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ESTIMATES OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION 5 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE, FOR CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, BY STATES, AND FOR THE TERRITORIES AND SELECTED POSSESSIONS: JULY 1, 1946

The estimated civilian population of continental United States 5 to 17 years of age, roughly the population of school age, on July 1, 1946, was about 28,944,000, according to an announcement made today by J. C. Capt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents a decline of 801,000, or 2.7 percent, from the 29,745,246 persons in this age range enumerated in the last census (April 1, 1940). (A small number of persons 17 years old who were then serving in the armed forces are included in the 1940 figure.) This decline reflects primarily the smaller number of births in the period 1935 to 1941 than in the period 1922 to 1928. Persons born during the earlier period are included in the group 5 to 17 years of age in 1940 but not in 1946; those born during the later period are included in the group 5 to 17 years of age in 1946 but not in 1940.

Despite the decline in the population in this age range in continental United States as a whole, there were several States, largely in the West, in which the number aged 5 to 17 years increased during this period. The State with the greatest gain was California, which had an increase of about 395,000, or 32.1 percent, followed by Washington with an increase of about 105,000, or 31.9 percent, and Oregon with an increase of about 56,000, or 26.9 percent. The only other States having increases were Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming in the Mountain Division, the District of Columbia and Maryland in the South Atlantic Division, and Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana in the East North Central Division. Of the 35 States that lost population in this age range, 9 States had declines of less than 5 percent; in the other 26 States the losses were more marked; ranging up to about 14.4 percent in New Jersey. In one State, Delaware, there was virtually no change.

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The estimated population 5 to 17 years of age on July 1, 1946, for each State was obtained by adding:

- (a) The population born between July 1, 1928, and April 1, 1940, as enumerated in the census of April 1, 1940.
- (b) The number of persons born between the census date and July 1, 1941.
- (c) An estimate of the net migration between April 1, 1940, and July 1, 1946, of persons in this age range in 1946;

and by subtracting from this total:

- (a) An estimate of deaths to this group since April 1, 1940.
- (b) An estimate of the net loss of population in the age range in 1946 to the armed forces.

The figures from the 1940 census were adjusted for underenumeration of children under 5 years of age. The birth and death statistics used were on a residence basis and were adjusted for underregistration. The estimated net loss of population to the armed forces from each State represents the small number of persons under 18 from the State serving in the armed forces on the estimate date. The estimates of net migration are based on statistics from the 1940 census, statistics on enrollment in the elementary grades of public and private schools, and, in part, on registration for War Ration Book No. 4. (A more detailed description of the method followed in making estimates of net migration is presented as part of Method II in the U. S. Bureau of the Census, Population--Special Reports, Series P-47, No. 4.) By a final slight adjustment, the estimates of the civilian population 5 to 17 years old for States were brought into agreement with an independently computed national total for this group.

Estimates of the civilian population 5 to 17 years of age for the areas outside continental

United States were prepared by a somewhat different procedure. They are based on a combination of methods involving data from the 1940 census and birth, death, and migration statistics where available, trends in the proportion of the population in this age range, and school enrollment data for each of the areas obtained from the United States Office of Education, Federal Security Agency.

The accompanying table presents estimates of the civilian population 5 to 17 years old for States, the Territories, and selected Possessions, together with

figures for the enumerated population of the same age at the last census. These estimates are not comparable with those given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1, because of improvements in the method of preparation and the use of more recent data.

The estimates presented in this report have been rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which have been independently rounded. Derived figures are based on the unrounded absolute numbers.

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(The estimates exclude the small number of residents of each area serving in the armed forces. Estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which are independently rounded. Derived figures are based on the unrounded absolute numbers)

Area	Population 5 to 17 years old		Increase (+) or decrease (-), 1940 to 1946		Area	Population 5 to 17 years old		Increase (+) or decrease (-), 1940 to 1946	
	July 1, 1946	April 1, 1940 (census)	Number	Per cent		July 1, 1946	April 1, 1940 (census)	Number	Per cent
Continental United States.....	29,944,000	29,745,246	-801,000	-2.7	SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
REGIONS:					Delaware.....	55,000	54,564	(¹)	-
Northeastern States....	6,687,000	7,454,152	-768,000	-10.3	Maryland.....	400,000	395,124	+5,000	+1.2
North Central States....	8,374,000	8,513,550	-239,000	-2.8	District of Columbia..	113,000	105,552	+7,000	+6.9
The South.....	10,524,000	10,897,847	-374,000	-3.4	Virginia.....	675,000	688,614	-14,000	-2.0
The West.....	3,359,000	2,779,697	+579,000	+20.8	West Virginia.....	490,000	521,791	-31,000	-6.0
NORTHEASTERN STATES:					North Carolina.....	973,000	1,026,326	-53,000	-5.2
New England.....	1,642,000	1,769,361	-127,000	-7.2	South Carolina.....	537,000	562,097	-25,000	-4.5
Middle Atlantic.....	5,044,000	5,684,791	-640,000	-11.3	Georgia.....	812,000	837,040	-25,000	-3.0
NORTH CENTRAL STATES:					Florida.....	458,000	424,068	+34,000	+8.0
East North Central.....	5,590,000	5,607,570	-18,000	-0.3	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
West North Central.....	2,785,000	3,005,980	-221,000	-7.4	Kentucky.....	700,000	756,229	-56,000	-7.4
THE SOUTH:					Tennessee.....	736,000	755,506	-19,000	-2.6
South Atlantic.....	4,513,000	4,515,666	-103,000	-2.2	Alabama.....	757,000	799,238	-43,000	-5.3
East South Central.....	2,771,000	2,926,359	-156,000	-5.3	Mississippi.....	578,000	615,886	-38,000	-6.2
West South Central.....	3,240,000	3,355,322	-115,000	-3.4	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
THE WEST:					Arkansas.....	494,000	530,224	-36,000	-6.9
Mountain.....	1,037,000	1,013,742	+24,000	+2.3	Louisiana.....	608,000	615,384	-8,000	-1.2
Pacific.....	2,322,000	1,765,955	+556,000	+31.5	Oklahoma.....	547,000	608,627	-61,000	-10.1
NEW ENGLAND:					Texas.....	1,591,000	1,601,087	-10,000	-0.6
Maine.....	189,000	198,367	-10,000	-5.2	MOUNTAIN:				
New Hampshire.....	99,000	104,903	-6,000	-6.1	Montana.....	117,000	123,386	-7,000	-5.5
Vermont.....	76,000	82,099	-6,000	-6.9	Idaho.....	127,000	129,044	-2,000	-1.6
Massachusetts.....	314,000	337,904	-74,000	-8.3	Wyoming.....	60,000	57,848	+2,000	+3.1
Rhode Island.....	131,000	151,073	-20,000	-13.2	Colorado.....	245,000	251,845	-7,000	-2.8
Connecticut.....	333,000	344,515	-11,000	-3.3	New Mexico.....	155,000	152,346	+3,000	+1.7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					Arizona.....	143,000	129,590	+19,000	+14.4
New York.....	2,347,000	2,601,590	-255,000	-9.8	Utah.....	163,000	149,059	+13,000	+9.0
New Jersey.....	717,000	838,136	-121,000	-14.4	Nevada.....	24,000	20,624	+3,000	+16.4
Pennsylvania.....	1,980,000	2,245,015	-265,000	-11.8	PACIFIC:				
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					Washington.....	434,000	328,992	+105,000	+31.9
Ohio.....	1,448,000	1,443,263	+5,000	+0.3	Oregon.....	265,000	209,032	+56,000	+26.9
Indiana.....	754,000	740,020	+14,000	+1.9	California.....	1,623,000	1,227,881	+395,000	+32.1
Illinois.....	1,462,000	1,556,549	-95,000	-6.1	TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS:				
Michigan.....	1,267,000	1,167,804	+99,000	+8.5	Alaska ²	20,000	16,203	+4,000	+23.6
Wisconsin.....	659,000	699,929	-41,000	-5.9	Hawaii.....	126,000	118,810	+7,000	+6.0
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:					Puerto Rico.....	686,000	597,198	+89,000	+14.9
Minnesota.....	579,000	611,907	-32,000	-5.3	Virgin Islands.....	7,000	6,343	+1,000	+13.4
Iowa.....	526,000	555,068	-29,000	-5.2					
Missouri.....	752,000	806,208	-54,000	-6.7					
North Dakota.....	147,000	168,424	-21,000	-12.7					
South Dakota.....	141,000	159,360	-18,000	-11.6					
Nebraska.....	267,000	302,544	-35,000	-11.7					
Kansas.....	371,000	402,469	-31,000	-7.7					

¹ Change not shown where difference is less than 500.

² Census taken as of October 1, 1939.