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(This report presents revised estimates for July 1, 1950 to 1954, which supersede those published in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 97, 104, and 108. The revisions of the earlier figures are required by some improvement in methodology and by the receipt of later information, principally data on school enrollment)

Most States in the Union shared in the 10½ million growth in the population residing in continental United States between April 1, 1950 (the date of the last census) and July 1, 1954, according to revised estimates of State population for July 1, 1954, announced today by Robert W. Burgess, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The gains, however, were not evenly distributed throughout the country. As in earlier years, the Pacific States showed the largest average annual rate of population growth between 1950 and 1954, namely, 3.3 percent as is evident from table 6. This was about double the national rate, but well below the annual rate experienced in the Pacific division during the 1940's. Between 1950 and 1954, California alone added about 1.9 million inhabitants. Its population numbered about 12½ million on July 1, 1954, and was exceeded only by that of New York State.

The Mountain States also experienced a rapid population growth from 1950 to 1954. In fact, Arizona and Nevada grew at a faster rate than any other State. Only the Territory of Alaska with an average annual rate of increase of 11.4 percent grew faster than these two States.

High rates of increase also occurred in several States outside the West between 1950 and 1954. Florida's population increased at an average annual rate of 4.1 percent since 1950, exceeding its rate of 3.8 percent for the 1940-50 decade. In the period 1950 to 1954, increases somewhat above the average for the country as a whole also occurred in Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, and Connecticut.

In the States that lost population between 1950 and 1954, the out-migration of residents offset the gains from natural increase. Changes of population within 2 or 3 percentage points, plus or minus, should be regarded as indicating little or no change, in view of possible errors in the estimates.

METHODOLOGY

The estimates for each State except California and Kansas (and the District of Columbia) were prepared by adding estimates of Armed Forces stationed in the State to estimates of the civilian population prepared by a revised "migration-and-natural-increase" method.

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The migration-and-natural-increase method as applied here consists of (1) adding to the civilian population on April 1, 1950, an estimate of births, (2) subtracting an estimate of civilian deaths, (3) adding or subtracting an estimate of net civilian migration, and (4) subtracting or adding an estimate of the net movement of civilians into the Armed Forces, for the period between the census and the estimate date. The net movement of civilians into the Armed Forces for each State was estimated by (1) taking the difference between (a) the number of persons serving in the Armed Forces on the estimate date who reported the State as their preservice residence and (b) the number serving in the Armed Forces on April 1, 1950, who reported the State as their preservice residence, and (2) adding an allowance for former residents of the State who died during this period while serving in the Armed Forces.

Net civilian migration was estimated in the following manner: (1) Net migration rates for children $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $14\frac{1}{2}$ years old were developed on the basis of data from the 1950 Census and statistics on school enrollment in the elementary grades 2 to 8. (2) These rates were multiplied by 1.2 to obtain the estimated migration rates for the total population. This factor is based on annual interstate migration data by age for the United States as a whole for recent years, obtained in the Current Population Survey. (3) These rates were applied to the civilian population of all ages in each State in 1950 to obtain tentative estimates of net civilian migration for the period since 1950. (4) The estimates of net civilian migration were adjusted to add algebraically to the national estimate of net immigration for this period.

This general procedure has been illustrated in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 20. The description given in that report does not include any of the several recent improvements in the "migration-and-natural-increase" method upon which the revised estimates in this report are based. A revision of report Series P-25, No. 20, is scheduled to be published in the next several months.

These improvements have been made in large part in the method by which net civilian migration of children of elementary school age is estimated. The estimate of net migration for this group for each State is derived from a comparison of the reported number of elementary school children on the estimate date and the expected number of children of elementary school age surviving from the appropriate age group in 1950.

The reported number of elementary school children is available in terms of grades and the expected number of children in terms of age. Investigation of various possible age-grade combinations indicates that greatest comparability is obtained by using enrollment in grades 2 to 8 and survivors (from the 1950 Census) $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $14\frac{1}{2}$ years old. Previous estimates are based on statistics for enrollment in grades 1 to 8 and survivors 6 to 13 years old.

A somewhat greater gain in accuracy was achieved in the method by which the State net migration is calculated. In the modified procedure both the school enrollment figures and the survivors are adjusted to independently derived estimates for the United States as a whole. Previously the only adjustment to the United States total was made on the estimated net migration of all ages, by States. Tests of the method involving the various changes described above, applied to data for the decade 1940 to 1950, indicate a material reduction in the expected average error. These presumed gains in accuracy were considered sufficient to obviate the need for the stabilizing effect of averaging in the "vital rates" estimates as was done in the preparation of the superseded estimates for the years 1950 to 1954.

In view of the availability of additional data relating to population growth, special procedures are used in preparing the estimates for California, the District of Columbia, and Kansas. The estimates for California are based on the average of the results of the migration-and-natural-increase method, the vital rates method, and the age-specific--death-rates method. The estimates for the District of Columbia represent an average of the results of the migration-and-natural-increase method, the vital rates method, and another estimate involving intermediate estimates of the number of households on the basis of public utility data and other current local data. The estimates for Kansas represent interpolations and adjustments of the results of the Kansas State Censuses taken each year as of March 31. Results of the State Census of Massachusetts taken as of January 1, 1955, are not yet available.

The birth and death statistics available for preparing these estimates include final figures classified on a residence basis for 1952 and provisional figures classified on an occurrence basis for 1953 and 1954. The 1953 and 1954 figures were adjusted to a residence basis. It is expected that the final figures on births and deaths will differ only slightly from those used. All figures were corrected for underregistration. The factors used in correcting the births for underregistration

are extrapolated from results of the 1950 Birth Registration Test conducted by the National Office of Vital Statistics in conjunction with the 1950 Census of Population. The adjustment of the death statistics for underregistration was confined to infants under 1 year of age.

Many of the data used to prepare the population estimates given in this report were obtained from other agencies. The National Office of Vital Statistics, United States Public Health Service, provided the vital statistics. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, provided statistics on immigration and emigration. The Department of Defense provided the figures relating to the Armed Forces. State Departments of Education and parochial school systems throughout the country provided the data on school enrollment used in developing estimates of net internal migration.

As has been indicated, total population change in a State between the census date and a given estimate date consists of the net contribution of births, deaths, net movement of Armed Forces, and net civilian migration. The estimates of net migration implied in the population estimates shown in this report are subject to considerably greater percentage error than the other components of population change. Since net migration is frequently an important component of change, the estimates of total population change between the census date and each of the estimate dates are also subject to substantial error, and particular care should be used in interpreting small changes. Although the estimates of total population change and the population estimates themselves have the same absolute errors, percentagewise the errors in the population estimates are considerably smaller than those in the estimates of total population change.

The estimates for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territories and possessions were prepared by somewhat different procedures using statistics on the components of population change obtained from various Federal and local agencies. Statistics and estimates of births and deaths were provided by the National Office of Vital Statistics, United States Public Health Service, supplemented by data obtained from the local Departments of Health; statistics on the movement of civilians to and from the Territories and possessions were provided mainly by the various departments of the local governments; and data on Armed Forces were obtained from the Department of Defense.

Because of the highly seasonal pattern of migration to and from Alaska, the monthly statistics on migration to and from Alaska, obtained from the Alaska Development Board, were adjusted by a smoothing process to eliminate seasonal variations. Thus, although the population estimates are centered on July 1 of each year, the figures include "average" migration during the year and represent the average population during the calendar year rather than the high midsummer "peak."

Estimates of the population of the Canal Zone are based on the results of the Annual Police Census of the Canal Zone. The latest results available for use were from the census taken during November 1954.

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(Total population figures include persons in the Armed Forces stationed in each area. Each population estimate has been independently rounded to the nearest thousand (nearest hundred for the Canal Zone and the Virgin Islands) from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sums of parts shown may differ slightly from the totals shown. Amounts and percentages of change are based on the unrounded figures)

Region, division, and State	Total population				Civilian population			
	July 1, 1954	April 1, 1950 (census)	Increase (+) or decrease (-), April 1, 1950, to July 1, 1954		July 1, 1954	April 1, 1950	Increase (+) or decrease (-), April 1, 1950, to July 1, 1954	
			Amount	Percent			Amount	Percent
Continental United States..	[1]161,183,000	150,697,361	+10,485,000	+7.0	159,078,000	149,634,000	+9,444,000	+6.3
REGIONS:								
Northeast.....	41,876,000	39,477,986	+2,398,000	+6.1	41,600,000	39,344,000	+2,257,000	+5.7
North Central.....	47,372,000	44,460,762	+2,911,000	+6.5	47,166,000	44,369,000	+2,798,000	+6.3
South.....	49,573,000	47,197,088	+2,376,000	+5.0	48,502,000	46,653,000	+1,850,000	+4.0
West.....	22,362,000	19,561,525	+2,801,000	+14.3	21,809,000	19,269,000	+2,541,000	+13.2
NORTHEAST:								
New England.....	9,762,000	9,314,453	+448,000	+4.8	9,652,000	9,261,000	+390,000	+4.2
Middle Atlantic.....	32,114,000	30,163,533	+1,950,000	+6.5	31,949,000	30,083,000	+1,866,000	+6.2
NORTH CENTRAL:								
East North Central.....	32,804,000	30,399,368	+2,405,000	+7.9	32,703,000	30,337,000	+2,367,000	+7.8
West North Central.....	14,568,000	14,061,394	+506,000	+3.6	14,463,000	14,032,000	+431,000	+3.1
SOUTH:								
South Atlantic.....	22,773,000	21,182,335	+1,590,000	+7.5	22,137,000	20,860,000	+1,277,000	+6.1
East South Central.....	11,467,000	11,477,181	-10,000	-0.1	11,338,000	11,412,000	-74,000	-0.6
West South Central.....	15,333,000	14,537,572	+795,000	+5.5	15,026,000	14,380,000	+646,000	+4.5
WEST:								
Mountain.....	5,692,000	5,074,998	+617,000	+12.1	5,564,000	5,021,000	+543,000	+10.8
Pacific.....	16,671,000	14,486,527	+2,184,000	+15.1	16,245,000	14,248,000	+1,997,000	+14.0
NEW ENGLAND:								
Maine.....	890,000	913,774	-23,000	-2.6	876,000	912,000	-36,000	-3.9
New Hampshire.....	550,000	533,242	+17,000	+3.2	546,000	531,000	+15,000	+2.7
Vermont.....	377,000	377,747	-1,000	-0.3	375,000	378,000	-2,000	-0.7
Massachusetts.....	4,924,000	4,690,514	+233,000	+5.0	4,876,000	4,665,000	+211,000	+4.5
Rhode Island.....	837,000	791,896	+45,000	+5.7	803,000	774,000	+28,000	+3.7
Connecticut.....	2,185,000	2,007,280	+177,000	+8.8	2,176,000	2,001,000	+175,000	+8.7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:								
New York.....	15,826,000	14,830,192	+996,000	+6.7	15,761,000	14,801,000	+961,000	+6.5
New Jersey.....	5,303,000	4,835,329	+468,000	+9.7	5,228,000	4,802,000	+426,000	+8.9
Pennsylvania.....	10,984,000	10,498,012	+486,000	+4.6	10,960,000	10,480,000	+480,000	+4.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:								
Ohio.....	8,720,000	7,946,627	+773,000	+9.7	8,701,000	7,938,000	+762,000	+9.6
Indiana.....	4,235,000	3,934,224	+301,000	+7.7	4,230,000	3,932,000	+298,000	+7.6
Illinois.....	9,193,000	8,712,176	+481,000	+5.5	9,134,000	8,672,000	+462,000	+5.3
Michigan.....	7,028,000	6,371,766	+656,000	+10.3	7,014,000	6,361,000	+654,000	+10.3
Wisconsin.....	3,628,000	3,434,575	+193,000	+5.6	3,624,000	3,433,000	+190,000	+5.5
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:								
Minnesota.....	3,132,000	2,982,483	+149,000	+5.0	3,127,000	2,981,000	+146,000	+4.9
Iowa.....	2,665,000	2,621,073	+44,000	+1.7	2,663,000	2,621,000	+42,000	+1.6
Missouri.....	4,076,000	3,954,653	+122,000	+3.1	4,038,000	3,952,000	+86,000	+2.2
North Dakota.....	635,000	619,636	+15,000	+2.5	634,000	620,000	+15,000	+2.4
South Dakota.....	672,000	652,740	+19,000	+2.9	664,000	650,000	+14,000	+2.2
Nebraska.....	1,366,000	1,325,510	+41,000	+3.1	1,359,000	1,322,000	+37,000	+2.8
Kansas.....	2,023,000	1,905,299	+117,000	+6.2	1,979,000	1,887,000	+92,000	+4.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC:								
Delaware.....	371,000	318,085	+53,000	+16.7	365,000	318,000	+48,000	+15.0
Maryland.....	2,601,000	2,343,001	+258,000	+11.0	2,517,000	2,301,000	+216,000	+9.4
District of Columbia.....	849,000	802,178	+47,000	+5.9	826,000	787,000	+39,000	+5.0
Virginia.....	3,560,000	3,318,680	+241,000	+7.3	3,377,000	3,208,000	+170,000	+5.3
West Virginia.....	1,990,000	2,005,552	-16,000	-0.8	1,989,000	2,005,000	-16,000	-0.8
North Carolina.....	4,225,000	4,061,929	+163,000	+4.0	4,138,000	4,014,000	+124,000	+3.1
South Carolina.....	2,270,000	2,117,027	+153,000	+7.2	2,204,000	2,096,000	+108,000	+5.2
Georgia.....	3,606,000	3,444,578	+161,000	+4.7	3,507,000	3,402,000	+105,000	+3.1
Florida.....	3,300,000	2,771,305	+529,000	+19.1	3,213,000	2,729,000	+484,000	+17.7
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:								
Kentucky.....	2,978,000	2,944,806	+33,000	+1.1	2,911,000	2,913,000	-2,000	-0.1
Tennessee.....	3,362,000	3,291,718	+70,000	+2.1	3,344,000	3,281,000	+63,000	+1.9
Alabama.....	3,001,000	3,061,743	-61,000	-2.0	2,980,000	3,053,000	-73,000	-2.4
Mississippi.....	2,126,000	2,178,914	-53,000	-2.4	2,102,000	2,164,000	-62,000	-2.9
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:								
Arkansas.....	1,798,000	1,909,511	-111,000	-5.8	1,779,000	1,908,000	-129,000	-6.8
Louisiana.....	2,882,000	2,683,516	+199,000	+7.4	2,858,000	2,670,000	+189,000	+7.1
Oklahoma.....	2,174,000	2,233,351	-60,000	-2.7	2,138,000	2,218,000	-80,000	-3.6
Texas.....	8,479,000	7,711,194	+768,000	+10.0	8,251,000	7,584,000	+667,000	+8.8
MOUNTAIN:								
Montana.....	619,000	591,024	+28,000	+4.8	615,000	589,000	+26,000	+4.4
Idaho.....	598,000	588,637	+9,000	+1.5	594,000	588,000	+5,000	+0.9
Wyoming.....	298,000	290,529	+7,000	+2.4	288,000	282,000	+6,000	+2.2
Colorado.....	1,499,000	1,325,089	+173,000	+13.1	1,450,000	1,307,000	+143,000	+10.9
New Mexico.....	778,000	681,187	+97,000	+14.2	750,000	668,000	+82,000	+12.2
Arizona.....	928,000	749,587	+179,000	+23.8	909,000	742,000	+167,000	+22.6
Utah.....	762,000	688,862	+73,000	+10.6	757,000	687,000	+70,000	+10.2
Nevada.....	210,000	160,083	+50,000	+31.0	201,000	157,000	+44,000	+27.7
PACIFIC:								
Washington.....	2,531,000	2,378,963	+152,000	+6.4	2,450,000	2,317,000	+133,000	+5.8
Oregon.....	1,640,000	1,521,341	+119,000	+7.8	1,635,000	1,519,000	+117,000	+7.7
California.....	12,500,000	10,586,223	+1,914,000	+18.1	12,160,000	10,413,000	+1,747,000	+16.8
Alaska.....	208,000	128,643	+80,000	+62.0	159,000	108,000	+51,000	+47.2
Hawaii.....	522,000	499,794	+22,000	+4.4	484,000	477,000	+7,000	+1.4
Puerto Rico.....	2,229,000	2,210,703	+19,000	+0.8	2,206,000	2,205,000	+1,000	([2])
Canal Zone.....	53,800	52,822	+1,000	+1.8	40,400	43,200	-2,800	-6.5
Virgin Islands.....	24,000	26,665	-2,700	-10.0	24,000	26,000	-2,000	-7.7

[1] Estimated total population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas for July 1, 1954, is 162,409,000.

[2] Less than 0.1.

Table 2.--ESTIMATES OF THE TOTAL POPULATION, FOR CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, BY REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES, AND FOR ALASKA, HAWAII, PUERTO RICO, THE CANAL ZONE, AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES: JULY 1, 1950 TO 1954

(Figures include persons in the Armed Forces stationed in each area. Each population estimate has been rounded to the nearest thousand (nearest hundred for the Canal Zone and the Virgin Islands) from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sums of parts shown may differ slightly from the totals shown)

Region, division, and State	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1953	July 1, 1952	July 1, 1951	July 1, 1950
Continental United States	161,183,000	158,320,000	155,761,000	153,384,000	151,234,000
REGIONS:					
Northeast	41,876,000	40,876,000	39,908,000	39,572,000	39,609,000
North Central	47,372,000	46,440,000	45,696,000	45,086,000	44,650,000
South	49,573,000	49,241,000	49,038,000	48,467,000	47,330,000
West	22,362,000	21,763,000	21,119,000	20,258,000	19,644,000
NORTHEAST:					
New England	9,762,000	9,603,000	9,321,000	9,237,000	9,335,000
Middle Atlantic	32,114,000	31,273,000	30,587,000	30,336,000	30,274,000
NORTH CENTRAL:					
East North Central	32,804,000	32,019,000	31,433,000	30,877,000	30,546,000
West North Central	14,568,000	14,422,000	14,263,000	14,209,000	14,104,000
SOUTH:					
South Atlantic	22,773,000	22,484,000	22,245,000	21,847,000	21,244,000
East South Central	11,467,000	11,456,000	11,473,000	11,548,000	11,505,000
West South Central	15,333,000	15,301,000	15,321,000	15,072,000	14,582,000
WEST:					
Mountain	5,692,000	5,543,000	5,354,000	5,173,000	5,109,000
Pacific	16,671,000	16,220,000	15,765,000	15,085,000	14,535,000
NEW ENGLAND:					
Maine	890,000	877,000	870,000	898,000	913,000
New Hampshire	550,000	545,000	531,000	523,000	532,000
Vermont	377,000	380,000	374,000	377,000	378,000
Massachusetts	4,924,000	4,843,000	4,689,000	4,636,000	4,700,000
Rhode Island	837,000	835,000	813,000	797,000	790,000
Connecticut	2,185,000	2,123,000	2,044,000	2,006,000	2,022,000
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					
New York	15,826,000	15,499,000	15,180,000	15,017,000	14,901,000
New Jersey	5,303,000	5,174,000	5,118,000	5,002,000	4,864,000
Pennsylvania	10,984,000	10,600,000	10,288,000	10,317,000	10,509,000
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Ohio	8,720,000	8,463,000	8,254,000	8,038,000	7,978,000
Indiana	4,235,000	4,175,000	4,149,000	4,095,000	3,946,000
Illinois	9,193,000	9,039,000	8,913,000	8,825,000	8,753,000
Michigan	7,028,000	6,825,000	6,635,000	6,502,000	6,420,000
Wisconsin	3,628,000	3,516,000	3,483,000	3,416,000	3,449,000
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Minnesota	3,132,000	3,073,000	3,043,000	3,012,000	2,996,000
Iowa	2,665,000	2,663,000	2,645,000	2,619,000	2,627,000
Missouri	4,076,000	4,063,000	3,994,000	4,047,000	3,956,000
North Dakota	635,000	627,000	618,000	606,000	619,000
South Dakota	672,000	662,000	658,000	657,000	654,000
Nebraska	1,366,000	1,353,000	1,334,000	1,317,000	1,328,000
Kansas	2,023,000	1,981,000	1,971,000	1,951,000	1,923,000
SOUTH ATLANTIC:					
Delaware	371,000	355,000	344,000	333,000	320,000
Maryland	2,601,000	2,531,000	2,494,000	2,441,000	2,363,000
District of Columbia	849,000	846,000	828,000	819,000	807,000
Virginia	3,560,000	3,570,000	3,543,000	3,454,000	3,316,000
West Virginia	1,990,000	1,993,000	1,992,000	2,001,000	2,010,000
North Carolina	4,225,000	4,194,000	4,148,000	4,128,000	4,068,000
South Carolina	2,270,000	2,252,000	2,227,000	2,187,000	2,119,000
Georgia	3,606,000	3,564,000	3,577,000	3,536,000	3,452,000
Florida	3,300,000	3,177,000	3,091,000	2,948,000	2,790,000
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Kentucky	2,978,000	2,961,000	2,950,000	2,957,000	2,958,000
Tennessee	3,362,000	3,323,000	3,345,000	3,351,000	3,302,000
Alabama	3,001,000	3,016,000	2,990,000	3,048,000	3,066,000
Mississippi	2,126,000	2,156,000	2,188,000	2,191,000	2,179,000
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Arkansas	1,798,000	1,826,000	1,856,000	1,902,000	1,911,000
Louisiana	2,882,000	2,868,000	2,843,000	2,753,000	2,697,000
Oklahoma	2,174,000	2,200,000	2,255,000	2,278,000	2,234,000
Texas	8,479,000	8,407,000	8,367,000	8,139,000	7,740,000
MOUNTAIN:					
Montana	619,000	613,000	600,000	591,000	596,000
Idaho	598,000	594,000	583,000	584,000	592,000
Wyoming	298,000	293,000	294,000	290,000	291,000
Colorado	1,499,000	1,437,000	1,367,000	1,316,000	1,335,000
New Mexico	778,000	767,000	749,000	726,000	684,000
Arizona	928,000	894,000	846,000	788,000	755,000
Utah	762,000	749,000	732,000	709,000	695,000
Nevada	210,000	195,000	183,000	169,000	162,000
PACIFIC:					
Washington	2,531,000	2,481,000	2,462,000	2,443,000	2,387,000
Oregon	1,640,000	1,620,000	1,599,000	1,568,000	1,528,000
California	12,500,000	12,119,000	11,703,000	11,074,000	10,620,000
Alaska	208,000	205,000	191,000	161,000	137,000
Hawaii	522,000	523,000	522,000	514,000	491,000
Puerto Rico	2,229,000	2,213,000	2,227,000	2,234,000	2,207,000
Canal Zone	53,800	56,800	57,800	56,100	52,800
Virgin Islands	24,000	27,000	24,000	25,000	27,000

Table 3.--ESTIMATES OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, FOR CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, BY REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES, AND FOR ALASKA, HAWAII, PUERTO RICO, THE CANAL ZONE, AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES: JULY 1, 1950 TO 1954

(Figures exclude persons in the Armed Forces stationed in each area. Each population estimate has been rounded to the nearest thousand (nearest hundred for the Canal Zone and the Virgin Islands) from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sums of parts shown may differ slightly from the totals shown)

Region, division, and State	July 1, 1954	July 1, 1953	July 1, 1952	July 1, 1951	July 1, 1950
Continental United States	159,078,000	156,053,000	153,366,000	151,082,000	150,202,000
REGIONS:					
Northeast	41,600,000	40,580,000	39,595,000	39,286,000	39,484,000
North Central	47,166,000	46,221,000	45,449,000	44,833,000	44,555,000
South	48,502,000	48,102,000	47,850,000	47,276,000	46,807,000
West	21,809,000	21,150,000	20,472,000	19,687,000	19,356,000
NORTHEAST:					
New England	9,652,000	9,483,000	9,200,000	9,127,000	9,289,000
Middle Atlantic	31,949,000	31,097,000	30,395,000	30,159,000	30,195,000
NORTH CENTRAL:					
East North Central	32,703,000	31,902,000	31,272,000	30,707,000	30,480,000
West North Central	14,463,000	14,319,000	14,177,000	14,125,000	14,075,000
SOUTH:					
South Atlantic	22,137,000	21,824,000	21,566,000	21,171,000	20,941,000
East South Central	11,338,000	11,291,000	11,307,000	11,362,000	11,436,000
West South Central	15,026,000	14,987,000	14,976,000	14,742,000	14,430,000
WEST:					
Mountain	5,564,000	5,432,000	5,231,000	5,067,000	5,055,000
Pacific	16,245,000	15,718,000	15,241,000	14,620,000	14,302,000
NEW ENGLAND:					
Maine	876,000	865,000	862,000	891,000	911,000
New Hampshire	546,000	541,000	527,000	520,000	530,000
Vermont	375,000	378,000	373,000	376,000	378,000
Massachusetts	4,876,000	4,786,000	4,627,000	4,575,000	4,676,000
Rhode Island	803,000	799,000	776,000	770,000	776,000
Connecticut	2,176,000	2,113,000	2,034,000	1,995,000	2,017,000
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					
New York	15,761,000	15,437,000	15,108,000	14,955,000	14,872,000
New Jersey	5,228,000	5,099,000	5,045,000	4,928,000	4,828,000
Pennsylvania	10,960,000	10,561,000	10,241,000	10,276,000	10,495,000
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Ohio	8,701,000	8,443,000	8,233,000	8,022,000	7,969,000
Indiana	4,230,000	4,148,000	4,120,000	4,059,000	3,945,000
Illinois	9,134,000	8,988,000	8,840,000	8,752,000	8,709,000
Michigan	7,014,000	6,810,000	6,612,000	6,481,000	6,410,000
Wisconsin	3,624,000	3,513,000	3,467,000	3,393,000	3,448,000
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Minnesota	3,127,000	3,069,000	3,038,000	3,008,000	2,994,000
Iowa	2,663,000	2,661,000	2,643,000	2,618,000	2,627,000
Missouri	4,038,000	4,023,000	3,962,000	4,010,000	3,954,000
North Dakota	634,000	627,000	617,000	605,000	619,000
South Dakota	664,000	655,000	650,000	651,000	651,000
Nebraska	1,359,000	1,347,000	1,328,000	1,311,000	1,325,000
Kansas	1,979,000	1,937,000	1,938,000	1,923,000	1,906,000
SOUTH ATLANTIC:					
Delaware	365,000	352,000	340,000	329,000	320,000
Maryland	2,517,000	2,448,000	2,398,000	2,355,000	2,321,000
District of Columbia	826,000	823,000	805,000	796,000	790,000
Virginia	3,377,000	3,357,000	3,325,000	3,240,000	3,217,000
West Virginia	1,989,000	1,992,000	1,991,000	2,001,000	2,010,000
North Carolina	4,138,000	4,098,000	4,057,000	4,028,000	4,021,000
South Carolina	2,204,000	2,190,000	2,166,000	2,107,000	2,105,000
Georgia	3,507,000	3,484,000	3,487,000	3,449,000	3,411,000
Florida	3,213,000	3,079,000	2,998,000	2,865,000	2,747,000
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Kentucky	2,911,000	2,883,000	2,873,000	2,868,000	2,924,000
Tennessee	3,344,000	3,301,000	3,323,000	3,331,000	3,291,000
Alabama	2,980,000	2,976,000	2,949,000	3,000,000	3,057,000
Mississippi	2,102,000	2,130,000	2,163,000	2,163,000	2,164,000
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Arkansas	1,779,000	1,807,000	1,838,000	1,885,000	1,909,000
Louisiana	2,858,000	2,823,000	2,792,000	2,717,000	2,684,000
Oklahoma	2,138,000	2,167,000	2,216,000	2,242,000	2,220,000
Texas	8,251,000	8,190,000	8,129,000	7,898,000	7,616,000
MOUNTAIN:					
Montana	615,000	608,000	595,000	586,000	594,000
Idaho	594,000	590,000	575,000	582,000	592,000
Wyoming	288,000	282,000	282,000	280,000	284,000
Colorado	1,450,000	1,404,000	1,329,000	1,274,000	1,317,000
New Mexico	750,000	739,000	721,000	705,000	671,000
Arizona	909,000	876,000	825,000	772,000	747,000
Utah	757,000	746,000	728,000	704,000	692,000
Nevada	201,000	187,000	176,000	165,000	159,000
PACIFIC:					
Washington	2,450,000	2,404,000	2,388,000	2,361,000	2,328,000
Oregon	1,635,000	1,615,000	1,594,000	1,561,000	1,525,000
California	12,160,000	11,699,000	11,259,000	10,698,000	10,449,000
Alaska	159,000	156,000	141,000	123,000	111,000
Hawaii	484,000	475,000	467,000	470,000	470,000
Puerto Rico	2,206,000	2,185,000	2,202,000	2,215,000	2,202,000
Canal Zone	40,400	42,000	41,800	42,100	42,100
Virgin Islands	24,000	27,000	24,000	25,000	27,000

Table 4.--ESTIMATES OF THE COMPONENTS OF CHANGE IN THE TOTAL POPULATION OF REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES: APRIL 1, 1950, TO JULY 1, 1954

(Each estimate has been independently rounded from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sum of parts shown may differ slightly from the totals shown. Percentages are based on unrounded figures)

Region, division, and State	Net change		Births	Deaths	Net total migration[2]	
	Number	Percent[1]			Number	Percent[1]
United States	+10,485,000	+7.0	16,391,000	6,326,000	+420,000	+0.3
REGIONS:						
Northeast	+2,398,000	+6.1	3,710,000	1,794,000	+482,000	+1.2
North Central	+2,911,000	+6.5	4,802,000	1,932,000	+41,000	+0.1
South	+2,376,000	+5.0	5,593,000	1,794,000	-1,423,000	-3.0
West	+2,801,000	+14.3	2,286,000	805,000	+1,320,000	+6.7
NORTHEAST:						
New England	+448,000	+4.8	884,000	427,000	-9,000	-0.1
Middle Atlantic	+1,950,000	+6.5	2,826,000	1,367,000	+491,000	+1.6
NORTH CENTRAL:						
East North Central	+2,405,000	+7.9	3,311,000	1,328,000	+422,000	+1.4
West North Central	+506,000	+3.6	1,491,000	604,000	-381,000	-2.7
SOUTH:						
South Atlantic	+1,590,000	+7.5	2,503,000	813,000	-99,000	-0.5
East South Central	-10,000	-0.1	1,332,000	447,000	-895,000	-7.8
West South Central	+795,000	+5.5	1,758,000	535,000	-428,000	-2.9
WEST:						
Mountain	+617,000	+12.1	674,000	195,000	+138,000	+2.7
Pacific	+2,184,000	+15.1	1,612,000	610,000	+1,182,000	+8.2
NEW ENGLAND:						
Maine	-23,000	-2.6	91,000	42,000	-72,000	-7.9
New Hampshire	+17,000	+3.2	50,000	26,000	-7,000	-1.3
Vermont	-1,000	-0.3	39,000	18,000	-23,000	-6.0
Massachusetts	+233,000	+5.0	437,000	221,000	+17,000	+0.4
Rhode Island	+45,000	+5.7	73,000	35,000	+6,000	+0.8
Connecticut	+177,000	+8.8	194,000	85,000	+69,000	+3.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:						
New York	+996,000	+6.7	1,364,000	679,000	+311,000	+2.1
New Jersey	+468,000	+9.7	459,000	217,000	+225,000	+4.7
Pennsylvania	+486,000	+4.6	1,003,000	472,000	-45,000	-0.4
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Ohio	+773,000	+9.7	870,000	353,000	+255,000	+3.2
Indiana	+301,000	+7.7	436,000	174,000	+40,000	+1.0
Illinois	+481,000	+5.5	870,000	401,000	+12,000	+0.1
Michigan	+656,000	+10.3	760,000	255,000	+151,000	+2.4
Wisconsin	+193,000	+5.6	375,000	145,000	-36,000	-1.1
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Minnesota	+149,000	+5.0	334,000	120,000	-64,000	-2.2
Iowa	+44,000	+1.7	272,000	112,000	-116,000	-4.4
Missouri	+122,000	+3.1	388,000	189,000	-78,000	-2.0
North Dakota	+15,000	+2.5	73,000	22,000	-36,000	-5.8
South Dakota	+19,000	+2.9	77,000	25,000	-33,000	-5.1
Nebraska	+41,000	+3.1	140,000	55,000	-45,000	-3.4
Kansas	+117,000	+6.2	208,000	81,000	-9,000	-0.5
SOUTH ATLANTIC:						
Delaware	+53,000	+16.7	37,000	15,000	+31,000	+9.9
Maryland	+258,000	+11.0	259,000	97,000	+96,000	+4.1
District of Columbia	+47,000	+5.9	89,000	36,000	-6,000	-0.7
Virginia	+241,000	+7.3	383,000	126,000	-16,000	-0.5
West Virginia	-16,000	-0.8	216,000	72,000	-160,000	-8.0
North Carolina	+163,000	+4.0	487,000	135,000	-188,000	-4.6
South Carolina	+153,000	+7.2	284,000	76,000	-55,000	-2.6
Georgia	+161,000	+4.7	428,000	131,000	-135,000	-3.9
Florida	+529,000	+19.1	320,000	124,000	+333,000	+12.0
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Kentucky	+33,000	+1.1	329,000	118,000	-177,000	-6.0
Tennessee	+70,000	+2.1	359,000	125,000	-164,000	-5.0
Alabama	-61,000	-2.0	362,000	115,000	-308,000	-10.1
Mississippi	-53,000	-2.4	282,000	88,000	-247,000	-11.3
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Arkansas	-111,000	-5.8	205,000	67,000	-250,000	-13.1
Louisiana	+199,000	+7.4	351,000	105,000	-47,000	-1.8
Oklahoma	-60,000	-2.7	222,000	84,000	-198,000	-8.8
Texas	+768,000	+10.0	981,000	280,000	+67,000	+0.9
MOUNTAIN:						
Montana	+28,000	+4.8	70,000	25,000	-16,000	-2.7
Idaho	+9,000	+1.5	71,000	21,000	-41,000	-7.0
Wyoming	+7,000	+2.4	35,000	10,000	-18,000	-6.2
Colorado	+173,000	+13.1	161,000	54,000	+67,000	+5.1
New Mexico	+97,000	+14.2	108,000	24,000	+12,000	+1.8
Arizona	+179,000	+23.8	110,000	31,000	+99,000	+13.2
Utah	+73,000	+10.6	99,000	22,000	-4,000	-0.6
Nevada	+50,000	+31.0	19,000	8,000	+38,000	+23.8
PACIFIC:						
Washington	+152,000	+6.4	257,000	98,000	-8,000	-0.3
Oregon	+119,000	+7.8	164,000	62,000	+16,000	+1.1
California	+1,914,000	+18.1	1,190,000	450,000	+1,174,000	+11.1

[1] Base is 1950 total population.
[2] Net total migration comprises both net immigration from abroad and net interregional, interdivisional, or interstate migration according to the area shown. Movements of persons in the Armed Forces between 1950 and 1954 are included.

Table 5.--ESTIMATES OF THE COMPONENTS OF CHANGE IN THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES: APRIL 1, 1950, TO JULY 1, 1954

(Each estimate has been independently rounded from figures computed to the last digit; hence, the sums of parts shown may differ slightly from the totals shown)

Region, division, and State	Net change in civilian population	Natural increase		Net civilian migration[1]	Net loss to Armed Forces[2]
		Births	Deaths		
United States	+9,444,000	16,391,000	6,308,000	+1,233,000	1,871,000
REGIONS:					
Northeast	+2,257,000	3,710,000	1,791,000	+799,000	462,000
North Central	+2,798,000	4,802,000	1,928,000	+463,000	540,000
South	+1,850,000	5,593,000	1,787,000	-1,345,000	610,000
West	+2,541,000	2,286,000	802,000	+1,316,000	260,000
NORTHEAST:					
New England	+390,000	884,000	426,000	+52,000	120,000
Middle Atlantic	+1,866,000	2,826,000	1,365,000	+747,000	342,000
NORTH CENTRAL:					
East North Central	+2,367,000	3,311,000	1,326,000	+730,000	348,000
West North Central	+431,000	1,491,000	603,000	-267,000	191,000
SOUTH:					
South Atlantic	+1,277,000	2,503,000	809,000	-128,000	288,000
East South Central	-74,000	1,332,000	445,000	-812,000	148,000
West South Central	+646,000	1,758,000	533,000	-405,000	174,000
WEST:					
Mountain	+543,000	674,000	194,000	+138,000	75,000
Pacific	+1,997,000	1,612,000	608,000	+1,178,000	185,000
NEW ENGLAND:					
Maine	-36,000	91,000	42,000	-72,000	12,000
New Hampshire	+15,000	50,000	26,000	(3)	9,000
Vermont	-2,000	39,000	18,000	-20,000	4,000
Massachusetts	+211,000	437,000	221,000	+56,000	61,000
Rhode Island	+28,000	73,000	35,000	+1,000	11,000
Connecticut	+175,000	194,000	85,000	+89,000	23,000
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					
New York	+961,000	1,364,000	678,000	+436,000	162,000
New Jersey	+426,000	459,000	216,000	+237,000	55,000
Pennsylvania	+480,000	1,003,000	471,000	+74,000	126,000
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Ohio	+762,000	870,000	352,000	+330,000	86,000
Indiana	+298,000	436,000	174,000	+84,000	48,000
Illinois	+462,000	870,000	400,000	+92,000	99,000
Michigan	+654,000	760,000	255,000	+222,000	74,000
Wisconsin	+190,000	375,000	145,000	+2,000	42,000
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:					
Minnesota	+146,000	334,000	120,000	-28,000	40,000
Iowa	+42,000	272,000	112,000	-81,000	36,000
Missouri	+86,000	388,000	189,000	-63,000	51,000
North Dakota	+15,000	73,000	22,000	-29,000	8,000
South Dakota	+14,000	77,000	24,000	-28,000	10,000
Nebraska	+37,000	140,000	55,000	-30,000	18,000
Kansas	+92,000	208,000	81,000	-7,000	28,000
SOUTH ATLANTIC:					
Delaware	+48,000	37,000	15,000	+30,000	4,000
Maryland	+216,000	259,000	96,000	+81,000	28,000
District of Columbia	+39,000	89,000	36,000	-5,000	8,000
Virginia	+170,000	383,000	125,000	-48,000	41,000
West Virginia	-16,000	216,000	72,000	-132,000	28,000
North Carolina	+124,000	487,000	135,000	-170,000	58,000
South Carolina	+108,000	284,000	76,000	-67,000	32,000
Georgia	+105,000	428,000	130,000	-147,000	45,000
Florida	+484,000	320,000	123,000	+330,000	43,000
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Kentucky	-2,000	329,000	118,000	-176,000	36,000
Tennessee	+63,000	359,000	125,000	-128,000	43,000
Alabama	-73,000	362,000	115,000	-277,000	43,000
Mississippi	-62,000	282,000	88,000	-231,000	25,000
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
Arkansas	-129,000	205,000	66,000	-247,000	21,000
Louisiana	+189,000	351,000	104,000	-30,000	27,000
Oklahoma	-80,000	222,000	83,000	-188,000	30,000
Texas	+667,000	981,000	279,000	+60,000	96,000
MOUNTAIN:					
Montana	+26,000	70,000	25,000	-10,000	9,000
Idaho	+5,000	71,000	21,000	-37,000	9,000
Wyoming	+6,000	35,000	10,000	-15,000	5,000
Colorado	+143,000	161,000	54,000	+56,000	19,000
New Mexico	+82,000	108,000	23,000	+7,000	10,000
Arizona	+167,000	110,000	31,000	+99,000	11,000
Utah	+70,000	99,000	22,000	+4,000	11,000
Nevada	+44,000	19,000	7,000	+34,000	2,000
PACIFIC:					
Washington	+133,000	257,000	98,000	+5,000	31,000
Oregon	+117,000	164,000	62,000	+36,000	22,000
California	+1,747,000	1,190,000	448,000	+1,137,000	132,000

[1] Net civilian migration comprises both net immigration from abroad and net interregional, interdivisional, or interstate migration of civilians according to the area shown.

[2] Net loss to Armed Forces for each State includes former residents of the State who died between April 1, 1950, and July 1, 1954, while serving in the Armed Forces. Estimated number of military deaths for the United States as a whole is about 55,000 during this period.

[3] Less than 1,000.

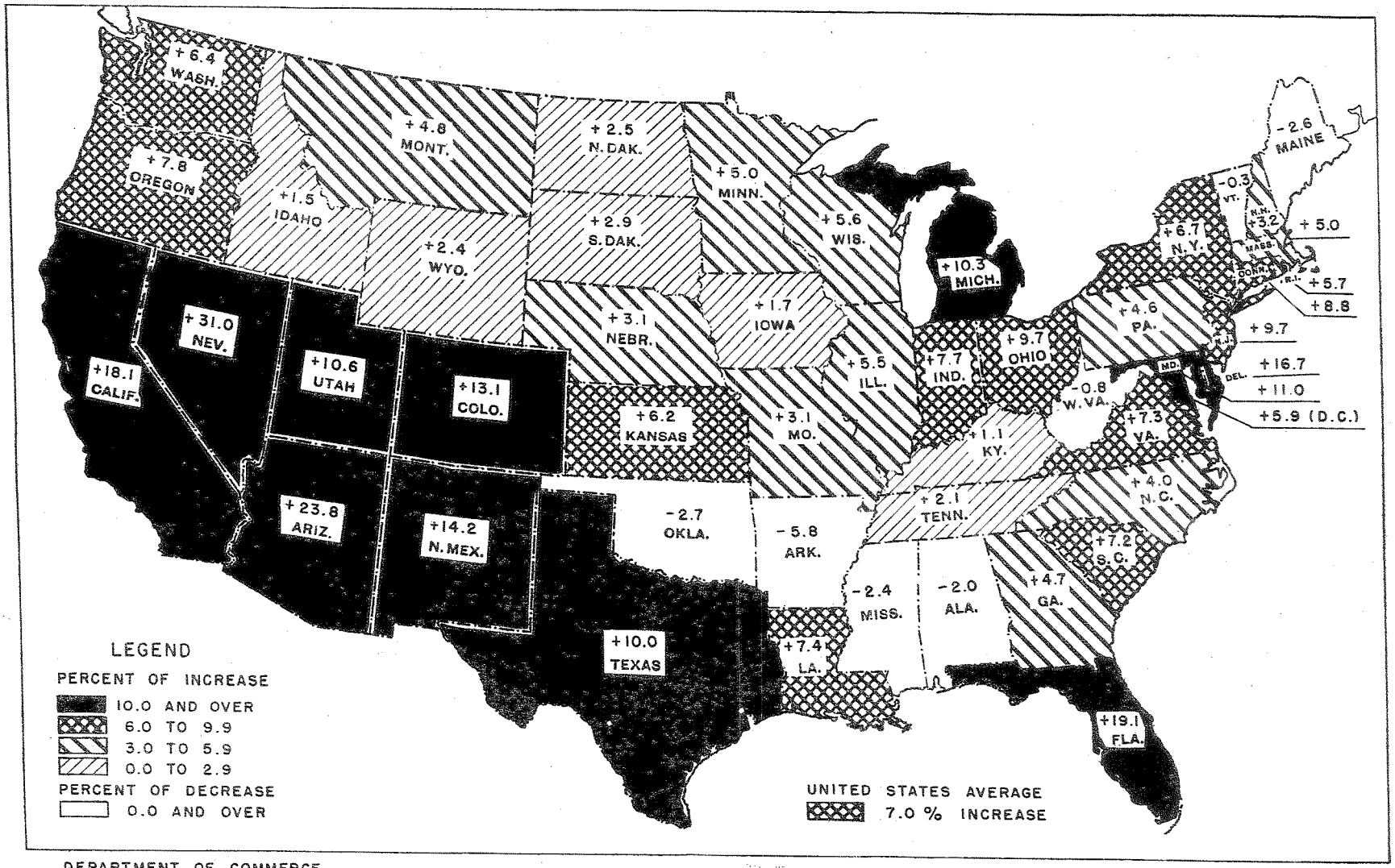
Table 6.--AVERAGE ANNUAL RATES OF INCREASE IN THE TOTAL POPULATION, FOR CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, BY REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES, AND FOR ALASKA, HAWAII, PUERTO RICO, THE CANAL ZONE, AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES, BETWEEN 1950 AND 1954 AND BETWEEN 1940 AND 1950

(Figures are geometric average annual rates of percentage increase. Minus sign (-) denotes decrease)

Region, division, and State	1950 to 1954	1940 to 1950
Continental United States	1.6	1.4
REGIONS:		
Northeast	1.4	0.9
North Central	1.5	1.0
South	1.1	1.2
West	3.1	3.4
NORTHEAST:		
New England	1.1	1.0
Middle Atlantic	1.5	0.9
NORTH CENTRAL:		
East North Central	1.8	1.3
West North Central	0.8	0.4
SOUTH:		
South Atlantic	1.7	1.7
East South Central	(1)	0.6
West South Central	1.3	1.1
WEST:		
Mountain	2.7	2.0
Pacific	3.3	4.0
NEW ENGLAND:		
Maine	-0.6	0.8
New Hampshire	0.7	0.8
Vermont	-0.1	0.5
Massachusetts	1.1	0.8
Rhode Island	1.3	1.0
Connecticut	2.0	1.6
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:		
New York	1.5	1.0
New Jersey	2.2	1.5
Pennsylvania	1.1	0.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:		
Ohio	2.2	1.4
Indiana	1.7	1.4
Illinois	1.3	1.0
Michigan	2.3	1.9
Wisconsin	1.3	0.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
Minnesota	1.1	0.7
Iowa	0.4	0.3
Missouri	0.7	0.4
North Dakota	0.6	-0.4
WEST NORTH CENTRAL--Con.		
South Dakota	0.7	0.2
Nebraska	0.7	0.1
Kansas	1.4	0.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC:		
Delaware	3.6	1.8
Maryland	2.5	2.5
District of Columbia	1.3	1.9
Virginia	1.7	2.1
West Virginia	-0.2	0.5
North Carolina	0.9	1.3
South Carolina	1.6	1.1
Georgia	1.1	1.0
Florida	4.1	3.8
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Kentucky	0.3	0.4
Tennessee	0.5	1.2
Alabama	-0.5	0.8
Mississippi	-0.6	(1)
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Arkansas	-1.4	-0.2
Louisiana	1.7	1.3
Oklahoma	-0.6	-0.5
Texas	2.2	1.8
MOUNTAIN:		
Montana	1.1	0.6
Idaho	0.4	1.1
Wyoming	0.6	1.5
Colorado	2.9	1.7
New Mexico	3.1	2.5
Arizona	5.0	4.1
Utah	2.4	2.3
Nevada	6.4	3.7
PACIFIC:		
Washington	1.5	3.2
Oregon	1.8	3.3
California	3.9	4.3
Alaska	11.4	5.5
Hawaii	1.0	1.7
Puerto Rico	0.2	1.7
Canal Zone	0.4	0.2
Virgin Islands	-2.4	0.7

[1] Less than 0.1.

PERCENT OF CHANGE IN TOTAL POPULATION OF STATES: 1950 TO 1954



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