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PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION 5 TO 17 YEARS OLD, FOR CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, BY STATES, AND FOR THE TERRITORIES AND SELECTED POSSESSIONS: JULY 1, 1945

The number of persons 5 to 17 years old in continental United States was about 28,871,000 on July 1, 1945, according to estimates released today by J. C. Capt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. These may be regarded as the ages of elementary and high school attendance. The figure for 1945 represents a decrease of 874,000, or 2.9 percent, from the number enumerated in the 1940 census--29,745,246. This decline reflects the smaller number of births in the period 1935 to 1940 than in the period 1922 to 1927.

The accompanying table presents estimates of the population 5 to 17 years old for the States, the territories, and selected possessions. The figure for each area includes the few residents of the area under 18 who were serving in the armed forces at home or abroad. According to the estimates, 35 States lost population in this age group between 1940 and 1945. The largest absolute decrease, nearly 250,000, occurred in New York, but South Dakota showed the greatest relative decrease, about 17 percent. Of the 14 States (including the District of Columbia) which gained population in this age group, California had the largest absolute increase, nearly 300,000, and Nevada the largest relative increase, about 36 percent.

The estimates given in the table below are rough approximations and should be used with caution. Except for the United States as a whole, accurate information on changes since the last census in the age composition of the population is not available. Basically, the method used in preparing the estimate for each area consisted of applying appropriate life-table survival rates to the 1940 census population (adjusted for underenumeration of children under 5) and to births occurring after the census. An allowance for the effect of interstate and international migration was made by taking an appropriate proportion of the net migration of persons of all ages for each area as published in Series P-46, Nos. 3 and 9. The estimates for States were finally adjusted to add to an independent estimate of the population 5 to 17 for continental United States as a whole, based on 1940 census data and on statistics of births, deaths by age, and immigration and emigration. For the areas outside continental United States additional estimates were prepared by extrapolating the census proportion 5 to 17 and averaged with the results obtained by the method just described.

All figures are presented to the last digit as computed, instead of being rounded, not because they are assumed to be accurate to the last unit, but for convenience in summation.

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(The figure for each area includes residents of the area serving in the armed forces)

AREA	POPULATION 5 TO 17 YEARS OLD		INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-), 1940 TO 1945	
	Estimated, July 1, 1945	Enumerated, April 1, 1940	Number	Percent
Continental United States	28,871,228	29,745,246	-874,018	-2.9
NEW ENGLAND:				
Maine	186,654	198,867	-12,213	-6.1
New Hampshire	95,707	104,903	-9,196	-8.8
Vermont	73,502	82,099	-8,597	-10.5
Massachusetts	814,296	887,904	-73,608	-8.3
Rhode Island	141,206	151,073	-9,867	-6.5
Connecticut	336,980	344,515	-7,535	-2.2

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AREA	POPULATION 5 TO 17 YEARS OLD		INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-), 1940 TO 1945	
	Estimated, July 1, 1945	Enumerated, April 1, 1940	Number	Percent
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:				
New York	2,358,047	2,601,590	-243,543	-9.4
New Jersey	788,447	838,186	-49,739	-5.9
Pennsylvania	2,037,982	2,245,015	-207,033	-9.2
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Ohio	1,416,971	1,443,268	-26,297	-1.8
Indiana	727,288	740,020	-12,732	-1.7
Illinois	1,497,383	1,556,549	-59,166	-3.8
Michigan	1,205,878	1,167,804	+38,074	+3.3
Wisconsin	653,735	699,929	-46,194	-6.6
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Minnesota	546,985	611,907	-64,922	-10.6
Iowa	492,086	555,068	-62,982	-11.3
Missouri	743,063	806,208	-63,145	-7.8
North Dakota	140,681	168,424	-27,743	-16.5
South Dakota	132,875	159,360	-26,485	-16.6
Nebraska	263,127	302,544	-39,417	-13.0
Kansas	365,026	402,469	-37,443	-9.3
SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
Delaware	57,341	54,564	+2,777	+5.1
Maryland	432,410	395,124	+37,286	+9.4
District of Columbia	107,569	105,552	+2,017	+1.9
Virginia	717,105	688,614	+28,491	+4.1
West Virginia	506,620	521,781	-15,161	-2.9
North Carolina	981,264	1,026,826	-45,562	-4.4
South Carolina	551,310	562,097	-10,787	-1.9
Georgia	842,174	837,040	+5,134	+0.6
Florida	454,852	424,068	+30,784	+7.3
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Kentucky	704,047	756,229	-52,182	-6.9
Tennessee	744,471	755,506	-11,035	-1.5
Alabama	797,576	799,238	-1,662	-0.2
Mississippi	596,994	615,886	-18,892	-3.1
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Arkansas	487,513	530,224	-42,711	-8.1
Louisiana	613,371	615,384	-2,013	-0.3
Oklahoma	525,154	608,627	-83,473	-13.7
Texas	1,584,775	1,601,087	-16,312	-1.0
MOUNTAIN:				
Montana	108,752	123,386	-14,634	-11.9
Idaho	120,369	129,044	-8,675	-6.7
Wyoming	57,329	57,848	-519	-0.9
Colorado	248,788	251,845	-3,057	-1.2
New Mexico	157,840	152,346	+5,494	+3.6
Arizona	153,709	129,590	+24,119	+18.6
Utah	159,920	149,059	+10,861	+7.3
Nevada	28,128	20,624	+7,504	+36.4
PACIFIC:				
Washington	372,900	328,992	+43,908	+13.3
Oregon	229,423	209,082	+20,341	+9.7
California	1,511,605	1,227,881	+283,724	+23.1
TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS:				
Alaska	18,428	[1]16,208	+2,220	+13.7
Hawaii	121,789	118,810	+2,979	+2.5
Puerto Rico	661,396	597,198	+64,198	+10.7
Virgin Islands	6,718	6,343	+375	+5.9

[1]Census taken as of October 1, 1939.

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