

United States Population Might Double By Year 2000

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The United States can double its present population of 176 million by the year 2000 — just 41 years away—if the current rate of growth continues.

A projection by the Population Reference Bureau, a private group specializing in population data, forecasts a population of 350 million by 1990—an 84 million increase from the present.

This gain would almost equal the entire population of Japan in 1951.

The bureau bases its projection on the 1950-1960 birth rate, longer life spans, and heavy immigration.

About 28 million persons have been added to the U.S. population since 1950, about 46 per cent more than were born in the previous decade. Growth since 1950 nearly equals the population of either Poland or Spain and is nearly double the population of Canada.

Numerically, the bureau says, the growth from 1950-1960 will be the heaviest for any decade in the nation's history. The population at the 1960 census is expected to be 18 per cent greater than it was in 1950—the highest percentage increase during one decade since 1900-1910.

The 1950-1960 estimated growth of 28 million will nearly equal the entire nation's population in 1855. Since 1790, when the first census was taken, the population has

doubled five times and is well on the way to its sixth doubling.

One of the most amazing aspects of the population picture, the bureau says, is that the "baby boom" following World War II has not tapered off as was expected.

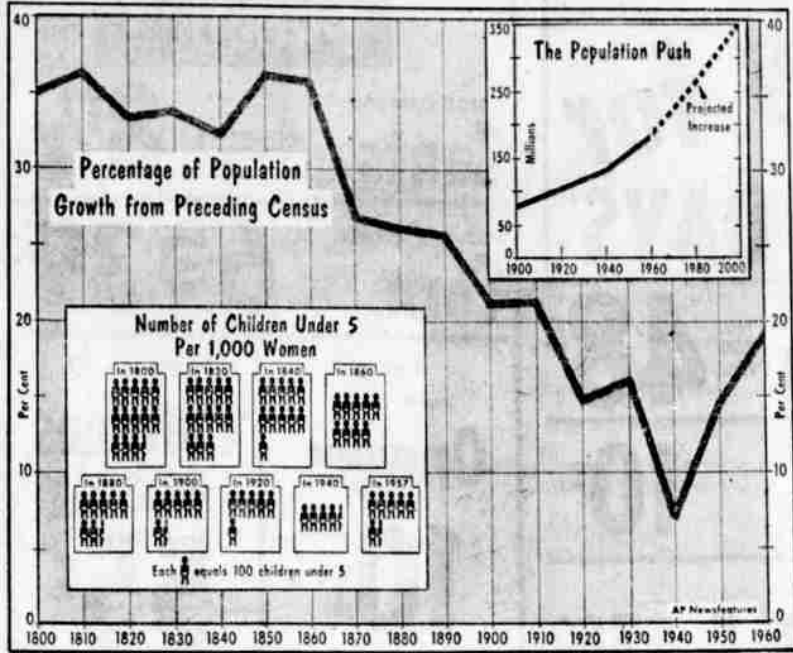
The birth rate reached a post-war peak of 26.8 births per 1,000 persons in 1947, dropped to 23.1 in 1950 but went back to 25.1 in 1952 and was 24.5 in 1958.

The birth rate in most Western European countries meanwhile, has dropped to the pre-war level. The 1958 birth rate in this country, while 8 per cent below the 1947 level, was 30 per cent above the 1933-1939 period.

"If current fertility rates are maintained," the bureau says, "there will be an even greater deluge of births beginning in the mid-1960s when the children born since the war start to marry and have children of their own."

The death rate in the United States has declined about 45 per cent from 1900 to the present. In 1900 the death rate was 17 per 1,000 population. By 1915 it had dropped to 13 per thousand, to 11 per thousand in 1921 and 9.5 per thousand in 1950.

In 1900 the life expectancy was 47 years. Today it is 70 years. From 1950 to 1959, 10.5 per cent of the population gain was from immigrants, while immigration from 1940 to 1950 amounted to about 7 per cent of our population growth.



"Wait just a minute, dear—I want to capture that look of beaming confidence on your face!"

State Feed And Seed Firms To Sponsor Flower Contest

A contest to encourage Oregon residents to make the state "Oregon, the land of flowers" will offer prizes of up to \$100 for culture of annuals, or flowers whose life-spans measure a year or less.

It is sponsored by Oregon Feed and Seed dealers and the Ted Knapp Greenhouses as a Centennial promotion.

Home owners with the best plantings in each of the 17 districts the state has been divided into for the contest will receive \$10. Those judged second best will win \$5.

From these finalists, judges will select four winners, who will receive \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 in that order. Entry deadline for Klamath County residents is July 10. Application may be made at the Albers Feed Store on South Sixth Street and at Bussman's Feed Store on the corner of Ninth Street and Klamath Avenue. Judging will take place in August.

Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. The contest is open to all residents of the state.
2. Plants must be annual.
3. They must be visible from a public thoroughfare.
4. They may be sewn from seed or purchased as plants.
5. Entry blanks must be returned to a garden store of choice.
6. Entries must be filed by July 10.
7. Entrants will be asked to submit color 35 millimeter slide photographs of their displays, complete with names and addresses, to the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. The Camera Clubs of Oregon have offered assistance and advice. Slides will become property of the sponsors to be used in a traveling library of beautiful homes throughout the state.

TEA BREAK-IN
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—John Hagerman was arrested for safe-cracking after a watchman for a downtown auto agency saw him

GOLF BALL KILLS
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—Sybil Thomas, 3, died Tuesday of a skull fracture suffered when struck by a golf ball. Police said a nine-year-old boy hit the ball from an adjacent backyard.

GERMAN RED DEFECTS
BERLIN (UPI)—Helmut Dahinten, mayor of the East German town of Angermuende and an active Communist since 1948, has fled to West Germany, the West Berlin "Information Bureau West" reported Tuesday.

drawing a cup of tea in a lounge adjoining the company office. Police said he was back at work on the safe when they arrived.

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ALLOWANCE CANNONBALLED
YORKTOWN, Va. (UPI)—Three cannonballs, stolen in recent weeks from the historical battlefield here, have been returned.

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