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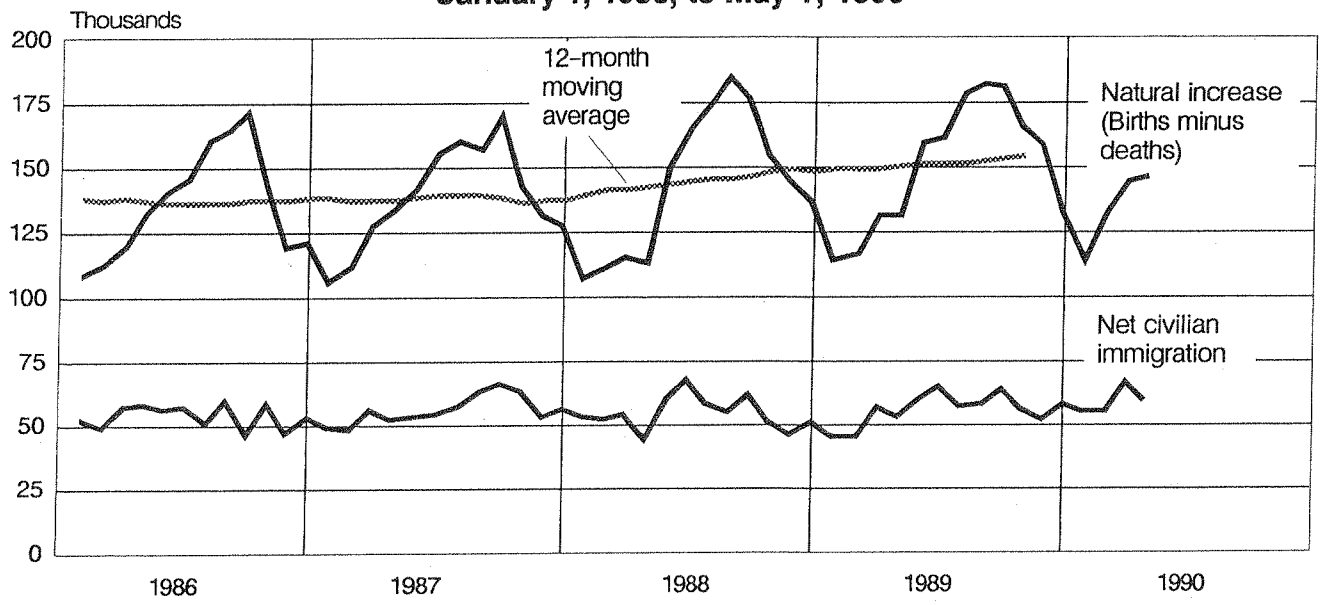
(These estimates are based on the 1980 census count and do not yet reflect the results of the 1990 census).

The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was estimated to be approximately 250,893,000 on May 1, 1990. This figure represents an increase of 2,581,000 or 1.0 percent over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago, and an increase of 205,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 145,000 (excess of births over deaths) and estimated net civilian immigration of 60,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month.) The April 1, 1990, total population represents an increase of 23,832,000 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. 1045.

Components of Population Change, by Month:
January 1, 1986, to May 1, 1990



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Estimates of the Population, by Type: April 1, 1980, to May 1, 1990

(In thousands. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950, to July 1, 1986, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1045)

Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population
1990			
December 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
November 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
October 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
September 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
August 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
July 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
June 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
May 1	250,893	250,378	248,748
April 1	250,688	250,172	248,533
March 1	250,474	249,955	248,298
February 1	250,295	249,777	248,108
January 1	250,122	249,605	247,927
1989			
December 1	249,928	249,412	247,715
November 1	249,718	249,202	247,502
October 1	249,493	248,976	247,272
September 1	249,249	248,733	247,024
August 1	249,003	248,483	246,781
July 1	248,762	248,239	246,552
June 1	248,535	248,012	246,345
May 1	248,312	247,789	246,122
April 1	248,127	247,605	245,931
March 1	247,935	247,414	245,732
February 1	247,781	247,261	245,577
January 1	247,617	247,098	245,415
1988			
December 1	247,427	246,907	245,212
November 1	247,236	246,717	245,020
October 1	247,027	246,505	244,800
September 1	246,790	246,268	244,571
August 1	246,544	246,022	244,329
July 1	246,307	245,785	244,103
June 1	246,075	245,556	243,891
May 1	245,862	245,345	243,672
April 1	245,704	245,184	243,479
March 1	245,532	245,011	243,286
February 1	245,372	244,852	243,122
January 1	245,208	244,689	242,959
1987			
December 1	245,021	244,503	242,759
November 1	244,836	244,320	242,574
October 1	244,626	244,112	242,360
September 1	244,390	243,874	242,124
August 1	244,165	243,648	241,898
July 1	243,942	243,427	241,688
1987–Continued			
June 1	243,733	243,219	241,494
May 1	243,534	243,021	241,291
April 1	243,349	242,836	241,095
March 1	243,162	242,649	240,905
February 1	243,000	242,484	240,737
January 1	242,841	242,324	240,582
1986			
December 1	242,663	242,147	240,396
November 1	242,496	241,981	240,232
October 1	242,290	241,777	240,032
September 1	242,070	241,559	239,815
August 1	241,842	241,328	239,589
July 1	241,625	241,107	239,386
June 1	241,422	240,900	239,198
May 1	241,221	240,697	238,987
April 1	241,031	240,505	238,792
March 1	240,851	240,325	238,611
February 1	240,697	240,169	238,461
January 1	240,532	240,004	238,304
1985			
July 1	239,279	238,736	237,031
January 1	238,207	237,677	235,994
1984			
July 1	237,001	236,477	234,762
January 1	235,961	235,444	233,763
1983			
July 1	234,799	234,284	232,589
January 1	233,736	233,217	231,552
1982			
July 1	232,520	231,996	230,327
January 1	231,405	230,893	229,247
1981			
July 1	230,138	229,637	227,989
January 1	229,033	228,542	226,918
1980			
July 1	227,757	227,255	225,651
April 1	227,061	[1]226,546	224,968

NA Not available.
[1]Census count April 1, 1980–226,545,805.