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PRELIMINARY COUNTS

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POPULATION OF WASHINGTON, D. C., STANDARD METROPOLITAN AREA 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 and PC-2)

The population of the Washington, D. C., Standard Metropolitan Area as of April 1, 1950 was 1,457,601, 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. Washington, D. C., the central city of this standard metropolitan area, had a population of 797,670, which constituted 54.7 percent of the total population of the area. In 1940, Washington, D. C., had a population of 663,091, or 68.5 percent of the total population of the standard metropolitan area. In the past ten years the population of Washington,

D. C., increased by 134,579, or 20.3 percent, and the population of the standard metropolitan area by 489,616, or 50.6 percent.

The preliminary population counts shown below represent the number of persons enumerated in Washington, D. C., and in each county and independent city in Maryland and Virginia within the standard metropolitan area, 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 and because of other revisions.

Area	Preliminary count, April 1, 1950	April 1, 1940	Percent of change, 1940 to 1950
Standard metropolitan area total.....	1,457,601	967,985	50.6
Washington, D. C.....	797,670	663,091	20.3
Balance of area.....	659,931	304,894	116.4
Montgomery County, Md.....	163,749	83,912	95.1
Prince Georges County, Md.....	193,799	89,490	116.6
Alexandria city, Va.....	61,604	33,523	83.8
Arlington County, Va.....	134,990	57,040	136.7
Fairfax County, Va.....	98,255	140,929	140.1
Falls Church city, Va.....	7,534	2,576	192.5

¹ Includes the population of Falls Church city which became independent of Fairfax County on August 16, 1948.