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POPULATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES: APRIL 1, 1950

(The figures in this report are preliminary counts of population as compiled in the Virgin Islands of the United States. 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 Virgin Islands of the United States were reported today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The preliminary population total for the Virgin Islands on April 1, 1950 was 26,654, representing an increase of 7.1 percent over the 1940 population total of 24,889. Between 1940 and 1950, the municipality of St. Thomas and St. John increased 21.4 percent, from 11,987 persons to 14,558 persons; and the municipality of St. Croix decreased 6.2 percent, from 12,902 persons to 12,096 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	
VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES...	26,654	24,889	7.1
Municipality of St. Croix[1].....	12,096	12,902	-6.2
Frederiksted city.....	1,925	2,498	-22.9
Christiansted city.....	4,110	4,495	-8.6
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.....	14,558	11,987	21.4
St. Thomas Island.....	13,811	11,265	22.6
Charlotte Amalie city.....	11,463	9,801	17.0
St. John Island.....	747	722	3.5

Note: A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.
[1] Coextensive with St. Croix Island.