

Population Estimates Pulled from US Government Census Data Public Data

This report provides US national population estimates for doing analysis and generating graphics, and provides the steps on how these estimates were compiled. This compilation proved necessary as the author could not find a single, definitive source of publication worthy population estimates for an extended period of years.

Fair Use

Note that the author is not a professional statistician, and is not responsible for any derivative use of this information. Per standard practices with open source software, feel free to share and improve upon this document, but please list all contributors including the original contributor David M. Golden.

Data Source

The definitive data source for USA national and state population counts is the US Government site [Census Bureau Data \(https://data.census.gov/\)](https://data.census.gov/).

Population estimates are updated annually (see [National Population Totals: 2010-2019 \(census.gov\)](https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2010/national-totals/))

For the modern period the national population estimates are taken from the census bureau data delivered in “Table” format. The advantages of the Table format over the Datasets:

- Table files are already in Excel format (Datasets are in CSV)
- Column labeling is more descriptive than the case for Datasets (excel allows for multirow labels)
- Datasets have additional columns that while valuable for a population specialist may cause confusion for a typical analytics task

The USA Statistical Abstract is referenced for the Early American period, and is useful up to 1960.

Note: The population estimates provided here agree closely with those found (as of 2024-06-20) at <https://www.multip.com/united-states-population/table/by-year> . There is a very minor difference, with multip.com being a fraction of a percent lower, which suggests that multipl.com is reporting April census data rather than census bureau July population estimates.

Ready-to-use Population Estimates

The table below is the most complete data set available based on combining individual census bureau “Tables”. For years covered by US Statistical Abstract, the data was cross-referenced and matches.

The report sections in subsequent sections of this report detail where the individual Table data is sourced.

1960 through 2023 Population Estimates

Year	Population Estimate
1960	180,671,158
1961	183,691,481
1962	186,537,737
1963	189,241,798
1964	191,888,791
1965	194,302,963
1966	196,560,338
1967	198,712,056
1968	200,706,052
1969	202,676,946
1970	205,052,174
1971	207,660,677
1972	209,896,021
1973	211,908,788
1974	213,853,928
1975	215,973,199
1976	218,035,164
1977	220,239,425
1978	222,584,545
1979	225,055,487
1980	227,224,681
1981	229,465,714
1982	231,664,458
1983	233,791,994
1984	235,824,902
1985	237,923,795
1986	240,132,887
1987	242,288,918
1988	244,498,982

1989	246,819,230
1990	249,464,396
1991	252,153,092
1992	255,029,699
1993	257,782,608
1994	260,327,021
1995	262,803,276
1996	265,228,572
1997	267,783,607
1998	270,248,003
1999	272,690,813
2000	282,171,957
2001	285,081,556
2002	287,803,914
2003	290,326,418
2004	293,045,739
2005	295,753,151
2006	298,593,212
2007	301,579,895
2008	304,374,846
2009	307,006,550
2010	309,327,143
2011	311,583,481
2012	313,877,662
2013	316,059,947
2014	318,386,329
2015	320,738,994
2016	323,071,755
2017	325,122,128
2018	326,838,199
2019	328,329,953
2020	331,526,933
2021	332,048,977
2022	333,271,411
2023	334,914,895

Early American Period (and recent decades) Estimates

Year	Resident Population	Per square mile of land area
1790	3,929,214	4.5
1800	5,308,483	6.1
1810	7,239,881	4.3
1820	9,638,453	5.5
1830	12,866,020	7.4
1840	17,069,453	9.8
1850	23,191,876	7.9
1860	31,443,321	10.6
1870	39,818,449	11.2
1880	50,189,209	14.2
1890	62,979,766	17.8
1900	76,212,168	21.5
1910	92,228,496	26
1920	106,021,537	29.9
1930	123,202,624	34.7
1940	132,164,569	37.2
1950	151,325,798	42.6
1960	179,323,175	50.6
1970	203,302,031	57.5
1980	226,542,199	64
1990	248,718,302	70.3
2000	281,424,603	79.6
2010	308,745,538	87.4

The source and an explanation for this data is provided in the section below “Statistical Abstract of the United States (1790-2010)”.

Note that this data lacks the same statistical rigor, and is somewhat different in statistical definition, from that of the modern period, as provided in section above “1960 through 2023 Population Estimates”. However given the inherent inaccuracies in any metrics for the Early American period, these population estimates are reasonable.

Explanation for How to Obtain Population Estimate Data

This section enables an independent researcher to easily revisit the same data sources, to provide a high-level comfort in re-use of the population estimates provided in this report.

Use of Census Bureau Table Data

Modern population estimates are taken from census bureau data delivered in downloadable Table format. The advantages of the Table format over the Datasets:

- Table files are already in Excel format (Datasets are in CSV)
- Column labeling is more descriptive than the case for Datasets (excel allows for multirow labels)
- Datasets have additional columns that while valuable for a population specialist may cause confusion for a typical analytics task

This screenshot shows a selected table, and two paths for navigating to it:

https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/2010s-national-total.html#par_textimage.jpg

The screenshot displays the Census Bureau's data tables page. On the left, a sidebar lists navigation options: Related Sites, Software, Tables, and Visualizations. The main content area features a list of tables under the heading 'Tables'. Two table entries are highlighted with yellow boxes:

- Monthly Population Estimates for the United States: April 1, 2010 to December 1, 2020 (NA-EST2019-01)**
Monthly Population Estimates for the United States: April 1, 2010 to December 1, 2020 (NA-EST2019-01) [<1.0 MB]
- Population, Population Change, and Estimated Components of Population Change: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 (NST-EST2019-alldata)**
Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 (NST-EST2019-01) [<1.0 MB]

Other visible table entries include 'Cumulative Estimates of Resident Population Change for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 (NST-EST2019-02) [<1.0 MB]' and 'Estimates of Resident Population Change for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 (NST-EST2019-03) [<1.0 MB]'. On the right side, there is a 'Related Information' section with a link to 'Population and Housing Unit Estimates Tables'. A 'Top' button is located at the bottom right of the page.

<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2010-2019/state/totals/nst-est2019-01.xlsx>

Here is an extract:

Geographic Area	April 1, 2010		Population Estimate (as of July 1)							
	Census	Estimates Base	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
United States	308,745,538	308,758,105	309,321,666	311,556,874	313,830,990	315,993,715	318,301,008	320,635,163	322,941,311	324,985,539
Northeast	55,317,240	55,318,443	55,380,134	55,604,223	55,775,216	55,901,806	56,006,011	56,034,684	56,042,330	56,042,330
Midwest	66,927,001	66,929,725	66,974,416	67,157,800	67,336,743	67,560,379	67,745,167	67,860,583	67,987,540	68,114,507
South	114,555,744	114,563,030	114,866,680	116,006,522	117,241,208	118,364,400	119,624,037	120,997,341	122,351,760	123,706,179
West	71,945,553	71,946,907	72,100,436	72,788,329	73,477,823	74,167,130	74,925,793	75,742,555	76,559,681	77,376,807
Alabama	4,779,736	4,780,125	4,785,437	4,799,069	4,815,588	4,830,081	4,841,799	4,852,347	4,863,525	4,874,703
Alaska	710,231	710,249	713,910	722,128	730,443	737,068	736,283	737,498	741,456	746,414
Arizona	6,392,017	6,392,288	6,407,172	6,472,643	6,554,978	6,632,764	6,730,413	6,829,676	6,941,072	7,052,468
Arkansas	2,915,918	2,916,031	2,921,964	2,940,667	2,952,164	2,959,400	2,967,392	2,978,048	2,989,918	3,001,788
California	37,253,956	37,254,519	37,319,502	37,638,369	37,948,800	38,260,787	38,596,972	38,918,045	39,167,117	39,416,189
Colorado	5,029,196	5,029,319	5,047,349	5,121,106	5,192,647	5,269,035	5,350,101	5,450,523	5,539,215	5,627,907
Connecticut	3,574,097	3,574,147	3,579,114	3,588,283	3,594,547	3,594,841	3,594,524	3,587,122	3,578,141	3,569,160
Delaware	897,934	897,937	899,593	907,381	915,179	923,576	932,487	941,252	948,921	957,790
District of Columbia	601,723	601,767	605,226	619,800	634,924	650,581	662,328	675,400	685,815	696,230
Florida	18,801,310	18,804,564	18,845,537	19,053,237	19,297,822	19,545,621	19,845,911	20,209,042	20,613,477	21,017,912
Georgia	9,687,653	9,688,729	9,711,881	9,802,431	9,901,430	9,972,479	10,067,278	10,178,447	10,301,890	10,425,333
Hawaii	1,360,301	1,360,307	1,363,963	1,379,329	1,394,804	1,408,243	1,414,538	1,422,052	1,427,559	1,433,066
Idaho	1,567,582	1,567,657	1,570,746	1,583,910	1,595,324	1,611,206	1,631,112	1,651,059	1,682,380	1,713,701
Illinois	12,830,632	12,831,572	12,840,503	12,967,454	12,882,510	12,895,129	12,884,493	12,858,913	12,820,527	12,782,141
Indiana	6,483,802	6,484,051	6,490,432	6,516,528	6,537,703	6,568,713	6,593,644	6,608,422	6,634,304	6,659,186

Transposing the United States row provides:

2010	309,321,666
2011	311,556,874
2012	313,830,990
2013	315,993,715
2014	318,301,008
2015	320,635,163
2016	322,941,311
2017	324,985,539
2018	326,687,501
2019	328,239,523

Note:

- Between the decennial census, the census bureau prepares annual estimates
- The annual estimates are pegged for 01-July, hence there is an 01-July estimate for the decennial year that should be used in analytics rather than the exact decennial count. See the 10 columns under “Population Estimate (as of July 1)
- For purposes of our work, we will use only the United States total
- Puerto Rico is found in its own line; it is excluded from the US total
- Release Date: December 2019 for this data
- For population estimates methodology statements, see <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology.html>
- Documentation not found but it is my understanding that the **Resident Population** reported in recent decade tables does not include overseas Americans. The resident population is defined as those living within the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Hence Armed forces and their dependents living overseas are excluded, and presumably as well business

personnel and retirees living overseas. Per <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/1900-1980/national/totals/popclockest.txt> :

- o National population data for the years 1900 to 1949 exclude the population residing in Alaska and Hawaii. National population data for the years 1940 to 1979 cover the resident population plus Armed Forces overseas.
- o National population data for all other years cover only the resident population.
- Documentation not found but presumably the census figures include both legal residents and illegal aliens. The census bureau provided documentation on methodology does not address this, nor whether any form of imputation is done to account for the likely lower census response rate by illegal aliens. Without knowing these specifics, it should be assumed that in recent years the census estimates may be as much as 3-4% below the actual population due to the illegal component being underreported (illegal aliens are assumed to be 3-4% of USA population as of 2024).
- Presumably both Alaska and Hawaii populations added to the USA Resident population counts only after they changed in status from Territory to State.

Population Estimates for 2020 through 2023

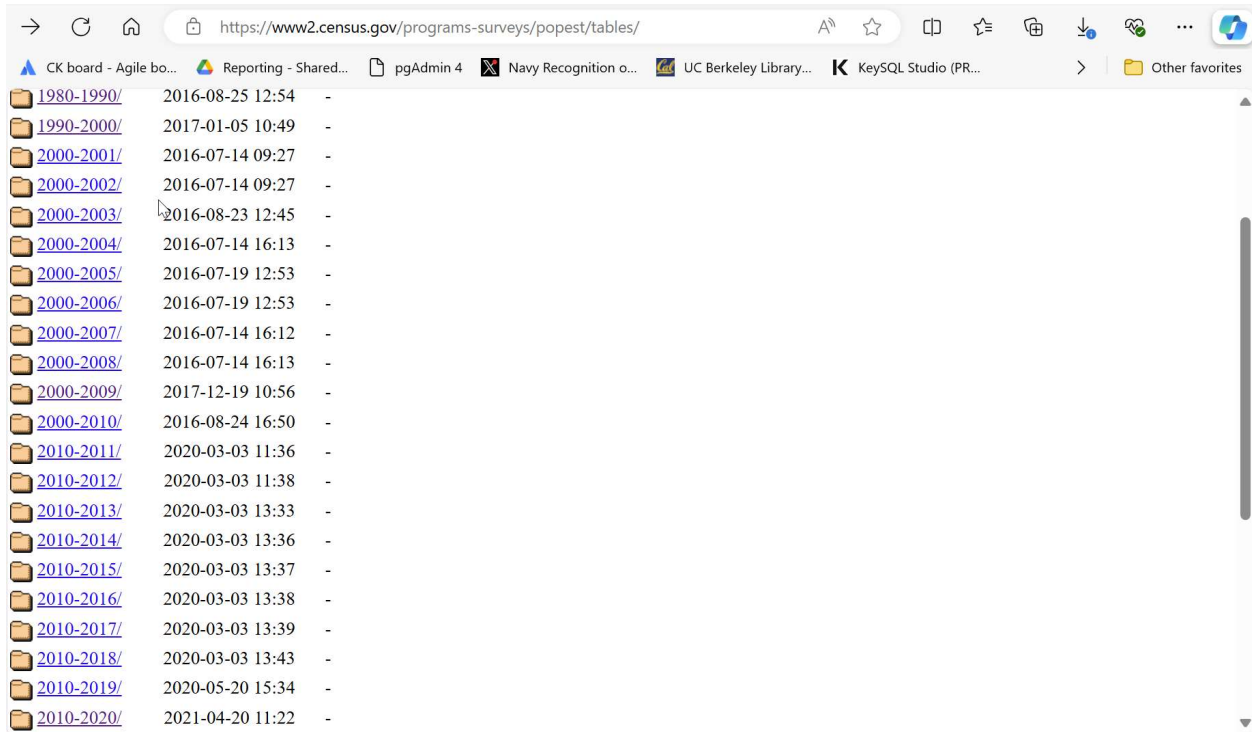
<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2020-2023/national/totals/NA-EST2023-POP.xlsx>

Taking the July 1 estimates:

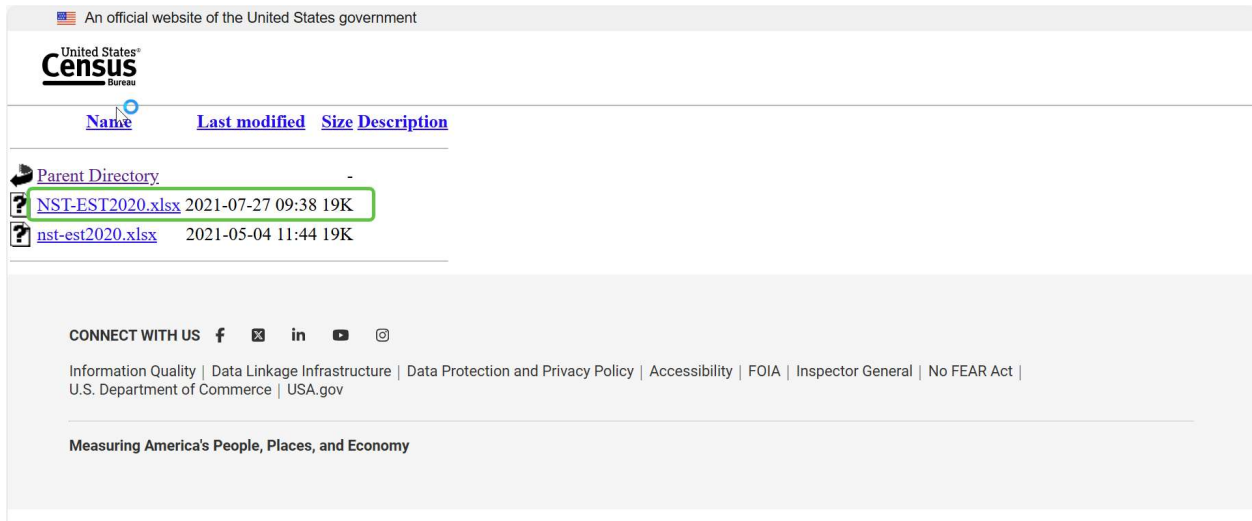
Year	Resident Population
2020	331,526,933
2021	332,048,977
2022	333,271,411
2023	334,914,895

Population Estimates for 2010 through 2019

We descend through the 2010-2020 folder:



Within the folder are two files. Download the all cap 2021-07-27 file. It's a revision to the original all lower case file which can be ignored.



The screen shot below shows an extract of NST-EST2020.xlsx

The United States row provides the national resident population we desire:

Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019; April 1, 2020; and July 1, 2020										
Geographic Area	April 1, 2010		Population Estimate (as of July 1)							
	Census	Estimates Base	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
United States	308,745,538	308,758,105	309,327,143	311,583,481	313,877,662	316,059,947	318,386,329	320,738,994	323,071,755	325,122,128
Northeast	55,317,240	55,318,414	55,380,764	55,608,318	55,782,661	55,912,775	56,021,339	56,052,790	56,063,777	56,063,777
Midwest	66,927,001	66,929,737	66,975,328	67,164,092	67,348,275	67,576,524	67,765,576	67,885,682	68,018,175	68,149,547
South	114,555,744	114,563,042	114,869,421	116,019,483	117,264,196	118,397,213	119,666,248	121,049,223	122,419,547	123,804,296
West	71,945,553	71,946,912	72,101,630	72,791,588	73,482,530	74,173,435	74,933,166	75,751,299	76,570,256	77,394,815
Alabama	4,779,736	4,780,118	4,785,514	4,799,642	4,816,632	4,831,586	4,843,737	4,854,803	4,866,824	4,878,803
Alaska	710,231	710,246	713,982	722,349	730,810	737,626	737,075	738,430	742,575	746,710
Arizona	6,392,017	6,392,292	6,407,342	6,473,416	6,556,344	6,634,690	6,732,873	6,832,810	6,944,767	7,068,614
Arkansas	2,915,918	2,916,029	2,921,998	2,941,038	2,952,876	2,960,459	2,968,759	2,979,732	2,991,815	3,004,000
California	37,253,956	37,254,522	37,319,550	37,636,311	37,944,551	38,253,768	38,586,706	38,904,296	39,149,186	39,394,076
Colorado	5,029,196	5,029,319	5,047,539	5,121,900	5,193,660	5,270,774	5,352,637	5,454,328	5,543,844	5,633,360
Connecticut	3,574,097	3,574,151	3,579,173	3,588,632	3,595,211	3,595,792	3,595,697	3,588,561	3,579,830	3,570,300

Year	Population Estimate
2010	309,327,143
2011	311,583,481
2012	313,877,662
2013	316,059,947
2014	318,386,329
2015	320,738,994
2016	323,071,755
2017	325,122,128
2018	326,838,199
2019	328,329,953

Population Estimates for 2000 through 2009

[Index of /programs-surveys/popest/tables/2000-2009/national/asrh \(census.gov\)](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2000-2009/national/asrh)

Which is:

<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2000-2009/national/asrh/>



[Name](#) [Last modified](#) [Size](#) [Description](#)

Parent Directory	-	-
1900-1980/	2016-08-24 16:52	-
1980-1990/	2016-08-25 12:54	-
1990-2000/	2017-01-05 10:49	-
2000-2001/	2016-07-14 09:27	-
2000-2002/	2016-07-14 09:27	-
2000-2003/	2016-08-23 12:45	-
2000-2004/	2016-07-14 16:13	-
2000-2005/	2016-07-19 12:53	-
2000-2006/	2016-07-19 12:53	-
2000-2007/	2016-07-14 16:12	-
2000-2008/	2016-07-14 16:13	-
2000-2009/	2017-12-19 10:56	-
2000-2010/	2016-08-24 16:50	-
2010-2011/	2020-03-03 11:36	-
2010-2012/	2020-03-03 11:38	-
2010-2013/	2020-03-03 13:33	-

<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2000-2009/national/asrh/nc-est2009-01.xls>

Table 1. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Sex and Five-Year Age Groups for the United States: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2009												
Sex and Age	Population Estimates										April 1, 2000	
	July 1, 2009	July 1, 2008	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	Estimates Base	Census
BOTH SEXES	307,006,550	304,374,846	301,579,895	298,593,212	295,753,151	293,045,739	290,326,418	287,803,914	285,081,556	282,171,957	281,424,602	281,421,900
Under 5 years	21,299,656	21,152,563	20,921,289	20,612,794	20,483,758	20,243,450	19,939,783	19,667,991	19,430,394	19,203,635	19,176,154	19,175,79
5 to 9 years	20,609,634	20,313,416	20,054,444	19,831,119	19,632,095	19,655,077	19,778,497	19,984,727	20,237,572	20,475,855	20,549,855	20,549,50
10 to 14 years	19,973,564	20,103,526	20,318,855	20,579,051	20,837,186	21,113,264	21,192,641	21,111,618	20,898,234	20,621,112	20,528,425	20,528,07
15 to 19 years	21,537,837	21,628,099	21,562,382	21,366,836	21,119,706	20,808,179	20,574,392	20,456,230	20,369,978	20,275,488	20,218,782	20,219,89
20 to 24 years	21,539,559	21,322,253	21,217,108	21,161,162	21,081,219	20,958,686	20,685,099	20,317,200	19,801,518	19,125,668	18,962,964	18,964,00
25 to 29 years	21,677,719	21,441,834	21,018,332	20,510,892	19,866,271	19,372,040	18,971,363	18,830,424	18,898,742	19,295,446	19,381,792	19,381,33
30 to 34 years	19,888,603	19,515,671	19,352,724	19,432,972	19,846,368	20,259,538	20,551,481	20,715,909	20,685,109	20,530,072	20,511,067	20,510,38
35 to 39 years	20,538,351	20,846,774	20,992,716	20,958,950	20,816,227	20,895,746	21,283,951	21,765,912	22,244,729	22,651,319	22,707,390	22,706,66
40 to 44 years	20,991,605	21,394,190	21,858,105	22,320,321	22,726,250	22,942,889	22,903,229	22,897,818	22,820,064	22,517,786	22,442,442	22,441,86
45 to 49 years	22,831,092	22,802,020	22,786,678	22,696,450	22,402,350	22,053,437	21,713,549	21,244,838	20,694,304	20,217,688	20,092,711	20,092,40
50 to 54 years	21,761,391	21,431,624	20,962,479	20,407,184	19,940,053	19,447,077	19,003,596	18,672,546	18,649,138	17,771,063	17,585,824	17,585,54
55 to 59 years	18,975,026	18,541,377	18,208,990	18,169,581	17,315,011	16,460,319	15,705,726	15,072,747	13,930,119	13,557,639	13,469,425	13,469,23
60 to 64 years	15,811,923	15,081,608	14,458,648	13,339,984	12,980,960	12,572,543	12,100,204	11,495,063	11,101,203	10,855,482	10,805,577	10,805,44
65 to 69 years	11,784,320	11,332,535	10,746,312	10,358,555	10,116,613	9,945,182	9,736,192	9,576,062	9,528,472	9,516,477	9,533,651	9,533,54
70 to 74 years	9,007,747	8,806,448	8,642,992	8,577,594	8,549,024	8,556,605	8,644,599	8,734,100	8,813,908	8,858,129	8,857,533	8,857,44
75 to 79 years	7,325,528	7,385,163	7,439,268	7,481,757	7,497,441	7,491,097	7,522,925	7,489,277	7,466,478	7,440,466	7,415,910	7,415,81
80 to 84 years	5,822,334	5,825,975	5,774,217	5,724,934	5,678,718	5,586,116	5,444,903	5,327,603	5,157,203	4,988,111	4,945,426	4,945,36
85 to 89 years	3,662,397	3,551,642	3,450,493	3,312,270	3,175,097	3,059,489	3,001,003	2,920,794	2,866,364	2,810,239	2,789,863	2,789,81
90 to 94 years	1,502,263	1,455,909	1,396,759	1,354,425	1,309,942	1,262,721	1,218,980	1,179,578	1,148,781	1,121,410	1,112,563	1,112,53
95 to 99 years	401,977	381,297	360,240	342,425	325,258	312,489	305,219	295,133	290,031	288,292	286,794	286,78
100 years and over	64,024	60,922	56,864	53,956	51,604	49,795	49,086	48,344	49,215	50,580	50,454	50,45
Median age (years)	36.8	36.7	36.5	36.3	36.2	36.0	35.9	35.7	35.5	35.4	35.3	35.
MALE	151,449,490	150,074,226	148,612,102	147,060,702	145,560,767	144,137,674	142,676,927	141,413,818	139,998,551	138,458,548	138,056,129	138,053,56
Under 5 years	10,887,008	10,812,678	10,697,321	10,536,861	10,468,875	10,347,429	10,192,906	10,055,168	9,935,254	9,823,752	9,810,907	9,810,73

Year	Population Estimate
2000	282,171,957
2001	285,081,556
2002	287,803,914
2003	290,326,418
2004	293,045,739
2005	295,753,151
2006	298,593,212
2007	301,579,895
2008	304,374,846
2009	307,006,550

Population Estimates for 1900 through 2000

These are July 1 estimates for each year. Data last revised June 28, 2000

<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/1900-1980/national/totals/popclockest.txt>

Since 1960 shown here:

1960	180,671,158
1961	183,691,481
1962	186,537,737
1963	189,241,798
1964	191,888,791
1965	194,302,963
1966	196,560,338
1967	198,712,056
1968	200,706,052
1969	202,676,946
1970	205,052,174
1971	207,660,677
1972	209,896,021
1973	211,908,788
1974	213,853,928
1975	215,973,199
1976	218,035,164
1977	220,239,425
1978	222,584,545
1979	225,055,487
1980	227,224,681

1981	229,465,714
1982	231,664,458
1983	233,791,994
1984	235,824,902
1985	237,923,795
1986	240,132,887
1987	242,288,918
1988	244,498,982
1989	246,819,230
1990	249,464,396
1991	252,153,092
1992	255,029,699
1993	257,782,608
1994	260,327,021
1995	262,803,276
1996	265,228,572
1997	267,783,607
1998	270,248,003
1999	272,690,813

The data here exactly matches the data provided in the Statistical Abstract of the United States (see section below) but is more comprehensive than the Statistical Abstract.

Statistical Abstract of the United States (1790-2010)

Data cut-off was late 2021. Provides nice summary of prior year population, and a reference point for comparison against data pulled from the Tables (or Datasets) directly from the census bureau.

[Statistical Abstracts - History - U.S. Census Bureau](#) which is

https://www.census.gov/history/www/reference/publications/statistical_abstracts.html

An official website of the United States government

United States Census Bureau

You are here: [Census.gov](#) > [History](#) > [Reference](#) > [Publications](#) > Statistical Abstracts

History

History Main | Agency History | Innovations | Programs | Through the Decades | Genealogy | Reference | Home Page Archive | FAQs

Publications

Statistical Abstracts

Also in this Section:

- Publications - Genealogy
- Statistical Abstracts
- Statistical Atlases
- Publications - Demographic
- Publications - Economic
- Historical Housing Data
- Publications - Governments
- Publications - Agriculture
- Working Papers
- Publications - Other
- Executive Reports

The Statistical Abstract of the United States has been published since 1878. It is the authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. Sources of data include the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and many other federal agencies and private organizations.

[Statistical Abstracts of the United States: 1878 - 2012](#)

Which leads to this page. Scroll down to see the available abstracts.

An official website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#)

United States[®] Census Bureau

Partners Researchers Educators Survey Respondents News NAICS Codes Jobs About Us Contact Us Help

Topics Data & Maps Surveys & Programs **Resource Library**

Search data, events, resources, and more

// Census.gov / Publications / Publications by Series / **Statistical Abstracts Series**

Statistical Abstracts Series

The U.S. Census Bureau terminated the collection of data for the Statistical Compendia program effective October 1, 2011. The Statistical Compendia program is comprised of the Statistical Abstract of the United States and its supplemental products—the State and Metropolitan Area Data Book and the County and City Data Book. To access the most current data, please refer to the organizations cited in the source notes for each table of the Statistical Abstract.

Statistical Abstract data present here ranges from our most recent edition to the historical abstracts compiled throughout the decades. Some of the data were scanned as an effort to make historical abstract information available to the public. The display of data will continue as historical records become available. For access to volumes not available through this project, please contact your local Federal Depository Library.

Share [Facebook](#) [X \(Twitter\)](#) [LinkedIn](#)

Is this page helpful? Yes No

Within Library
About the Library
America Counts: Stories
Audio
By the Numbers
Fact Sheets
Infographics & Visualizations
Photos
Publications
References

Statistical Abstracts of the United States

2010s	2000s	1990s
Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2010	Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2000	Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1990
Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2011	Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2001	Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1991
Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012	Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2002	Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1992
Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2003	Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1993	

The U.S. Census Bureau terminated the collection of data for the Statistical Compendia program effective October 1, 2011.

Top

Is this page helpful? Yes No

Spotlights
Videos
Working Papers

<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2011/compendia/statab/131ed.html>

Within Library

About the Library

America Counts: Stories

Audio

By the Numbers

Fact Sheets

Infographics & Visualizations

Photos

Publications

References

Spotlights

Videos

Working Papers

Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012

August 2011

Report Number Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012 (131st Edition)

The U.S. Census Bureau terminated the collection of data for the Statistical Compendia program effective October 1, 2011. The Statistical Compendia program is comprised of the Statistical Abstract of the United States and its supplemental products—the State and Metropolitan Area Data Book and the County and City Data Book. To access the most current data, please refer to the organizations cited in the source notes for each table of the Statistical Abstract.

The *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, published from 1878 to 2012, is the authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States.

It is designed to serve as a convenient volume for statistical reference, and as a guide to other statistical publications and sources both in print and on the Web.



[Download Entire 2012 Statistical](#)

Share

Related Information

PUBLICATION
Statistical Abstracts Series

Veterans Publications



Top

Is this page helpful?

Yes No

Click the Download link:

<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2011/compendia/statab/131ed/tables/pop.pdf>

The two directly relevant tables are shown below.

Table 1. Population and Area: 1790 to 2010

[Area figures represent area on indicated date including in some cases considerable areas not then organized or settled, and not covered by the census. Area data include Alaska beginning in 1870 and Hawaii beginning in 1900. Total area figures for 1790 to 1970 have been recalculated on the basis of the remeasurement of states and counties for the 1980 census, but not on the basis of subsequent censuses. The land and water area figures for past censuses have not been adjusted and are not strictly comparable with the total area data for comparable dates because the land areas were derived from different base data, and these values are known to have changed with the construction of reservoirs, draining of lakes, etc. Density figures are based on land area measurements as reported in earlier censuses]

Census date	Resident population				Area (square miles)		
	Number	Per square mile of land area	Increase over preceding census		Total	Land	Water ¹
			Number	Percent			
1790 (Aug. 2)	3,929,214	4.5	(X)	(X)	891,364	864,746	24,065
1800 (Aug. 4)	5,308,483	6.1	1,379,269	35.1	891,364	864,746	24,065
1810 (Aug. 6)	7,239,881	4.3	1,931,398	36.4	1,722,685	1,681,828	34,175
1820 (Aug. 7)	9,638,453	5.5	2,398,572	33.1	1,792,552	1,749,462	38,544
1830 (June 1)	12,866,020	7.4	3,227,567	33.5	1,792,552	1,749,462	38,544
1840 (June 1)	17,069,453	9.8	4,203,433	32.7	1,792,552	1,749,462	38,544
1850 (June 1)	23,191,876	7.9	6,122,423	35.9	2,991,655	2,940,042	52,705
1860 (June 1)	31,443,321	10.6	8,251,445	35.6	3,021,295	2,969,640	52,747
1870 (June 1)	² 39,818,449	² 11.2	8,375,128	26.6	3,612,299	3,540,705	68,082
1880 (June 1)	50,189,209	14.2	10,370,760	26.0	3,612,299	3,540,705	68,082
1890 (June 1)	62,979,766	17.8	12,790,557	25.5	3,612,299	3,540,705	68,082
1900 (June 1)	76,212,168	21.5	13,232,402	21.0	3,618,770	3,547,314	67,901
1910 (Apr. 15)	92,228,496	26.0	16,016,328	21.0	3,618,770	3,547,045	68,170
1920 (Jan. 1)	106,021,537	29.9	13,793,041	15.0	3,618,770	3,546,931	68,284
1930 (Apr. 1)	123,202,624	34.7	17,181,087	16.2	3,618,770	3,554,608	60,607
1940 (Apr. 1)	132,164,569	37.2	8,961,945	7.3	3,618,770	3,554,608	60,607
1950 (Apr. 1)	151,325,798	42.6	19,161,229	14.5	3,618,770	3,552,206	63,005
1960 (Apr. 1)	179,323,175	50.6	27,997,377	18.5	3,618,770	3,540,911	74,212
1970 (Apr. 1)	203,302,031	57.5	23,978,856	13.4	3,618,770	3,536,855	78,444
1980 (Apr. 1)	³ 226,542,199	64.0	23,240,168	11.4	3,618,770	3,539,289	79,481
1990 (Apr. 1)	⁴ 248,718,302	70.3	22,176,103	9.8	⁵ 3,717,796	3,536,278	⁵ 181,518
2000 (Apr. 1)	⁶ 281,424,603	79.6	32,706,301	13.1	3,794,083	3,537,438	256,645
2010 (Apr. 1)	308,745,538	87.4	27,320,935	9.7	3,796,742	3,531,905	264,837

X Not applicable. ¹ Data for 1790 to 1980 cover inland water only. Data for 1990 comprise Great Lakes, inland, and coastal water. Data for 2000 and 2010 comprise Great Lakes, inland, territorial, and coastal water. ² Revised to include adjustments for underenumeration in southern states; unrevised number is 38,558,371 (10.9 per square mile). ³ Total population count has been revised since the 1980 census publications. Numbers by age, race, Hispanic origin, and sex have not been corrected. ⁴ The April 1, 1990, census count includes count question resolution corrections processed through December 1997, and does not include adjustments for census coverage errors. ⁵ Data reflect corrections made after publication of the results. ⁶ Reflects modifications to the Census 2000 population as documented in the Count Question Resolution program.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, National Summary File of Redistricting Data; 2000 Census of Population and Housing, *Population and Housing Counts, Series PHC-3-1, United States Summary; Notes and Errata, 2000 SF/01-ER*, <<http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/notes/errata.pdf>>; *Areas of the United States: 1940*, Area data for 1990: unpublished data from TIGER @, and Davis, Warren, personal correspondence, U.S. Census Bureau, June 23, 2006.

Notes on Abstract Table 1: If you compare Table 1 vs Table 2 for the same year, you will see that the Table 2 number (consider year 2000) is slightly higher. The reason is that Table 1 has census date (Apr 1) versus Table 2 has estimated data for Jul 1. Accordingly the annual counts here will be slightly less than census bureau data, which has been re-jiggered to be estimates for July 1. For years prior to 1960, the recommendation is to use the population count as given here for the sake of simplicity. The population growth through these decades is significant, and it would be nice to make the adjustment from the census date (usually April 1st) to the modern standard estimation date of July 1st, but this task is best left to the census bureau.

Table 2. Population: 1960 to 2009

[In thousands, except as indicated (180,671 represents 180,671,000). Estimates as of July 1. Civilian population excludes Armed Forces. For basis of estimates, see text, this section]

Year	Resident population, plus Armed Forces overseas		Year		Resident population, including Armed Forces overseas		Resident population	Civilian population	
	Population	Percent change ¹	Resident population	Civilian population	Population	Percent change ¹			
1960.....	180,671	1.60	179,979	178,140	1989.....	247,342	0.95	246,819	245,131
1965.....	194,303	1.26	193,526	191,605	1990.....	250,132	1.13	249,623	247,983
1970.....	205,052	1.17	203,984	201,895	1991.....	253,493	1.34	252,981	251,370
1971.....	207,661	1.27	206,827	204,866	1992.....	256,894	1.34	256,514	254,929
1972.....	209,896	1.08	209,284	207,511	1993.....	260,255	1.31	259,919	258,446
1973.....	211,909	0.96	211,357	209,600	1994.....	263,436	1.22	263,126	261,714
1974.....	213,854	0.92	213,342	211,636	1995.....	266,557	1.18	266,278	264,927
1975.....	215,973	0.99	215,465	213,789	1996.....	269,667	1.17	269,394	268,108
1976.....	218,035	0.95	217,563	215,894	1997.....	272,912	1.20	272,647	271,394
1977.....	220,239	1.01	219,760	218,106	1998.....	276,115	1.17	275,854	274,633
1978.....	222,585	1.06	222,095	220,467	1999.....	279,295	1.15	279,040	277,841
1979.....	225,055	1.11	224,567	222,969	2000.....	282,385	1.11	282,172	280,927
1980.....	227,726	1.19	227,225	225,621	2001.....	285,309	1.04	285,082	283,845
1981.....	229,966	0.98	229,466	227,818	2002.....	288,105	0.98	287,804	286,537
1982.....	232,188	0.97	231,664	229,995	2003.....	290,820	0.94	290,326	289,107
1983.....	234,307	0.91	233,792	232,097	2004.....	293,463	0.91	293,046	291,785
1984.....	236,348	0.87	235,825	234,110	2005.....	296,186	0.93	295,753	294,562
1985.....	238,466	0.90	237,924	236,219	2006.....	298,996	0.95	298,593	297,413
1986.....	240,651	0.92	240,133	238,412	2007.....	302,004	1.01	301,580	300,425
1987.....	242,804	0.89	242,289	240,550	2008.....	304,798	0.93	304,375	303,202
1988.....	245,021	0.91	244,499	242,817	2009.....	307,439	0.87	307,007	305,782

¹ Percent change from immediate preceding year.
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, 1960 to 1979: Current Population Reports P25-802 and P25-917; 1980 to 1989: "Monthly Estimates of the United States Population: April 1, 1980 to July 1, 1999, with Short-Term Projections to November 1, 2000," January 2001, <<http://www.census.gov/popest/archives/1990s/nat-total.txt>>; 1990 to 1999: "National Intercensal Estimates (1990-2000)," August 2004, <<http://www.census.gov/popest/archives/EST90INTERCENSAL/US-EST90INT-datasets.html>>; 2000 to 2009: "Monthly Population Estimates for the United States: April 1, 2000 to December 1, 2009 (NA-EST2009-01)," December 2009, <<http://www.census.gov/popest/national/tables/NA-EST2009-01.xls>>.

8 Population

U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012

Notes on Abstract Table 2:

- a) For direct comparison of Abstract Table 2 against "Resident Population" census data, the "Resident population" column is appropriate.
- b) Counts shown here match exactly (given rounding) to census data. See section "Population Estimates for 1900 through 2000".
- c) Note that years 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969 are missing. The counts for these years can be found in section "Population Estimates for 1900 through 2000"

Report Preparation

2024-07-01 David M Golden Added fair use

2024-06-29 David M. Golden Initial draft (dgolden -at- gmail.com)