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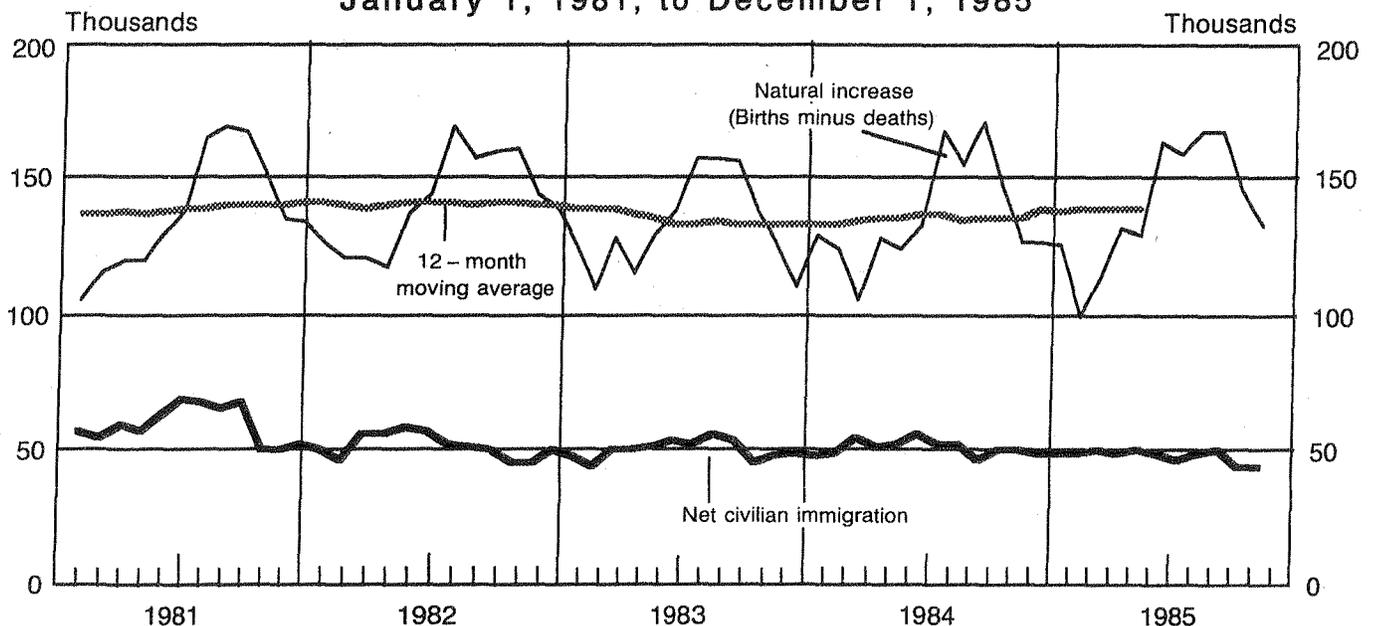
The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was estimated to be approximately 240,299,000 on December 1, 1985. This figure represents an increase of 2,255,000 or 0.9 percent over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago, and an increase of 176,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 132,000 (excess of births over deaths) and estimated net civilian immigration of 45,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month.) The December 1, 1985, total population represents an increase of 13,238,000 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, 1980, 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 census;

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.

These estimates contain estimated emigration of 160,000 per year since 1980 and net undocumented immigration of 200,000 per year. Prior to this, the time series had no allowance for undocumented immigration and an allowance of only 36,000 for emigration. For further information on these changes, contact the Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Components of Population Change, by Month:  
January 1, 1981, to December 1, 1985



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**Estimates of the Population, by Type: April 1, 1980, to December 1, 1985**

(In thousands. Includes Alaska and Hawaii in all years. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950, to March 1, 1980, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 971)

Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population	Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population
<b>1985</b>				<b>1982</b>			
December 1	240,299	239,760	238,064	December 1	233,559	233,041	231,369
November 1	240,123	239,585	237,888	November 1	233,379	232,860	231,192
October 1	239,929	239,387	237,693	October 1	233,184	232,665	231,003
September 1	239,714	239,171	237,465	September 1	232,962	232,442	230,772
August 1	239,494	238,967	237,236	August 1	232,739	232,216	230,541
July 1	239,283	238,740	237,036	July 1	232,520	231,996	230,327
June 1	239,071	238,531	236,845	June 1	232,309	231,786	230,134
May 1	238,888	238,351	236,663	May 1	232,111	231,590	229,935
April 1	238,709	238,174	236,483	April 1	231,932	231,414	229,756
March 1	238,542	238,007	236,317	March 1	231,743	231,227	229,566
February 1	238,400	237,868	236,178	February 1	231,573	231,059	229,403
January 1	238,222	237,692	236,009	January 1	231,405	230,893	229,247
<b>1984</b>				<b>1981</b>			
December 1	238,044	237,517	235,825	December 1	231,222	230,714	229,058
November 1	237,869	237,345	235,651	November 1	231,043	230,538	228,885
October 1	237,669	237,146	235,450	October 1	230,848	230,346	228,697
September 1	237,454	236,930	235,221	September 1	230,613	230,113	228,453
August 1	237,242	236,718	235,002	August 1	230,374	229,872	228,211
July 1	237,019	236,495	234,780	July 1	230,138	229,637	227,989
June 1	236,831	236,306	234,609	June 1	229,925	229,424	227,794
May 1	236,650	236,127	234,435	May 1	229,727	229,228	227,600
April 1	236,471	235,949	234,255	April 1	229,542	229,045	227,413
March 1	236,309	235,789	234,098	March 1	229,349	228,855	227,220
February 1	236,141	235,621	233,936	February 1	229,183	228,690	227,060
January 1	235,961	235,444	233,763	January 1	229,033	228,542	226,918
<b>1983</b>				<b>1980</b>			
December 1	235,796	235,282	233,593	December 1	228,861	228,371	226,737
November 1	235,623	235,112	233,425	November 1	228,679	228,189	226,559
October 1	235,439	234,928	233,235	October 1	228,468	227,976	226,350
September 1	235,225	234,715	233,021	September 1	228,231	227,735	226,111
August 1	235,005	234,492	232,795	August 1	227,991	227,491	225,875
July 1	234,799	234,284	232,589	July 1	227,757	227,255	225,651
June 1	234,599	234,081	232,402	June 1	227,544	227,038	225,451
May 1	234,411	233,894	232,213	May 1	227,263	226,752	225,174
April 1	234,237	233,718	232,034	April 1	227,061	226,546	224,968
March 1	234,054	233,534	231,858				
February 1	233,901	233,379	231,709				
January 1	233,736	233,217	231,552				

NA Not available.  
 \*Census count April 1, 1980—226,545,805.