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ESTIMATES OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION 5 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES, BY STATES: JULY 1, 1947

The civilian population of the United States 5 to 17 years of age numbered about 29,317,000 on July 1, 1947, according to estimates released today by J. C. Capt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. Persons 5 to 17 years of age constitute roughly the population of school age. The allocation of funds to States under the National School Lunch Act and other programs relating to the school age population depend on the size of this group in each State. The figure for 1947 represents a decrease of 428,000, or 1.4 percent, from the number in this age range enumerated in the 1940 census--29,745,246. This decline reflects primarily the smaller number of births in the period 1935 to 1942 than in the period 1922 to 1929. Persons born during the earlier period are included in the group 5 to 17 years of age in 1940 but not in 1947; those born during the later period are included in the group 5 to 17 years of age in 1947 but not in 1940.

According to the estimates, 33 States followed the national trend and lost population of school age between 1940 and 1947. The largest absolute decreases, more than 200,000 for each, occurred in Pennsylvania and New York; Rhode Island and North Dakota showed the greatest relative decreases, about 14 percent. Fifteen States and the District of Columbia had increases in the population 5 to 17 years of age during this period. California had both the largest absolute gain, about 459,000, and the largest relative increase, about 37.4 percent, followed by Washington, with an increase of 121,000, or 36.7 percent.

The estimated population 5 to 17 years of age on July 1, 1947, for each State was obtained by adding:

- (a) The population under 10 years and 9 months old enumerated in the census of April 1, 1940. (These persons were born between July 1, 1929, and April 1, 1940.)
- (b) The number of persons born between the census date and July 1, 1942.

- (c) An estimate of the net migration between April 1, 1940, and July 1, 1947, of persons in groups (a) and (b),

and by subtracting from this total:

- (a) An estimate of deaths to these groups since April 1, 1940.
- (b) An estimate of the net loss of population to the armed forces from group (a) during the period.

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 who were serving in the armed forces on the estimate date or who died while serving between April 1, 1940, and July 1, 1947. 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 registrations 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 United States Bureau of the Census, Population - Special Reports, Series P-47, No. 4.) By a slight final 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.

The accompanying table presents estimates of the civilian population 5 to 17 years old for States, as of July 1, 1947, together with figures for the enumerated population in the same age range at the last census. For the most part these estimates are comparable with the estimates for July 1, 1946, given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 10. For several States, however, the 1947 esti-

mates are based on improved school data not available when the 1946 estimates were prepared. In these instances the estimates for the two years are not entirely comparable. Had the new data been used to prepare revised estimates, they would be somewhat different from those already published. The small number of persons 17 years old who were serving in the armed forces in 1940 are included in the 1940 civilian figures.

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.

ESTIMATES OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, 5 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES,
BY REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES: JULY 1, 1947

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Region, division, and State	Population 5 to 17 years old		Increase (+) or decrease (-), 1940 to 1947		Region, division, and State	Population 5 to 17 years old		Increase (+) or decrease (-), 1940 to 1947	
	July 1, 1947	April 1, 1940 (census)	Number	Per cent		July 1, 1947	April 1, 1940 (census)	Number	Per cent
United States.....	29,317,000	29,745,246	-428,000	-1.4	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
REGIONS:					Minnesota.....	584,000	611,907	-28,000	-4.6
Northeastern States...	6,886,000	7,454,152	-618,000	-8.3	Iowa.....	525,000	555,068	-30,000	-5.5
North Central States..	8,480,000	8,613,550	-184,000	-2.1	Missouri.....	758,000	806,209	-48,000	-6.0
The South.....	10,586,000	10,897,847	-312,000	-2.9	North Dakota.....	144,000	168,424	-24,000	-14.3
The West.....	3,465,000	2,779,697	+685,000	+24.6	South Dakota.....	143,000	159,360	-17,000	-10.6
NORTHEASTERN STATES:					Nebraska.....	261,000	302,544	-41,000	-13.6
New England.....	1,658,000	1,769,361	-111,000	-6.3	Kansas.....	376,000	402,469	-27,000	-6.7
Middle Atlantic.....	5,178,000	5,684,791	-507,000	-8.9	SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
NORTH CENTRAL STATES:					Delaware.....	56,000	54,564	+2,000	+3.5
East North Central....	5,640,000	5,607,570	+32,000	+0.6	Maryland.....	402,000	395,124	+7,000	+1.7
West North Central....	2,790,000	3,005,980	-216,000	-7.2	District of Columbia..	116,000	105,552	+10,000	+9.9
THE SOUTH:					Virginia.....	677,000	688,614	-11,000	-1.6
South Atlantic.....	4,589,000	4,615,666	-76,000	-1.7	West Virginia.....	494,000	521,781	-28,000	-5.4
East South Central....	2,790,000	2,926,859	-137,000	-4.7	North Carolina.....	969,000	1,026,826	-58,000	-5.6
West South Central....	3,257,000	3,355,322	-99,000	-2.9	South Carolina.....	545,000	562,097	-18,000	-3.1
THE WEST:					Georgia.....	808,000	837,040	-29,000	-3.5
Mountain.....	1,046,000	1,013,742	+32,000	+3.2	Florida.....	473,000	424,068	+49,000	+11.6
Pacific.....	2,419,000	1,765,955	+653,000	+37.0	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
NEW ENGLAND:					Kentucky.....	704,000	756,229	-52,000	-6.9
Maine.....	189,000	198,867	-10,000	-4.9	Tennessee.....	748,000	755,506	-8,000	-1.0
New Hampshire.....	101,000	104,903	-4,000	-3.5	Alabama.....	756,000	799,238	-43,000	-5.4
Vermont.....	78,000	82,099	-4,000	-5.5	Mississippi.....	582,000	615,886	-33,000	-5.4
Massachusetts.....	823,000	887,904	-64,000	-7.3	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Rhode Island.....	129,000	151,073	-22,000	-14.4	Arkansas.....	500,000	530,224	-30,000	-5.7
Connecticut.....	337,000	344,515	-7,000	-2.1	Louisiana.....	614,000	619,384	-1,000	-0.2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					Oklahoma.....	536,000	608,627	-72,000	-11.9
New York.....	2,385,000	2,601,590	-216,000	-8.3	Texas.....	1,607,000	1,601,087	+6,000	+0.3
New Jersey.....	768,000	838,186	-70,000	-8.3	MOUNTAIN:				
Pennsylvania.....	2,024,000	2,245,015	-221,000	-9.8	Montana.....	117,000	123,386	-6,000	-5.1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					Idaho.....	125,000	129,044	-4,000	-2.9
Ohio.....	1,464,000	1,443,268	+21,000	+1.4	Wyoming.....	58,000	57,848	-	-
Indiana.....	765,000	740,020	+25,000	+3.4	Colorado.....	248,000	251,845	-4,000	-1.7
Illinois.....	1,498,000	1,556,549	-58,000	-3.7	New Mexico.....	155,000	152,346	+3,000	+2.0
Michigan.....	1,247,000	1,167,804	+80,000	+6.8	Arizona.....	155,000	129,590	+26,000	+19.8
Wisconsin.....	665,000	699,929	-35,000	-5.0	Utah.....	161,000	149,059	+12,000	+8.3
					Nevada.....	25,000	20,624	+5,000	+23.1
					PACIFIC:				
					Washington.....	450,000	328,992	+121,000	+36.7
					Oregon.....	282,000	209,082	+73,000	+34.9
					California.....	1,687,000	1,227,881	+459,000	+37.4