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### Population of the United States, Puerto Rico, and Outlying Areas: 1950 to 1970

(The data presented here are extracted from Final Report PC(1)-A1, *Number of Inhabitants, United States Summary*, which contains additional summary information on the geographic distribution of the population as well as more detailed technical explanations and corrections in the counts for certain areas)

In April 1970, the resident population of the United States—the 50 States and the District of Columbia—was 203.2 million. The population count for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was 2.7 million. For Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, the Canal Zone, and other areas of U.S. sovereignty or jurisdiction, the total was about 315,000. In addition, 1.7 million persons were counted in the "U.S. population abroad."

In the U.S. population abroad, Federal employees—principally members of the Armed Forces—and their dependents living abroad numbered 1.5 million. The remainder consisted of about 16,000 members of crews of U.S. merchant vessels at sea or in transit to and from foreign ports at the time of the 1970 census and 236,000 other U.S. citizens who were living abroad for a relatively extended period. Reporting for the last group, however, was made on a voluntary basis, and it is probable that this group was not so well reported as other groups covered by the census.

In the table, a dash signifies zero, three dots "..." mean not applicable, and "NA" means not available.

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[For meaning of symbols, see text]

Areas	Gross land and water area (in square miles), 1970	Population		
		1970	1960	1950
United States.....	3,615,122	<sup>1</sup> 203,235,298	179,323,175	151,325,791
Puerto Rico <sup>2</sup> .....	3,435	2,712,033	2,349,544	2,210,704
Outlying areas of sovereignty or jurisdiction....	9,505	314,657	<sup>3</sup> 237,869	<sup>4</sup> 215,188
Territories.....	463	179,519	123,151	106,219
Guam.....	212	84,996	67,044	59,496
Virgin Islands of the United States.....	133	62,468	32,099	26,665
American Samoa.....	76	27,159	20,051	18,937
Midway Islands.....	2	2,220	2,356	416
Wake Island.....	3	1,647	1,097	348
Canton Island and Enderbury Island <sup>4</sup> .....	27	-	320	272
Johnston Island and Sand Island.....	( <sup>5</sup> )	<sup>6</sup> 1,007	<sup>6</sup> 156	<sup>6</sup> 46
Swan Islands.....	1	22	28	36
Other.....	79	-	-	-
Canal Zone <sup>8</sup> .....	553	44,198	42,122	52,822
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands <sup>9</sup> .....	<sup>10</sup> 8,489	90,940	<sup>11</sup> 70,724	<sup>12</sup> 54,845
U.S. population abroad <sup>13</sup> .....	...	1,737,836	1,374,421	<sup>14</sup> 481,545
Federal employees.....	...	1,114,224	647,730	328,505
Armed Forces.....	...	<sup>15</sup> 1,057,776	609,720	301,590
Civilians.....	...	56,448	38,010	26,910
Dependents of Federal employees.....	...	371,366	506,393	107,350
Crews of merchant vessels.....	...	15,910	32,464	45,690
Other citizens.....	...	<sup>16</sup> 236,336	<sup>16</sup> 187,834	(NA)

<sup>1</sup>Official 1970 resident population count for the United States as shown on page 37 of the PC(1)-A1 report.

<sup>2</sup>Puerto Rico was ceded to the United States by Spain in 1898. On July 25, 1952, pursuant to acts of Congress, it achieved the political status of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

<sup>3</sup>Includes population of the Corn Islands (1960, 1,872; 1950, 1,304) not shown separately. Lease (1914) of the Corn Islands from the Republic of Nicaragua has been terminated. Area of these islands (4 square miles) not included in area total.

<sup>4</sup>Uninhabited in 1970; Enderbury Island uninhabited in 1960 and 1950.

<sup>5</sup>Less than 0.5 square mile.

<sup>6</sup>Sand Island uninhabited at time of enumeration.

<sup>7</sup>Area is for Navassa (2 square miles), Baker, Howland, and Jarvis (3 square miles), and Palmyra (4 square miles); uninhabited at time of enumeration.

<sup>8</sup>Under jurisdiction of the United States in accordance with the treaty of November 18, 1903, with the Republic of Panama.

<sup>9</sup>Administered by the United States since July 18, 1947, under the United Nations Trusteeship system.

<sup>10</sup>Comprised of land area of 717 square miles and water area of 7,772 square miles.

<sup>11</sup>From Census of 1958 conducted by the Office of the High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

<sup>12</sup>Estimated civilian population as of June 30, 1950.

<sup>13</sup>Excludes U.S. citizens temporarily abroad on private business, travel, etc. Such persons were enumerated at their usual place of residence in the United States as absent members of their own households.

<sup>14</sup>Based on 20-percent sample of reports received.

<sup>15</sup>Based partially on tabulations provided by Department of Defense.

<sup>16</sup>Represents U.S. citizens abroad for extended periods. Since this population was enumerated on a voluntary basis, its coverage is probably less complete than that of other categories of Americans abroad.