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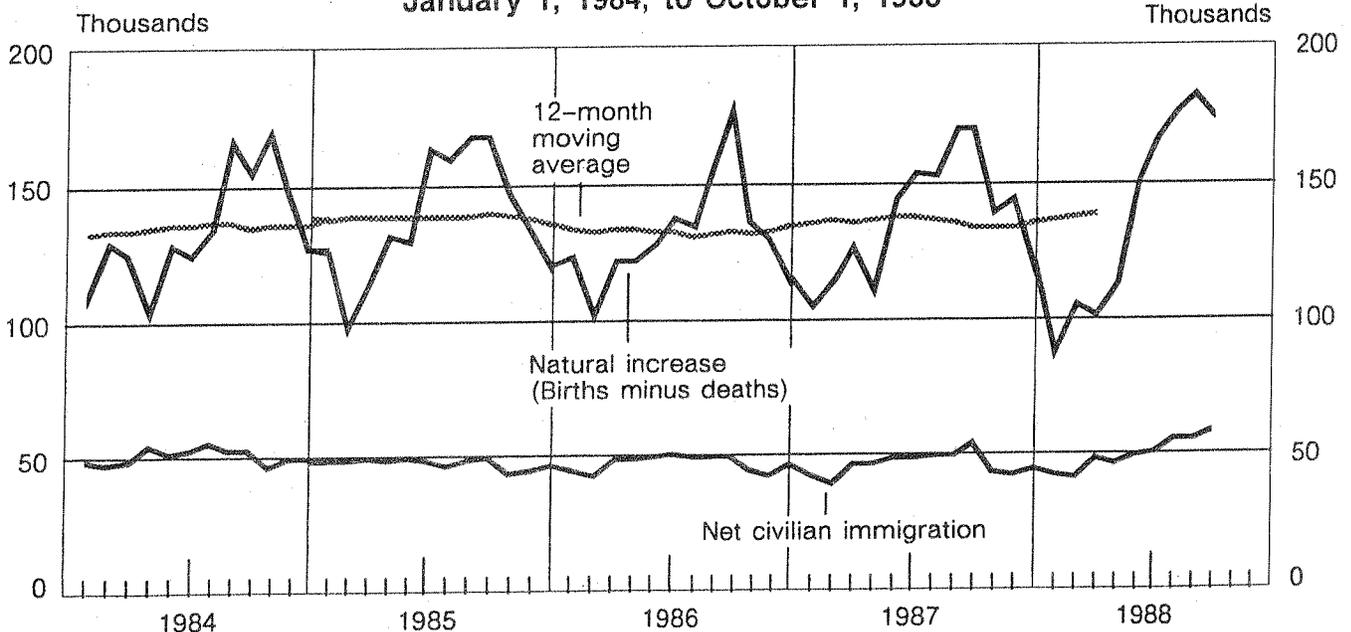
Estimates of the Population of the United States to October 1, 1988

The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was estimated to be approximately 246,821,000 on October 1, 1988. This figure represents an increase of 2,254,000 or 0.9 percent over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago, and an increase of 231,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 172,000 (excess of births over deaths) and estimated net civilian immigration of 59,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month.) The October 1, 1988, total population represents an increase of 19,760,000 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. For a complete discussion of the estimating procedure used in deriving these estimates, see Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1022.

Components of Population Change, by Month:
January 1, 1984, to October 1, 1988



Estimates of the Population, by Type: April 1, 1980, to October 1, 1988

(In thousands. Includes Alaska and Hawaii in all years. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1988, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1023)

Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population	Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population
1988				1985--Continued			
December 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	June 1	239,074	238,534	236,848
November 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	May 1	238,869	238,331	236,643
October 1	246,821	246,299	244,594	April 1	238,684	238,149	236,457
September 1	246,590	246,058	244,371	March 1	238,500	237,966	236,275
August 1	246,348	245,836	244,132	February 1	238,356	237,824	236,133
July 1	246,113	245,602	243,910	January 1	238,207	237,677	235,994
June 1	245,898	245,389	243,716	1984			
May 1	245,695	245,187	243,502	December 1	238,039	237,512	235,820
April 1	245,538	245,026	243,312	November 1	237,865	237,340	235,647
March 1	245,385	244,871	243,139	October 1	237,663	237,140	235,444
February 1	245,243	244,729	242,993	September 1	237,447	236,923	235,215
January 1	245,110	244,596	242,860	August 1	237,218	236,694	234,978
1987				July 1	237,001	236,477	234,762
December 1	244,941	244,429	242,680	June 1	236,807	236,283	234,586
November 1	244,754	244,242	242,492	May 1	236,624	236,101	234,409
October 1	244,567	244,055	242,300	April 1	236,458	235,935	234,241
September 1	244,344	243,821	242,080	March 1	236,280	235,760	234,069
August 1	244,121	243,597	241,854	February 1	236,118	235,598	233,912
July 1	243,915	243,400	241,661	January 1	235,961	235,444	233,763
June 1	243,711	243,197	241,472	1983			
May 1	243,511	242,998	241,269	December 1	235,796	235,282	233,593
April 1	243,346	242,834	241,093	November 1	235,623	235,112	233,425
March 1	243,153	242,640	240,896	October 1	235,439	234,928	233,235
February 1	242,993	242,478	240,730	September 1	235,225	234,715	233,021
January 1	242,825	242,308	240,565	August 1	235,005	234,492	232,795
1986				July 1	234,799	234,284	232,589
December 1	242,653	242,138	240,386	June 1	234,599	234,081	232,402
November 1	242,467	241,951	240,202	May 1	234,411	233,894	232,213
October 1	242,275	241,763	240,018	April 1	234,237	233,718	232,034
September 1	242,043	241,531	239,788	March 1	234,054	233,534	231,858
August 1	241,821	241,307	239,568	February 1	233,901	233,379	231,709
July 1	241,613	241,096	239,374	January 1	233,736	233,217	231,552
June 1	241,415	240,892	239,190	1982			
May 1	241,226	240,702	238,993	July 1	232,520	231,996	230,327
April 1	241,045	240,520	238,807	January 1	231,405	230,893	229,247
March 1	240,857	240,331	238,617	1981			
February 1	240,705	240,177	238,469	July 1	230,138	229,637	227,989
January 1	240,532	240,004	238,304	January 1	229,033	228,542	226,918
1985				1980			
December 1	240,355	239,827	238,121	July 1	227,757	227,255	225,651
November 1	240,170	239,641	237,935	April 1	227,061	226,546	224,968
October 1	239,960	239,427	237,725				
September 1	239,736	239,201	237,488				
August 1	239,505	238,965	237,248				
July 1	239,279	238,736	237,031				

NA Not available.

¹Census count April 1, 1980-226,545,805.