

Table 4 Population: 1790 to 1990

(For historical accuracy, historical data are "backcast" for periods of time in the past when data were not available)

United States Urban and Rural	United States				Urban				Rural				Percent of total population	
	Total population	Change from preceding decade		Percent of total population	Total population	Change from preceding decade		Percent of total population	Total population	Change from preceding decade		Percent of total population	Urban	Rural
		Population	Percent			Population	Percent			Population	Percent			
Centennial urban and rural:														
1790-1800	3,929,214	117,174	3.0	1.0	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	2,929,214	117,174	4.0	1.0	2,929,214	
1800-1810	5,308,483	1,379,269	25.9	34.0	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	4,308,483	1,379,269	31.9	34.0	4,308,483	
1810-1820	7,242,941	1,934,458	26.8	36.0	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	6,242,941	1,934,458	31.0	36.0	6,242,941	
1820-1830	9,637,454	2,394,513	24.8	25.8	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	8,637,454	2,394,513	27.8	25.8	8,637,454	
1830-1840	12,866,019	3,228,565	25.1	20.4	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	11,866,019	3,228,565	27.2	20.4	11,866,019	
1840-1850	17,069,291	4,203,272	24.6	16.6	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	16,069,291	4,203,272	26.2	16.6	16,069,291	
1850-1860	23,191,876	6,122,585	26.4	13.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	22,191,876	6,122,585	27.6	13.5	22,191,876	
1860-1870	31,493,171	8,301,295	26.4	11.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	30,493,171	8,301,295	27.2	11.5	30,493,171	
1870-1880	39,818,721	8,325,550	20.9	9.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	38,818,721	8,325,550	21.5	9.5	38,818,721	
1880-1890	50,555,878	10,737,157	21.2	8.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	49,555,878	10,737,157	21.7	8.5	49,555,878	
1890-1900	62,948,329	12,392,451	19.7	7.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	61,948,329	12,392,451	20.0	7.5	61,948,329	
1900-1910	76,212,367	13,264,038	17.4	6.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	75,212,367	13,264,038	17.6	6.5	75,212,367	
1910-1920	92,228,343	16,015,976	17.4	5.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	91,228,343	16,015,976	17.6	5.5	91,228,343	
1920-1930	106,011,281	13,782,938	12.9	4.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	105,011,281	13,782,938	13.1	4.5	105,011,281	
1930-1940	122,765,958	16,754,677	13.7	3.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	121,765,958	16,754,677	13.8	3.5	121,765,958	
1940-1950	132,164,840	9,398,882	7.1	2.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	131,164,840	9,398,882	7.2	2.5	131,164,840	
1950-1960	151,952,794	19,787,954	13.0	1.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	150,952,794	19,787,954	13.1	1.5	150,952,794	
1960-1970	179,329,468	27,376,674	15.3	1.0	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	178,329,468	27,376,674	15.4	1.0	178,329,468	
1970-1980	203,211,926	23,882,458	11.7	0.5	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	202,211,926	23,882,458	11.8	0.5	202,211,926	
1980-1990	226,545,805	23,333,879	10.3	0.2	1,000,000	100,000	10.0	10.0	225,545,805	23,333,879	10.4	0.2	225,545,805	

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[For information concerning historical counts, see "User Notes." For definitions of terms and meanings of symbols, see text]

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	Total population	Change from preceding census		Number of places of 2,500 or more	Change from preceding census			Population	Change from preceding census		Urban	Rural
		Population	Percent		Population	Population	Percent		Population	Population		
Current urban definition:												
1990 (Apr. 1) -----	248 709 873	22 167 674	9.8	8 510	187 053 487	20 002 495	12.0	61 656 386	2 161 573	3.6	75.2	24.8
1980 (Apr. 1) -----	r228 542 199	23 240 168	11.4	7 749	167 050 992	17 404 375	11.6	59 494 813	5 929 504	11.1	73.7	26.3
1970 (Apr. 1) -----	203 302 031	23 978 856	13.4	r6 433	r149 646 617	24 377 867	19.5	r53 563 309	-489 116	-9	73.6	26.3
1960 (Apr. 1) -----	179 323 175	27 997 377	18.5	5 445	125 268 750	28 421 933	29.3	54 045 425	-424 556	-8	68.9	30.1
1950 (Apr. 1) -----	151 325 798	19 161 229	14.5	4 307	96 846 817	...	...	54 478 981	...	...	64.0	36.0
Previous urban definition:												
1960 (Apr. 1) -----	179 323 175	27 997 377	18.5	5 023	113 063 593	22 935 399	25.4	66 259 582	5 061 978	8.3	63.1	36.9
1950 (Apr. 1) -----	151 325 798	19 161 229	14.5	4 077	90 128 194	15 422 856	20.6	61 197 604	3 738 373	6.5	59.6	40.4
1940 (Apr. 1) -----	132 164 569	8 961 945	7.3	3 485	74 705 338	5 544 739	8.0	57 459 231	3 417 206	6.3	56.5	43.5
1930 (Apr. 1) -----	123 202 624	17 181 087	16.2	3 183	69 160 599	14 907 317	27.5	54 042 025	2 273 770	4.4	56.1	43.9
1920 (Jan. 1) -----	106 021 537	13 793 041	15.0	2 728	54 253 282	12 189 281	29.0	51 768 255	1 603 760	3.2	51.2	48.8
1910 (Apr. 15) -----	92 228 496	16 016 328	21.0	2 269	42 064 001	11 849 169	39.2	50 164 495	4 176 159	9.1	45.6	54.4
1900 (June 1) -----	76 212 168	13 232 402	21.0	1 743	30 214 832	8 108 567	36.7	45 997 336	5 123 835	12.5	39.6	60.4
1890 (June 1) -----	62 979 766	12 790 557	25.5	1 351	22 106 265	7 976 530	56.5	40 873 501	4 814 027	13.4	35.1	64.9
1880 (June 1) -----	50 189 209	11 630 838	30.2	840	14 129 735	4 227 374	42.7	36 059 474	7 403 484	25.8	28.2	71.8
1870 (June 1) -----	38 558 371	7 115 050	22.6	663	9 902 361	3 685 843	59.3	28 656 010	3 429 207	13.6	25.7	74.3
1860 (June 1) -----	31 443 321	8 251 445	35.6	392	6 216 518	2 642 022	73.9	25 226 803	5 609 423	28.6	19.8	80.2
1850 (June 1) -----	23 191 876	6 128 523	35.9	r237	r3 574 496	1 729 441	93.7	r19 617 380	4 399 082	28.9	15.4	84.6
1840 (June 1) -----	17 063 353	4 202 651	32.7	131	1 845 055	717 808	63.7	15 218 298	3 484 843	29.7	10.8	89.2
1830 (June 1) -----	12 860 702	3 222 249	33.4	90	1 127 247	433 992	62.6	11 733 455	2 788 257	31.2	8.8	91.2
1820 (Aug. 7) -----	9 638 453	2 398 572	33.1	61	693 255	167 796	31.9	8 945 198	2 230 776	33.2	7.2	92.8
1810 (Aug. 6) -----	7 239 881	1 931 398	36.4	46	525 459	203 088	63.0	6 714 422	1 728 310	34.7	7.3	92.7
1800 (Aug. 4) -----	5 308 483	1 379 269	35.1	33	322 371	120 716	59.9	4 986 112	1 258 553	33.8	6.1	93.9
1790 (Aug. 2) -----	3 929 214	...	...	24	201 655	...	...	3 727 559	...	...	5.1	94.9