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POPULATION OF STATE ECONOMIC AREAS: APRIL 1, 1950

(The figures for 1950 in this report are preliminary counts of population and may differ from the verified totals which are now being compiled)

Preliminary population counts for the 443 State economic areas to be used for the reporting of population and housing statistics from the 1950 Census were announced today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. State economic areas are divisions of States that have been defined by the Bureau of the Census jointly with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture. Each such area consists of one or more counties with relatively homogeneous agricultural, industrial, social, and demographic characteristics which differentiate them from adjoining counties in the same State.

More than three-fourths of the 443 State economic areas had population increases between 1940 and 1950. There were 338 areas with population increases, of which 220 had gains of 10 percent or more and 120 had gains of 20 percent or more. On the other hand, only 21 of the areas which lost population had losses amounting to 10 percent or more and only 2 had losses of 20 percent or more. The accompanying map portrays the percent changes between 1940 and 1950.

The State economic areas characterized by heavy population growth were largely concentrated in the West and the South. In the West, which was the fastest growing region in the United States between 1940 and 1950, about three-fifths of the 59 State economic areas constituting the region had population gains of 20 percent or more. In California, the foremost State in the Nation in both amount and rate of population growth between 1940 and 1950, all but 1 of the 17 State economic areas increased at a rate of 20 percent of more. In the South, which contains 181 State economic areas, there were 54, or almost 30 percent, with growth rates of 20 percent or more between 1940 and 1950.

In the North Central Region, 24 of the 135 State economic areas have increases of 20 percent or more and in the Northeast, only 6 of the 68 State economic areas had such rapid population increases. Two State economic areas more than doubled in size during the past 10 years. These were areas Virginia-B and Maryland-B, each of which constitutes a part of the Washington, D. C., Standard Metropolitan Area. These State economic areas had increases of 130.0 and 106.2 percent, respectively.

The number of State economic areas with population losses between 1940 and 1950 and the extent of these losses were on the whole moderate. The area with declines of 10 percent or more in population were fairly well scattered throughout the Northeast, the South, and the North Central Regions. There was only one geographical concentration of State economic areas with population losses of 10 percent or more during the last decade. This concentration is found in eastern Texas, eastern Oklahoma, and western Arkansas. The only two State economic areas with population losses of one-fifth or more during the decade are found in this locality. State economic areas are designated by the State name and a letter or number suffix. Letter designations have been applied to metropolitan State economic areas, that is, areas containing only counties which are also in standard metropolitan areas. Number designations have been given to all other State economic areas.

A more complete discussion of the State economic areas and of the distinction between the lettered and numbered areas is given in Series Census-BAE, No. 15, dated August 3, 1950. This release is distributed with a map showing the counties comprising each State economic area listed in this report. A forthcoming bulletin of the Bureau of the Census entitled State Economic Areas: A Description of the Procedure Used in Making a Functional Grouping of the Counties in the United States will list the counties in each State economic area.

The preliminary population counts shown in this report represent the number of persons enumerated in each State and each State economic area, but not the final verified population total. The final population total for any area may differ from the preliminary count because of the allocation to the place of usual residence of persons enumerated elsewhere, the inclusion of crews of vessels docked within an area but not included in the preliminary count, and because of other revisions.

POPULATION OF STATE ECONOMIC AREAS: 1950 AND 1940

(A minus sign (-) denotes decrease. Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

State and State economic area	Preliminary count, April 1, 1950	April 1, 1940	Percent of change, 1940 to 1950
ALABAMA	3,052,754	2,832,961	7.8
A	554,186	459,930	20.5
B	40,289	35,775	12.6
C	137,512	114,420	20.2
D	228,835	141,974	61.2
1	282,342	258,310	9.3
2	207,028	204,105	1.4
3	375,547	328,158	14.4
4	179,536	183,383	-2.1
5	350,857	351,427	-0.2
6	224,490	258,380	-13.1
7	399,623	434,104	-7.9
8	72,509	62,995	15.1
ARIZONA	745,259	499,261	49.3
A	329,266	186,193	76.8
1	137,843	127,143	8.4
2	278,150	185,925	49.6
ARKANSAS	1,901,631	1,949,387	-2.4
A	192,879	156,085	23.6
1	216,340	222,300	-2.7
2	171,771	193,826	-11.4
3	130,828	140,051	-6.6
4	151,950	153,177	-0.8
5	138,803	163,739	-15.2
6	202,575	217,881	-7.0
7	319,378	331,393	-3.6
8	377,107	370,935	1.7
CALIFORNIA	10,490,070	6,907,387	51.9
A	2,214,249	1,461,804	51.5
B	288,938	174,949	65.2
C	275,659	170,333	61.8
D	200,535	134,207	49.4
E	274,225	178,565	53.6
F	4,339,225	2,916,403	48.8
G	535,967	289,348	85.2
H	280,252	161,108	74.0
1	128,551	86,490	48.6
2	149,147	97,555	52.9
3	261,276	162,727	60.6
4	201,290	142,096	41.7
5	196,161	121,854	61.0
6	458,902	300,758	52.6
7	211,156	140,240	50.6
8	231,972	165,264	40.4
9	242,565	203,686	19.1
COLORADO	1,318,048	1,123,296	17.3
A	560,361	407,768	37.4
1	76,376	84,630	-9.8
2	148,729	149,306	-0.4
3	198,494	177,602	11.8
4	126,348	107,518	17.5
5	207,740	196,472	5.7
CONNECTICUT	1,995,263	1,709,242	16.7
A	502,832	418,384	20.2
B	541,994	484,316	11.9
C	536,232	450,189	19.1
1	98,399	87,041	13.0
2	315,806	269,312	17.3
DELAWARE	316,609	266,505	18.8
A	217,605	179,562	21.2
1	99,004	86,943	13.9

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	797,670	663,091	20.3
FLORIDA	2,743,736	1,897,414	44.6
A	302,711	210,143	44.1
B	406,175	272,000	49.3
C	488,689	267,739	82.5
1	255,589	181,261	41.0
2	111,558	95,854	16.4
3	283,543	245,769	15.4
4	130,831	93,688	39.6
5	425,695	311,365	36.7
6	338,945	219,595	54.4
GEORGIA	3,433,190	3,123,723	9.9
A	38,223	31,024	23.2
B	664,033	518,100	28.2
C	129,632	90,632	43.0
D	108,916	81,863	33.0
E	150,946	117,970	28.0
1	228,700	202,203	13.1
2	86,180	85,205	1.1
3	266,310	259,286	2.7
4	533,658	519,862	2.7
5	178,080	157,552	13.0
6	166,925	187,304	-10.9
7	419,724	418,065	0.4
8	316,792	318,541	-0.5
9	145,071	136,116	6.6
IDAHO	585,092	524,873	11.5
1	98,581	98,718	-0.1
2	78,681	71,958	9.3
3	251,077	209,038	20.1
4	156,753	145,159	8.0
ILLINOIS	8,684,513	7,897,241	10.0
A	133,133	113,323	17.5
B	151,858	121,178	25.3
C	5,109,422	4,532,332	12.7
D	249,918	211,736	18.0
E	130,649	117,912	10.8
F	386,712	316,248	22.3
1	241,249	220,821	9.3
2	67,447	52,513	28.4
3	309,676	306,801	0.9
4	262,978	277,544	-5.2
5	204,869	188,181	8.9
6	734,364	685,065	7.2
7	142,281	150,808	-5.7
8	131,762	144,748	-9.0
9	113,096	115,350	-2.0
10	187,290	200,440	-6.6
11	127,809	142,241	-10.1
INDIANA	3,921,213	3,427,796	14.4
A	366,113	293,195	24.9
B	204,740	161,823	26.5
C	182,903	155,084	17.9
D	549,047	460,926	19.1
E	158,363	130,783	21.1
F	92,189	66,081	39.5
1	200,629	164,130	22.2
2	469,451	428,719	9.5
3	212,713	199,293	6.7
4	481,249	418,734	14.9
5	264,046	233,493	13.1
6	388,746	388,028	0.2
7	202,556	190,013	6.6
8	148,468	137,494	8.0

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IOWA	2,612,598	2,538,268	2.9
A	103,959	103,627	0.3
B	69,373	66,756	3.9
C	224,920	195,835	14.9
D	99,879	84,748	17.9
1	341,483	354,923	-3.8
2	389,762	384,325	1.4
3	290,514	315,629	-8.0
4	397,623	380,588	4.5
5	240,364	244,441	-1.7
6	454,721	407,396	11.6
KANSAS	1,894,390	1,801,028	5.2
A	220,213	143,311	53.7
B	226,088	178,398	26.7
1	96,603	81,181	19.0
2	234,800	235,184	-0.2
3	264,460	276,641	-4.4
4	78,849	92,849	-15.1
5	207,105	206,265	0.4
6	263,152	252,944	4.0
7	303,120	334,255	-9.3
KENTUCKY	2,921,708	2,845,627	2.7
A	482,285	385,392	25.1
B	179,246	165,057	8.6
C	50,237	45,938	9.4
1	149,493	157,625	-5.2
2	128,336	127,410	0.7
3	297,143	312,584	-4.9
4	168,820	162,434	3.9
5	193,589	208,855	-7.3
6	325,772	323,248	0.8
7	202,120	182,907	10.5
8	234,492	266,221	-11.9
9	510,175	507,956	0.4
LOUISIANA	2,667,022	2,363,880	12.8
A	174,679	150,203	16.3
B	681,037	552,244	23.3
1	176,904	163,410	8.3
2	252,423	249,788	1.1
3	226,959	209,179	8.5
4	192,901	206,865	-6.8
5	360,134	273,731	31.6
6	295,211	279,682	5.6
7	224,690	189,450	18.6
8	82,084	89,378	-8.2
MAINE	910,456	847,226	7.5
A	168,018	146,000	15.1
1	95,108	94,436	0.7
2	229,615	216,374	6.1
3	136,777	134,833	1.4
4	280,938	255,583	9.9
MARYLAND	2,324,243	1,821,244	27.6
A	1,320,754	1,083,300	21.9
B	357,548	173,402	106.2
1	110,690	108,954	1.6
2	260,466	217,439	19.8
3	64,588	42,722	51.2
4	210,197	195,427	7.6
MASSACHUSETTS	4,664,284	4,316,721	8.1
A	453,979	404,568	12.2
B	543,094	504,470	7.7
C	2,858,033	2,656,131	7.6
D	189,457	168,824	12.2
E	380,849	364,637	4.4
1	183,519	171,726	6.9
2	55,353	46,365	19.4
MICHIGAN	6,308,794	5,256,106	20.0
A	152,838	130,468	17.[illegible]
B	287,020	246,338	16.5
C	120,775	94,501	27.8
D	270,034	227,944	18.5
E	172,466	130,616	32.0
F	2,973,019	2,377,329	25.1
G	126,019	100,085	25.9
1	177,360	200,265	-11.4
2	123,047	123,279	-0.2
3	99,114	92,266	7.4
4	255,043	242,077	5.4
5	318,566	287,235	10.9
6	274,219	225,727	21.5
7	324,438	283,799	14.3
8	299,429	215,652	38.8
9	335,407	278,525	20.4
MINNESOTA	2,968,135	2,792,300	6.3
A	205,205	206,917	-0.8
B	1,107,366	940,937	17.7
1	149,537	152,802	-2.1
2	200,211	207,181	-3.4
3	142,124	148,387	-4.2
4	119,457	126,796	-5.8
5	188,931	191,402	-1.3
6	414,854	389,538	6.5
7	250,296	239,525	4.5
8	190,154	188,815	0.7
MISSISSIPPI	2,173,373	2,183,796	-0.5
A	141,480	107,273	31.9
1	408,794	429,986	-4.9
2	259,697	291,739	-11.0
3	232,145	240,445	-3.5
4	178,339	191,387	-6.8
5	193,621	200,008	-3.2
6	520,301	540,445	-3.7
7	112,212	99,785	12.5
8	126,784	82,728	53.3
MISSOURI	3,933,636	3,784,664	3.9
A	582,144	508,245	14.5
B	1,286,755	1,115,840	15.3
1	259,852	278,804	-6.8
2	458,449	494,818	-7.3
3	191,017	210,231	-9.1
4	165,897	171,676	-3.4
5	130,413	138,310	-5.7
6	226,591	222,037	2.1
7	256,183	258,265	-0.8
8	119,789	134,026	-10.6
9	256,546	252,412	1.6
MONTANA	587,337	559,456	5.0
1	263,834	249,705	5.[illegible]
2	199,776	197,701	1.0
3	123,727	112,050	10.4

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NEBRASKA	1,318,079	1,315,834	0.2
A	118,260	100,585	17.6
B	292,830	258,397	13.3
1	73,209	85,065	-13.9
2	92,645	91,330	1.4
3	277,004	285,424	-2.9
4	89,071	95,330	-6.6
5	140,908	150,119	-6.1
6	114,103	116,983	-2.5
7	120,049	132,601	-9.5
NEVADA	158,283	110,247	43.6
NEW HAMPSHIRE	529,880	491,524	7.8
A	156,607	144,888	8.1
1	151,253	149,278	1.3
2	222,020	197,358	12.5
NEW JERSEY	4,822,528	4,160,165	15.9
A	54,407	50,181	8.4
B	3,346,212	2,953,922	13.3
C	229,412	197,318	16.3
D	527,932	424,959	24.2
E	132,879	124,066	7.1
F	49,615	42,274	17.4
1	300,303	227,636	31.9
2	181,768	139,809	30.0
NEW MEXICO	677,152	531,818	27.3
1	319,463	223,877	42.7
2	133,533	139,294	-4.1
3	224,156	168,647	32.9
NEW YORK	14,741,445	13,479,142	9.4
A	1,085,606	958,487	13.3
B	484,877	438,230	10.6
C	340,875	295,108	15.5
D	283,602	263,163	7.8
E	184,664	165,749	11.4
F	512,527	465,643	10.1
G	9,485,702	8,706,917	8.9
1	86,712	80,507	7.7
2	227,294	211,805	7.3
3	536,105	476,949	12.4
4	230,871	210,049	9.7
5	114,569	111,927	2.4
6	156,826	144,337	8.7
7	338,833	330,386	2.6
8	161,061	148,367	8.6
9	511,821	471,518	8.5
NORTH CAROLINA	4,038,814	3,571,623	13.1
A	122,557	108,755	12.7
B	145,076	126,475	14.7
C	190,152	153,916	23.5
D	196,160	151,826	29.2
E	135,942	109,544	24.1
1	274,007	270,537	1.3
2	174,208	153,863	13.2
3	469,337	408,103	15.0
4	465,133	417,356	11.4
5	328,818	294,764	11.6
6	241,490	227,747	6.0
7	207,579	200,203	3.7
8	357,206	334,320	6.8
9	284,900	242,128	17.7
10	89,420	88,605	0.9
11	356,829	283,481	25.9
NORTH DAKOTA	617,965	641,935	-3.7
1	95,525	103,495	-7.7
2	117,407	121,908	-3.7
3	262,181	280,449	-6.5
4	142,852	136,085	5.0
OHIO	7,899,095	6,907,612	14.4
A	392,626	344,383	14.0
B	501,882	388,712	29.1
C	453,181	331,343	36.8
D	146,792	120,249	22.1
E	1,453,556	1,267,270	14.7
F	407,981	339,405	20.2
G	282,060	234,887	20.1
H	415,069	372,566	11.4
J	183,393	193,743	-5.3
K	718,785	621,987	15.6
L	48,963	46,705	4.8
1	298,803	280,731	6.4
2	432,349	393,272	9.9
3	463,824	412,101	12.6
4	479,148	395,459	21.2
5	266,348	224,885	18.4
6	455,082	434,315	4.8
7	167,052	156,698	6.6
8	332,201	348,951	-4.8
OKLAHOMA	2,223,650	2,336,434	-4.8
A	248,658	193,363	28.6
B	322,520	244,159	32.1
1	105,524	114,088	-7.5
2	198,715	208,086	-4.5
3	168,090	187,513	-10.4
4	249,908	269,851	-7.4
5	233,076	240,686	-3.2
6	160,108	224,775	-28.8
7	167,843	209,603	-19.9
8	225,674	257,593	-12.4
9	143,534	186,717	-23.1
OREGON	1,512,100	1,089,684	38.8
A	616,366	451,423	36.5
1	279,582	187,489	49.1
2	382,937	251,361	52.3
3	66,495	48,601	36.8
4	166,720	150,810	10.5
PENNSYLVANIA	10,462,628	9,900,180	5.7
A	218,407	180,889	20.7
B	111,530	101,039	10.4
C	256,208	301,243	-14.9
D	2,205,544	2,082,556	5.9
E	290,551	298,416	-2.6
F	138,934	140,358	-1.0
G	391,226	441,518	-11.4
H	291,119	252,216	15.4
J	202,440	178,022	13.7
K	234,137	212,504	10.2
L	254,942	241,884	5.4
M	380,450	346,492	9.8
N	3,132,744	2,774,678	12.9
1	524,975	500,618	4.9
2	180,505	184,349	-2.1
3	190,330	182,780	4.1
4	484,300	510,118	-5.1
5	286,913	267,960	7.1
6	485,812	521,086	-6.8
7	201,561	181,454	11.1

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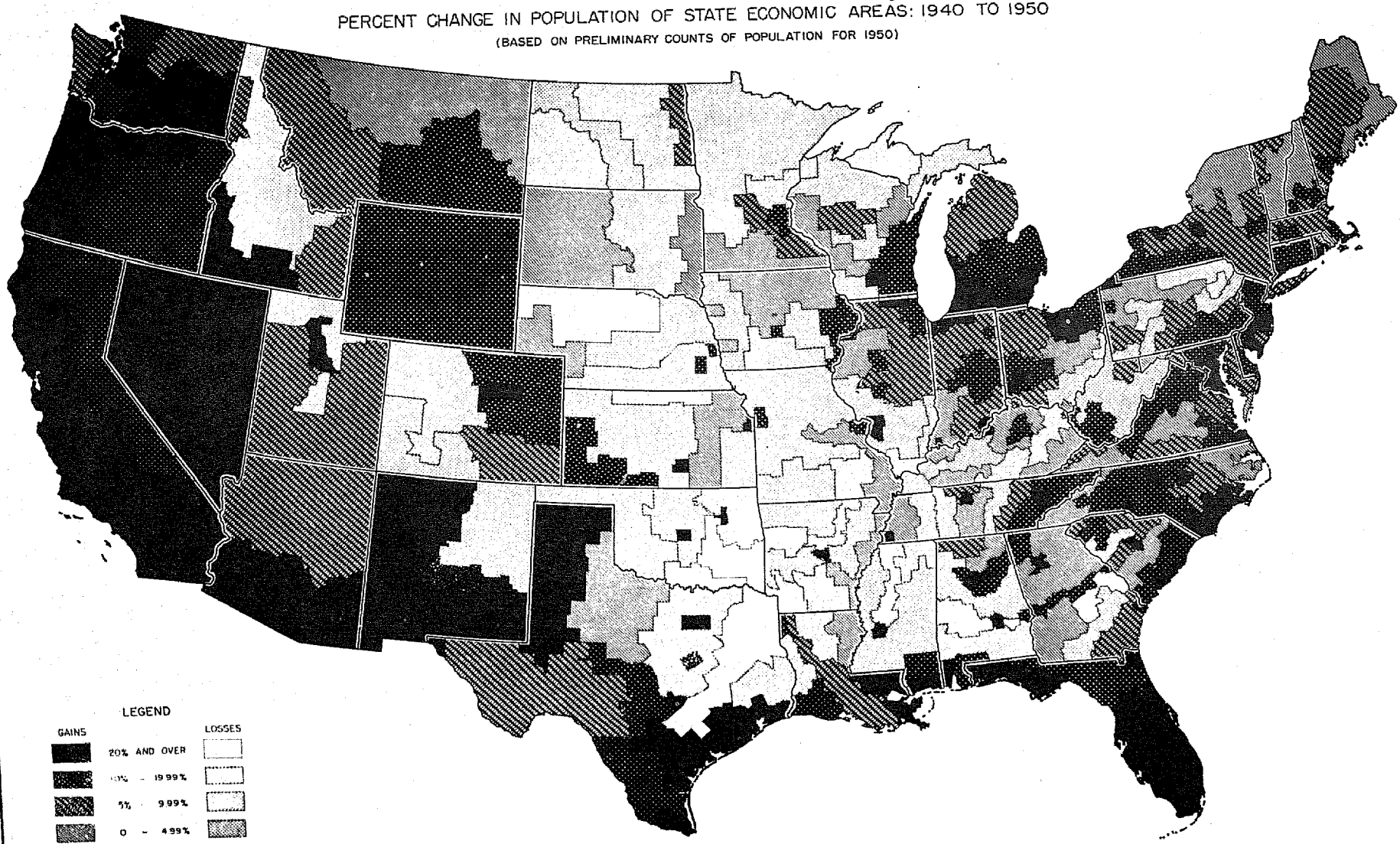
RHODE ISLAND	779,931	713,346	9.3
A	679,735	634,157	7.2
1	100,196	79,189	26.5
SOUTH CAROLINA	2,107,432	1,899,804	10.9
A	141,880	104,843	35.3
B	53,188	49,916	6.6
C	159,838	121,105	32.0
1	79,069	73,623	7.4
2	494,056	437,293	13.0
3	207,435	189,434	9.5
4	118,195	126,148	-6.3
5	112,583	104,870	7.4
6	343,673	336,572	2.1
7	246,836	223,276	10.6
8	150,679	132,724	13.5
SOUTH DAKOTA	650,029	642,961	1.1
1	140,577	137,641	2.1
2	150,257	151,078	-0.5
3	118,016	123,503	-4.4
4	241,179	230,739	4.5
TENNESSEE	3,282,271	2,915,841	12.6
A	480,161	358,250	34.0
B	320,388	257,267	24.5
C	207,276	180,478	14.8
D	335,564	246,088	36.4
1	330,289	327,521	0.8
2	164,669	172,164	-4.4
3	112,718	122,741	-8.2
4	113,998	105,039	8.5
5	248,790	246,437	1.0
6	194,736	195,302	-0.3
7	118,039	109,240	8.1
8	655,543	595,314	10.1
TEXAS	7,677,832	6,414,824	19.7
A	197,934	131,067	51.0
B	359,246	225,521	59.3
C	610,852	398,564	53.3
D	128,589	101,898	26.2
E	160,381	111,053	44.4
F	496,090	338,176	46.7
G	802,102	528,961	51.6
H	193,979	145,329	33.5
1	133,237	122,476	8.8
2	187,366	165,352	13.3
3	169,430	149,157	13.6
4	268,132	202,640	32.3
5	338,956	217,705	55.7
6	518,504	495,418	4.7
7	303,990	334,885	-9.2
8	578,947	642,030	-9.8
9	151,219	178,242	-15.2
10	132,337	156,682	-15.5
11	360,795	280,432	28.7
12	668,883	752,133	-11.1
13	192,877	200,901	-4.0
14	418,267	333,711	25.3
15	305,719	202,491	51.0
UTAH	686,797	550,310	24.8
A	274,208	211,623	29.6
1	95,892	95,911	-
2	194,770	129,880	50.0
3	121,927	112,896	8.0
VERMONT	375,833	359,231	4.6
1	135,533	125,163	8.3
2	240,300	234,068	2.7
VIRGINIA	3,270,322	2,677,773	22.1
A	132,779	112,184	18.4
B	302,383	131,492	130.0
C	326,863	262,991	24.3
D	409,545	258,927	58.2
1	198,189	186,104	6.5
2	214,497	207,714	3.3
3	183,938	165,715	11.0
4	201,038	176,541	13.9
5	198,203	179,544	10.4
6	301,247	292,555	3.0
7	311,699	295,968	5.3
8	153,681	144,529	6.3
9	141,074	84,496	67.0
10	144,065	128,386	12.2
11	51,121	50,627	1.0
WASHINGTON	2,363,289	1,736,191	36.1
A	726,464	504,980	43.9
B	275,802	182,081	51.5
C	84,836	49,852	70.2
D	220,149	164,652	33.7
1	126,122	115,749	9.0
2	234,724	196,014	19.7
3	73,434	44,387	65.4
4	146,191	123,466	18.4
5	98,074	90,090	8.9
6	220,430	142,659	54.5
7	157,063	122,261	28.5
WEST VIRGINIA	1,999,097	1,901,974	5.1
A	169,531	170,389	-0.5
B	146,431	133,025	10.1
C	319,277	276,247	15.6
1	103,230	103,992	-0.7
2	265,786	278,985	-4.7
3	286,831	273,050	5.0
4	464,558	416,230	11.6
5	187,885	195,535	-3.9
6	55,568	54,521	1.9
WISCONSIN	3,421,316	3,137,587	9.0
A	46,453	47,119	-1.4
B	168,630	130,660	29.1
C	863,937	766,885	12.7
1	194,045	208,876	-7.1
2	364,033	356,296	2.2
3	121,000	121,403	-0.3
4	278,408	262,159	6.2
5	100,359	102,921	-2.5
6	170,149	169,067	0.6
7	503,812	451,457	11.6
8	426,228	363,192	17.4
9	184,262	157,552	17.0
WYOMING	288,800	250,742	15.2
1	109,276	93,101	17.4
2	179,524	157,641	13.9

PERCENT CHANGE IN POPULATION OF STATE ECONOMIC AREAS: 1940 TO 1950

(BASED ON PRELIMINARY COUNTS OF POPULATION FOR 1950)



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