386	178,729	176,850

¹Census counts: April, 1970--203,235,298; April 1, 1960--179,323,175.