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and Projections**



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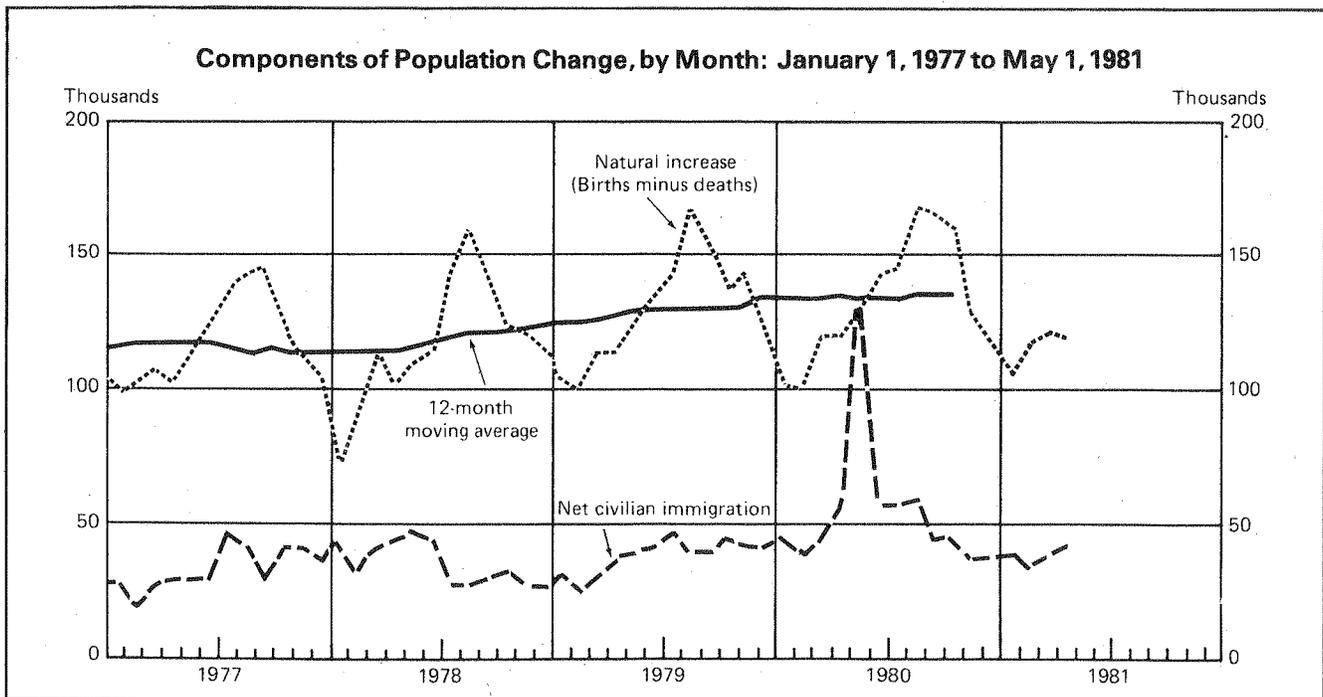
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Estimates of the Population of the United States to May 1, 1981

The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was estimated to be approximately 229,444,000 on May 1, 1981. This figure represents an increase of 2,248,000 or 1.0 percent, over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago, and an increase of 161,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 119,000 (excess of births over deaths) and estimated net civilian immigration of 43,000 (See chart below.) The May 1, 1981, total population represents an increase of 2,424,000 over the population counted on April 1, 1980, which serves as the beginning point for the estimate.

This report presents estimates for months back to April 1, 1970, of the (1) total population including Armed Forces overseas, (2) resident population, and (3) civilian population. The estimates are based on data from the decennial censuses; 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 Federal civilian employees abroad and their dependents provided by the Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management; data on movement between Puerto Rico and the 50 States (including the District of Columbia) provided by the Puerto Rico Planning Board; and data on the Armed Forces provided by the Department of Defense. The estimates for the months between April 1, 1970, and April 1, 1980, were derived by adjusting the estimates made during those years by distributing the error of closure (the difference between the 1980 census count and the postcensal estimate for April 1, 1980) in proportion to time elapsed since 1970 and population size. Comparable estimates for States are available from the Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.



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**Estimates of the Population of the United States by Type of Population:
 April 1, 1970 to May 1, 1981**

(In thousands. Includes Alaska and Hawaii in all years. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950 to January 1, 1970, and estimates for July 1 of each year from 1900 to 1949, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 802)

Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population	Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population
1981				1979			
December 1.....				December 1.....	226,234	225,732	224,144
November 1.....				November 1.....	226,006	225,509	223,915
October 1.....				October 1.....	225,779	225,287	223,688
September 1.....				September 1.....	225,545	225,056	223,456
August 1.....				August 1.....	225,293	224,803	223,200
July 1.....				July 1.....	225,055	224,567	222,969
June 1.....				June 1.....	224,841	224,352	222,766
May 1.....	229,444	228,945	227,318	May 1.....	224,626	224,137	222,548
April 1.....	229,283	228,786	227,153	April 1.....	224,431	223,941	222,348
March 1.....	229,119	228,626	226,990	March 1.....	224,234	223,744	222,144
February 1.....	228,977	228,487	226,855	February 1.....	224,066	223,577	221,969
January 1.....	228,830	228,339	226,707	January 1.....	223,880	223,392	221,783
1980				1970 to 1978			
December 1.....	228,666	228,180	226,543	July 1, 1978.....	222,585	222,095	220,467
November 1.....	228,503	228,018	226,383	January 1, 1978.....	221,477	220,995	219,358
October 1.....	228,297	227,808	226,178	July 1, 1977.....	220,239	219,760	218,106
September 1.....	228,091	227,599	225,972	January 1, 1977.....	219,179	218,706	217,046
August 1.....	227,863	227,365	225,746	July 1, 1976.....	218,035	217,563	215,894
July 1.....	227,658	227,158	225,552	January 1, 1976.....	217,095	216,609	214,957
June 1.....	227,461	226,961	225,368	July 1, 1975.....	215,973	215,465	213,788
May 1.....	227,196	226,699	225,108	January 1, 1975.....	214,931	214,428	212,738
April 1.....	227,020	¹ 226,505	224,927	July 1, 1974.....	213,854	213,342	211,636
March 1.....	226,811	226,300	224,720	January 1, 1974.....	212,932	212,418	210,676
February 1.....	226,636	226,127	224,549	July 1, 1973.....	211,909	211,357	209,600
January 1.....	226,444	225,938	224,367	January 1, 1973.....	210,985	210,410	208,580
				July 1, 1972.....	209,896	209,284	207,511
				January 1, 1972.....	208,917	208,224	206,324
				July 1, 1971.....	207,661	206,827	204,866
				January 1, 1971.....	206,466	205,546	203,499
				July 1, 1970.....	205,052	203,984	201,895
				April 1, 1970.....	204,401	² 203,302	201,131

¹Census count April 1, 1980--226,504,825.

²Census count April 1, 1970--203,302,031.

