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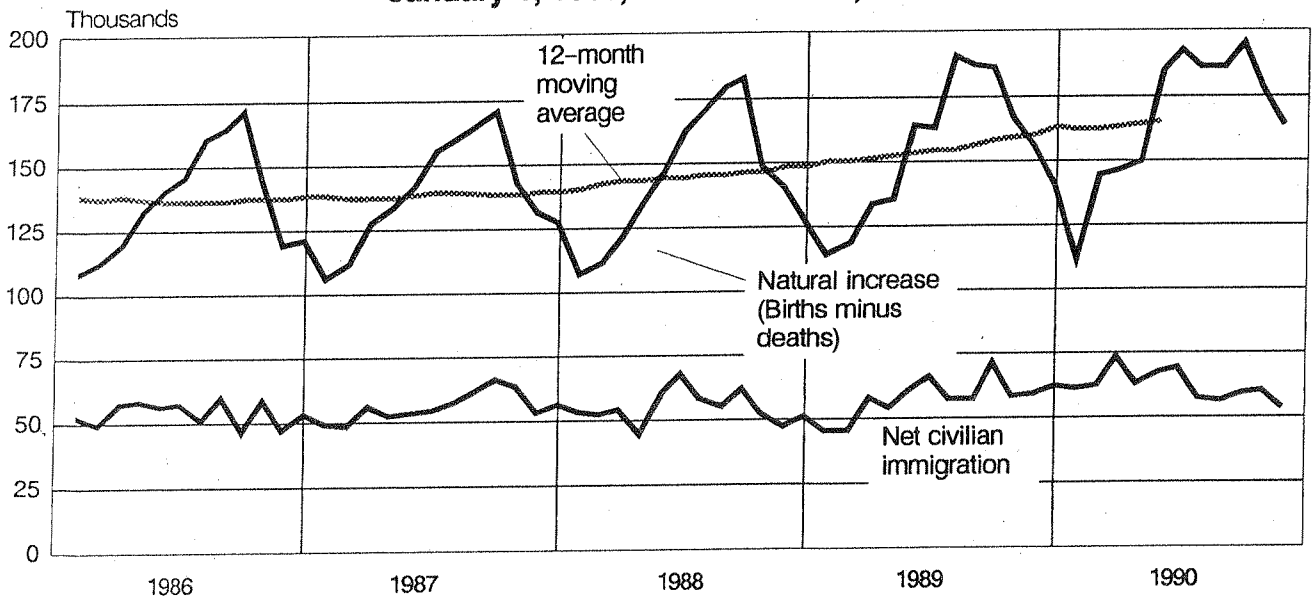
(The population counts set forth herein are subject to possible correction for undercount or overcount. The United States Department of Commerce is considering whether to correct these counts and will publish corrected counts, if any, not later than July 15, 1991)

The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was estimated to be approximately 251,184,000 on December 1, 1990. This figure represents an increase of 2,693,000 or 1.1 percent over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago, and an increase of 216,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 162,000 (excess of births over deaths) and estimated net civilian immigration of 54,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month.) The December 1, 1990, total population represents an increase of 1,939,000 over the population counted on April 1, 1990, 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 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 December 1, 1990



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

(In thousands. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950, to March 1, 1980, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1045. Estimates for months after April,1 1980, not shown here are available on request. These are the first estimates to reflect the census of April 1, 1990, and are subject to change.)

Date	Total population including Armed overseas Forces	Resident population	Civilian Population
1990			
December 1	251,184	250,661	249,045
November 1	250,969	250,452	248,836
October 1	250,726	250,205	248,589
September 1	250,472	249,971	248,327
August 1	250,224	249,719	248,067
July 1	249,975	249,466	247,826
June 1	249,714	249,202	247,575
May 1	249,458	248,944	247,313
April 1	249,246	[1] 248,710	247,090
March 1	249,034	248,517	246,859
February 1	248,851	248,333	246,663
January 1	248,684	248,168	246,489
1989			
December 1	248,491	247,975	246,278
November 1	248,290	247,774	246,074
October 1	248,073	247,556	245,852
September 1	247,829	247,312	245,604
August 1	247,591	247,071	245,370
July 1	247,350	246,828	245,140
June 1	247,134	246,610	244,943
May 1	246,917	246,394	244,727
April 1	246,740	246,217	244,544
March 1	246,558	246,037	244,355
February 1	246,414	245,894	244,210
January 1	246,263	245,744	244,061
1988			
December 1	246,094	245,575	243,879
November 1	245,921	245,401	243,705
October 1	245,729	245,207	243,502
September 1	245,498	244,976	243,279
August 1	245,272	244,749	243,056
July 1	245,051	244,529	242,847
June 1	244,834	244,315	242,650
May 1	244,637	244,120	242,447
April 1	244,471	243,952	242,246
March 1	244,306	243,785	242,060
February 1	244,159	243,639	241,910
January 1	244,009	243,490	241,760
1987			
December 1	243,834	243,316	241,573
November 1	243,662	243,146	241,401
October 1	243,466	242,951	241,200
September 1	243,242	242,727	240,977
August 1	243,030	242,514	240,763
July 1	242,820	242,305	240,566
1987–Continued			
June 1	242,624	242,111	240,385
May 1	242,438	241,925	240,195
April 1	242,266	241,753	240,012
March 1	242,092	241,579	239,834
February 1	241,943	241,427	239,679
January 1	241,796	241,279	239,537
1986			
December 1	241,631	241,116	239,364
November 1	241,478	240,962	239,213
October 1	241,284	240,771	239,027
September 1	241,078	240,566	238,823
August 1	240,862	240,348	238,609
July 1	240,658	240,140	238,419
June 1	240,468	239,946	238,244
May 1	240,280	239,756	238,046
April 1	240,102	239,577	237,864
March 1	239,935	239,409	237,696
February 1	239,794	239,267	237,559
January 1	239,642	239,114	237,415
1985			
July 1	238,466	237,924	236,219
January 1	237,472	236,942	235,259
1984			
July 1	236,343	235,820	234,104
January 1	235,381	234,864	233,183
1983			
July 1	234,296	233,781	232,086
January 1	233,311	232,791	231,127
1982			
July 1	232,171	231,648	229,979
January 1	231,134	230,622	228,976
1981			
July 1	229,945	229,444	227,796
January 1	228,917	228,426	226,802
1980			
July 1	227,719	227,217	225,613
April 1	227,061	226,546	224,968

NA Not available.
[1] Census count April 1, 1990--248,709,873.
[2] Census count April 1, 1980--226,545,805.

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