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POPULATION OF VIRGINIA, BY COUNTIES: APRIL 1, 1950

(The figures in this report are preliminary counts of population as compiled in field offices and supersede those for the same areas which have been published in Series PC-1. Figures for some areas not published in Series PC-1 are also included in this report. Additional reports in Series PC-2 will be issued as preliminary counts for other States become available)

The population of Virginia as of April 1, 1950, was 3,270,322, according to a preliminary count of the returns of the 1950 Decennial Census of Population, reported today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents a gain of 592,549, or 22.1 percent, over the 2,677,773 inhabitants of the State enumerated in the 1940 Census.

The preliminary population counts shown below represent the number of persons enumerated in the State, each county, and each incorporated place of 1,000 or more, but not the final verified population totals. The final population totals may differ from the preliminary counts because of the allocation to the place of usual residence of persons who were enumerated elsewhere, the inclusion of crews of vessels docked within an area but not included in the preliminary count, and because of other revisions.

Area	Preliminary count, April 1, 1950	April 1, 1940	Percent of change, 1940 to 1950
State total	3,270,322	2,677,773	22.1
Accomack County	33,836	33,030	2.4
Chincoteague town	2,719	2,142	26.9
Onancock town	1,341	1,283	4.5
Albemarle County	26,550	24,652	7.7
Alleghany County	23,462	22,688	3.4
Covington town	6,238	6,300	-1.0
Amelia County	7,909	8,495	-6.9
Amherst County	19,612	20,273	-3.3
Amherst town	1,031	930	10.9
Appomattox County	8,662	9,020	-4.0
Appomattox town	1,092	992	10.1
Arlington County	134,990	57,040	136.7

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Augusta County.....	33,782	42,772	-21.0	Fauquier County.....	21,178	21,039	0.[illegible]
Bath County.....	6,251	7,191	-13.1	Warrenton town....	1,784	1,651	8.[illegible]
Bedford County.....	29,305	29,687	-1.3	Floyd County.....	11,266	11,967	-5.[illegible]
Bedford town.....	4,050	3,973	1.9	Fluvanna County.....	7,130	7,088	0.[illegible]
Bland County.....	6,428	6,731	-4.5	Franklin County.....	24,254	25,864	-6.[illegible]
Botetourt County....	15,734	16,447	-4.3	Rocky Mount town..	1,420	1,366	4.[illegible]
Buchanan town.....	1,299	868	49.7	Frederick County....	17,489	14,008	24.[illegible]
Brunswick County....	20,110	19,575	2.7	Giles County.....	18,903	14,635	29.[illegible]
Lawrenceville town	2,235	1,703	31.2	Narrows town.....	2,442	1,489	64.[illegible]
Buchanan County.....	35,403	31,477	12.5	Pearisburg town...	1,997	987	102.[illegible]
Grundy town.....	1,936	1,476	31.2	Pembroke town.....	1,009	(2)	.
Buckingham County...	12,274	13,398	-8.4	Gloucester County...	10,305	9,548	7.[illegible]
Campbell County.....	29,399	26,048	12.9	Goochland County....	8,896	8,454	5.[illegible]
Altavista town....	3,379	2,919	15.8	Grayson County.....	21,248	21,916	-3.[illegible]
Caroline County.....	12,349	13,945	-11.4	Fries town.....	1,440	1,677	-14.[illegible]
Carroll County.....	26,865	25,904	3.7	Galax town (pt.)[1].	2,608	1,805	44.[illegible]
Galax town (pt.)[1].	2,622	1,390	88.6	Greene County.....	4,742	5,218	-9.[illegible]
Charles City County.	4,667	4,275	9.2	Greensville County..	16,298	14,866	9.[illegible]
Charlotte County....	13,934	15,861	-12.1	Emporia town.....	5,654	2,735	106.[illegible]
Chesterfield County.	39,791	31,183	27.6	Halifax County.....	41,427	41,271	0.[illegible]
Clarke County.....	7,050	7,159	-1.5	South Boston town.	6,079	5,252	15.[illegible]
Berryville town...	1,393	1,262	10.4	Hanover County.....	21,941	18,500	18.[illegible]
Craig County.....	3,455	3,769	-8.3	Ashland town.....	2,610	1,718	51.[illegible]
Culpeper County.....	13,212	13,365	-1.1	Henrico County.....	57,166	41,960	36.[illegible]
Culpeper town.....	2,518	2,316	8.7	Henry County.....	31,188	26,481	17.[illegible]
Cumberland County...	7,253	7,505	-3.4	Highland County.....	4,064	4,875	-16.[illegible]
Dickenson County....	23,147	21,266	8.8	Isle of Wight County	14,881	13,381	11.[illegible]
Clintwood town....	1,354	1,106	22.4	Smithfield town...	1,174	1,178	-0.[illegible]
Dinwiddie County....	18,823	18,166	3.6	James City County...	6,306	4,907	28.[illegible]
Elizabeth City County	54,369	32,283	68.4	King and Queen County	6,293	6,954	-9.[illegible]
Phoebus town.....	3,700	3,503	5.6	King George County..	6,694	5,431	23.[illegible]
Essex County.....	6,510	7,006	-7.1	King William County.	7,568	7,855	-3.[illegible]
Tappahannock town.	1,005	783	28.4	West Point town...	1,910	1,947	-1.[illegible]
Fairfax County.....	98,255	40,929	140.1	Lancaster County....	8,608	8,786	-2.[illegible]
Fairfax town.....	1,945	979	98.7	Lee County.....	35,994	39,296	-8.[illegible]
Herndon town.....	1,471	1,046	40.6	Pennington Gap town.....	2,074	1,990	4.[illegible]
Vienna town.....	2,020	1,237	63.3				

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[1] Total population of Galax town, partly in Carroll County and partly in Grayson County is 5,230 for 1950 (preliminary) and 3,195 for 1940.

[2] Not shown separately in 1940.

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Area	Preliminary count, Apr. 1, 1950	Apr. 1, 1940	Percent of change, 1940 to 1950	Area	Preliminary count, Apr. 1, 1950	Apr. 1, 1940	Percent of change, 1940 to 1950
Loudoun County.....	21,063	20,291	3.8	Powhatan County.....	5,551	5,671	-2.1
Leesburg town.....	1,699	1,698	0.1	Prince Edward County	15,373	14,922	3.0
Louisa County.....	12,812	13,665	-6.2	Farmville town....	4,351	3,475	25.2
Lunenburg County....	14,098	13,844	1.8	Prince George County	19,639	12,226	60.6
Kenbridge town....	1,174	847	38.6	Prince William County	22,544	17,738	27.1
Victoria town.....	1,589	1,555	2.2	Manassas town.....	1,789	1,302	37.4
Madison County.....	8,260	8,465	-2.4	Quantico town.....	1,211	1,139	6.3
Mathews County.....	7,105	7,149	-0.6	Princess Anne County	39,892	19,984	99.6
Mecklenburg County..	33,477	31,933	4.8	Virginia Beach town.....	5,344	2,600	105.5
Chase City town...	2,477	1,896	30.6	Pulaski County.....	27,630	22,767	21.4
Clarksville town..	1,032	826	24.9	Dublin town.....	1,307	576	126.9
South Hill town...	2,148	1,739	23.5	Pulaski town.....	9,136	8,792	3.9
Middlesex County....	6,707	6,673	0.5	Rappahannock County.	6,096	7,208	-15.4
Montgomery County...	29,908	21,206	41.0	Richmond County.....	6,180	6,634	-6.8
Blacksburg town...	3,352	2,133	57.1	Roanoke County.....	41,690	42,897	-2.8
Christiansburg town.....	2,952	2,299	28.4	Salem town.....	6,820	5,737	18.9
Nansemond County....	25,226	22,771	10.8	Vinton town.....	3,646	3,455	5.5
Nelson County.....	14,040	16,241	-13.6	Rockbridge County...	23,298	22,384	4.1
New Kent County.....	3,989	4,092	-2.5	Lexington town....	5,965	3,914	52.4
Norfolk County.....	99,350	35,828	177.3	Rockingham County...	34,970	31,289	11.8
Portlock town.....	3,800	(1)	-	Bridgewater town..	1,532	993	54.3
Northampton County..	17,285	17,597	-1.8	Elkton town.....	1,364	1,050	29.9
Cape Charles town.	2,424	2,299	5.4	Russell County.....	26,738	26,627	0.4
Exmore town.....	1,353	(1)	-	Scott County.....	26,608	26,989	-1.4
Northumberland County	10,004	10,463	-4.4	Gate City town....	2,127	1,565	35.9
Nottoway County.....	15,546	15,556	-0.1	Shenandoah County...	21,109	20,898	1.0
Blackstone town...	3,528	2,699	30.7	Strasburg town....	2,022	1,968	2.7
Crewe town.....	2,036	2,048	-0.6	Woodstock town....	1,786	1,546	15.5
Orange County.....	12,733	12,649	0.7	Smyth County.....	30,098	28,861	4.3
Gordonsville town.	1,116	508	119.7	Chilhowie town....	1,012	889	13.8
Orange town.....	2,553	1,980	28.9	Marion town.....	6,941	5,177	34.1
Page County.....	15,111	14,863	1.7	Saltville town (part)[2].....	2,321	2,145	8.2
Luray town.....	2,722	1,511	80.1	Southampton County..	26,493	26,442	0.2
Shenandoah town...	1,957	1,829	7.0	Franklin town.....	4,653	3,466	34.2
Patrick County.....	15,681	16,613	-5.6	Spotsylvania County.	11,900	9,905	20.1
Pittsylvania County.	65,783	61,697	6.6	Stafford County.....	11,873	9,548	24.4
Chatham town.....	1,387	1,230	12.8				

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[2] Total population of Saltville, partly in Smyth County and partly in Washington County, is 2,677 for 1950 (preliminary) and 2,650 for 1940.

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Surry County.....	6,254	6,193	1.0
Sussex County.....	12,803	12,485	2.5
Waverly town.....	1,491	1,288	15.8
Tazewell County.....	47,405	41,607	13.9
Bluefield town....	4,204	3,921	7.2
Cedar Bluff town..	1,096	823	33.2
Pocahontas town...	2,382	2,623	-9.2
Richlands town....	4,635	2,203	110.4
Tazewell town.....	1,338	1,374	-2.6
Warren County.....	14,776	11,352	30.2
Front Royal town..	8,121	3,831	112.0
Warwick County.....	39,177	9,248	323.6
Washington County...	37,432	38,197	-2.0
Abingdon town.....	4,705	3,158	49.0
Damascus town.....	1,719	1,441	19.3
Saltville town (part)[1].....	356	505	-29.5
Westmoreland County.	10,140	9,512	6.6
Colonial Beach town.....	1,461	1,105	32.2
Wise County.....	56,240	52,458	7.2
Appalachia town...	2,898	3,010	-3.7
Big Stone Gap town	5,158	4,331	19.1
Norton town.....	4,293	4,006	7.2
Pound town.....	1,188	(2)	-
St. Paul town.....	1,014	746	35.9
Wise town.....	1,568	1,226	27.9
Wythe County.....	23,183	22,721	2.0
Wytheville town...	5,405	4,653	16.2
York County.....	11,589	8,857	30.8

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INDEPENDENT CITIES			
Alexandria city.....	61,604	33,523	83.8
Bristol city.....	15,897	9,768	62.7
Buena Vista city....	5,219	4,335	20.4
Charlottesville city	25,909	19,400	33.6
Clifton Forge city..	5,769	6,461	-10.7
Colonial Heights city.....	6,075	3,194	90.2
Danville city.....	34,537	32,749	5.5
Falls Church city...	7,534	2,576	192.5
Fredericksburg city.	12,143	10,066	20.6
Hampton city.....	5,957	5,898	1.0
Harrisonburg city...	10,764	8,768	22.8
Hopewell city.....	10,184	8,679	17.3
Lynchburg city.....	47,639	44,541	7.0
Martinsville city...	17,210	10,080	70.7
Newport News city...	41,571	37,067	12.2
Norfolk city.....	188,601	144,332	30.7
Petersburg city.....	34,948	30,631	14.1
Portsmouth city.....	71,294	50,745	40.5
Radford city.....	8,979	6,990	28.5
Richmond city.....	229,906	193,042	19.1
Roanoke city.....	91,089	69,287	31.5
South Norfolk city..	10,408	8,038	29.5
Staunton city.....	19,884	13,337	49.1
Suffolk city.....	12,287	11,343	8.3
Waynesboro city.....	12,337	7,373	67.3
Williamsburg city...	6,726	3,942	70.6
Winchester city.....	13,766	12,095	13.8

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