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PRELIMINARY COUNTS

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POPULATION OF DELAWARE, 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 Delaware as of April 1, 1950, was 316,609, 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 50,104, or 18.8 percent, over the 266,505 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.....	316,609	266,505	18.8
Kent County.....	37,867	34,441	9.9
Dover city.....	6,322	5,517	14.6
Harrington city.....	2,247	2,113	6.3
Milford city (part) ¹	2,243	1,950	15.0
Smyrna town (part) ²	2,335	1,870	24.9

¹ Total population of Milford, partly in Kent County and partly in Sussex County, is 5,179 for 1950 (preliminary) and 4,214 for 1940.

² Part of Smyrna town in New Castle County had no population in 1950.

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New Castle County..	217,605	179,562	21.2	Sussex County.....	61,137	52,502	16.
Bellefonte town..	1,471	2,593	-43.3	Bridgeville town..	1,469	1,180	24.
Delaware City town.....	1,364	1,163	17.3	Delmar town.....	1,013	881	15.
Elsmere town.....	5,351	1,630	228.3	Georgetown town...	1,913	1,820	5.
Newark town.....	5,701	4,502	48.8	Laurel town.....	2,689	2,884	-6.
New Castle city..	5,399	4,414	22.3	Lewes town.....	2,891	2,246	28.
Newport town.....	1,172	987	18.7	Milford city (pt.) ¹	2,936	2,264	29.
Middletown town..	1,749	1,529	14.4	Milton town.....	1,322	1,193	10.
Wilmington city..	109,907	112,504	-2.3	Rehoboth Beach city ²	1,653	1,247	32.
				Seaford city.....	3,079	2,804	9.
				Selbyville town...	1,087	882	23.

Note: A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

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² Returned as Rehoboth town in 1940.

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