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POPULATION OF THE CANAL ZONE: APRIL 1, 1950

(The figures in this report are preliminary counts of population as compiled in the Canal Zone. Additional reports in this series will be issued as preliminary counts for other Territories and possessions become available)

Preliminary 1950 Census counts of the population of the Canal Zone were reported today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The preliminary population total for the Canal Zone on April 1, 1950, was 52,300, representing an increase of 0.9 percent over the 1940 population total of 51,827. Between 1940 and 1950, Balboa Court District increased 18.3 percent, from 31,502 persons to 37,271 persons; and Cristobal Court District decreased 26.1 percent, from 20,325 persons to 15,029 persons.

The preliminary population counts given below represent the number of persons enumerated in each area listed, but not the final verified population totals. The final population total for any place may differ from the preliminary count because of the allocation to the place of residents who were enumerated elsewhere and of crews of vessels docked in the place but not included in the preliminary count and because of other revisions.

Area	Population		Percent of increase, 1940 to 1950
	1950 (preliminary)	1940	
CANAL ZONE	52,300	51,827	0.9
Balboa District	37,271	31,502	18.3
Ancon	1,690	1,946	-13.2
Balboa	4,117	3,922	5.0
Balboa Heights	361	374	-3.5
Cocoli[1]	1,240	-	-
Diablo Heights	1,644	451	264.5
La Boca	4,246	4,035	5.2
North Gamboa	3,080	2,353	30.9
Paraiso[1]	1,503	-	-
Red Tank	1,951	2,231	-12.6
Cristobal District	15,029	20,325	-26.1
Coco Solito town[1]	1,299	-	-
Cristobal	414	826	-49.9
Gatun	2,271	2,477	8.3
Margarita[1]	965	-	-
Silver City	5,729	4,583	25.0

Note: A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.
[1] Established since 1940.