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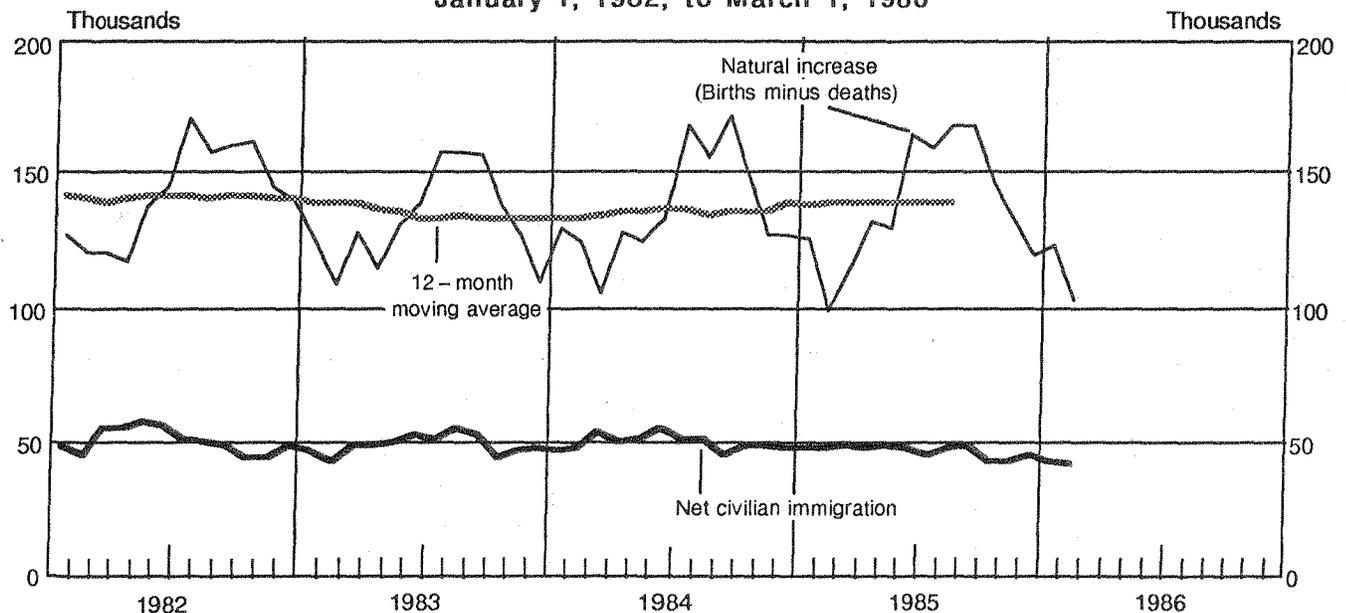
The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was estimated to be approximately 240,778,000 on March 1, 1986. This figure represents an increase of 2,236,000 or 0.9 percent over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago, and an increase of 138,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 96,000 (excess of births over deaths) and estimated net civilian immigration of 43,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month.) The March 1, 1986, total population represents an increase of 13,717,000 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, 1982, to March 1, 1986**



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**Estimates of the Population, by Type: April 1, 1980, to March 1, 1986**

(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
1986				1983--Continued			
December 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	June 1	234,599	234,081	232,402
November 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	May 1	234,411	233,894	232,213
October 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	April 1	234,237	233,718	232,034
September 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	March 1	234,054	233,534	231,858
August 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	February 1	233,901	233,379	231,709
July 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	January 1	233,736	233,217	231,552
				1982			
June 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	December 1	233,559	233,041	231,369
May 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	November 1	233,379	232,860	231,192
April 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	October 1	233,184	232,665	231,003
March 1	240,778	240,234	238,539	September 1	232,962	232,442	230,772
February 1	240,640	240,096	238,405	August 1	232,739	232,216	230,541
January 1	240,468	239,926	238,240	July 1	232,520	231,996	230,327
1985				June 1	232,309	231,786	230,134
December 1	240,299	239,760	238,064	May 1	232,111	231,590	229,935
November 1	240,123	239,585	237,888	April 1	231,932	231,414	229,756
October 1	239,929	239,387	237,693	March 1	231,743	231,227	229,566
September 1	239,714	239,171	237,465	February 1	231,573	231,059	229,403
August 1	239,494	238,967	237,236	January 1	231,405	230,893	229,247
July 1	239,283	238,740	237,036	1981			
June 1	239,071	238,531	236,845	December 1	231,222	230,714	229,058
May 1	238,888	238,351	236,663	November 1	231,043	230,538	228,885
April 1	238,709	238,174	236,483	October 1	230,848	230,346	228,697
March 1	238,542	238,007	236,317	September 1	230,613	230,113	228,453
February 1	238,400	237,868	236,178	August 1	230,374	229,872	228,211
January 1	238,222	237,692	236,009	July 1	230,138	229,637	227,989
1984				June 1	229,925	229,424	227,794
December 1	238,044	237,517	235,825	May 1	229,727	229,228	227,600
November 1	237,869	237,345	235,651	April 1	229,542	229,045	227,413
October 1	237,669	237,146	235,450	March 1	229,349	228,855	227,220
September 1	237,454	236,930	235,221	February 1	229,183	228,690	227,060
August 1	237,242	236,718	235,002	January 1	229,033	228,542	226,918
July 1	237,019	236,495	234,780	1980			
June 1	236,831	236,306	234,609	December 1	228,861	228,371	226,737
May 1	236,650	236,127	234,435	November 1	228,679	228,189	226,559
April 1	236,471	235,949	234,255	October 1	228,468	227,976	226,350
March 1	236,309	235,789	234,098	September 1	228,231	227,735	226,111
February 1	236,141	235,621	233,936	August 1	227,991	227,491	225,875
January 1	235,961	235,444	233,763	July 1	227,757	227,255	225,651
1983				June 1	227,544	227,038	225,451
December 1	235,796	235,282	233,593	May 1	227,263	226,752	225,174
November 1	235,623	235,112	233,425	April 1	227,061	226,546	224,968
October 1	235,439	234,928	233,235				
September 1	235,225	234,715	233,021				
August 1	235,005	234,492	232,795				
July 1	234,799	234,284	232,589				

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