

# FACT SHEET

Census Fact Sheet

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- o The total population of the United States counted in the 1990 census is 249,632,692.
  - The resident population of the United States (excluding federal military and civilian employees and dependents overseas) counted in the 1990 census is 248,709,873, an increase of 9.8 percent from the 1980 resident population of 226,545,805.
  - The Census Bureau last winter had projected a resident population of 250,172,000 based on the 1980 census, recorded deaths and births, and estimates of net legal and illegal immigration.
- o The new apportionment of the House of Representatives is in accord with previously published expectations.
  - The average size of a congressional district will be 572,466 people.
- o We believe that the 1990 census has been a very full, fair, and accurate process, characterized by transparency and openness. As a result, although the total population counted is somewhat higher than a number of observers had expected, the population shares among the states were in accord with expectations.
- o Questions on possible adjustments for undercount or overcount should be referred to Under Secretary Michael Darby or Deputy Under Secretary Mark Plant.