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An unprecedented proportion of married persons, a record number of young children, and a smaller average size of household are among the many developments in the population of the United States during the last 10 years that are reflected in statistics of the 1950 Census of Population. Preliminary figures on these and other population characteristics of the United States were released today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

The total population of the United States shown in this report is the final count based on the 1950 Census. All of the other 1950 figures are based on a sample of the census returns. The sample data are therefore subject to sampling variability, as explained in the section on "Reliability of 1950 estimates." It can be seen from the table in that section that the smaller figures should be used with particular care; and this is true, also, for small differences between figures.

The total population of the United States increased by 19,028,086 in the last decade, rising from 131,669,275 on April 1, 1940 to 150,697,361 on April 1, 1950. (See table 1.) This gain represents an all-time record population growth between successive censuses. However, the rate of growth, 14.5 percent, was lower than that in any preceding decade except for the period 1930 to 1940. The urban population was 96,028,000 in 1950, or 63.7 percent of the whole, whereas the rural population was 54,669,000, or 36.3 percent.¹ Of the rural inhabitants, 23,577,000 were living on farms and 31,092,000 were living in non-farm homes. The rural-farm population may be only roughly compared with that of 1940 largely because of the change in the definition of farm residence. However, the difference between the 1950 figure and the 1940 figure is known to exceed by several million the effect of the change in definition. It

indicates that there has been a great exodus from farms in the interval between the two censuses. Without such a movement, the farm population would have increased by several million because the number of births among persons on farms substantially exceeded the number of deaths.

One of the population trends of widespread public interest which seems to be confirmed is the rising proportion of females. According to the estimates based on the preliminary sample, the proportion of females in the total population of the United States was somewhat higher in the 1950 Census than ever before. For every 100 females in 1950 there were 98.1 males, as contrasted with 100 females for every 100.7 males in 1940. Females outnumbered males in the urban population but

¹ As the result of changes in the urban definition, the figure for the urban population in 1950 is about 8 million larger than it would have been under the definition used in the 1940 Census and in the Census Bureau's Current Population Surveys prior to 1950. Furthermore, because of changes in the farm definition and other reasons noted below, the figure for the rural-farm population in April 1950 is about 4,700,000 smaller than the estimate for the total farm population in April 1949 published in Series Census-BAE, No. 14. The April 1949 figure was based on the Current Population Survey and reflects the old (1940) definition. This change in definition accounts for perhaps 2,100,000 of the total difference. Furthermore, in obtaining the figure for April 1949, the urban-farm population was included and the population in quasi-households was distributed between urban and rural areas in the same proportion as the population in households; these changes together with others made in the 1950 Census procedures, as compared with the earlier Current Population Survey procedures regarding the farm population, account for approximately another million of the difference. The remaining difference of roughly 1 1/2 to 2 million between the figures for April 1949 and 1950 should be interpreted with considerable caution because both figures are based on samples; however, the figures indicate that there was a decline in rural-farm population between the two dates. (See sections below on "Comparison of 1950 Census and Current Population Survey," "Urban and rural residence," and "Farm and nonfarm residence.")

continued to be in the minority in rural areas. The decline in the sex ratio of the national population has been in process since 1910. It is largely a product of reduced immigration. The majority of immigrants to the United States in the years before the imposition of the quota system were males. To a small extent, the figures for 1950 were affected by the absence of men in the armed forces stationed overseas who were not included in population figures for continental United States.

The proportionate growth experienced by the nonwhite population did not differ significantly from that of the white population. The nonwhite population rose from 13,454,405 to 15,482,000 for a gain of 15.1 percent in the decade and comprised 10.3 percent of the 1950 population. The white population increased from 118,214,870 in 1940 to 135,215,000 in 1950, a 14.4 percent gain.

The average size of household in the United States was 3.4 persons in 1950, as compared with 3.7 persons in 1940. (See table 2.) This decrease in average household size is associated with the fact that household formation proceeded at a faster pace during the period than did the growth of total population. The high level of marriage rates since 1940 is reflected in the fact that the number of married persons, 74,576,000, and the percent of persons who were married were both at their highest in the 1950 Census. Of the population 14 years old and over in 1950, 66.6 percent were married, as compared with 59.6 percent in 1940.

Of the 35,320,000 married couples in the United States, 2,265,000, or 6.4 percent, did not have their own household, but rather were sharing the homes of others. This was slightly lower than the corresponding proportion for 1940, 6.8 percent.

The Nation contained 38,788,000 families in 1950, as compared with an estimated 32,166,000 families in 1940. (Both of these figures are based on the new definition of a family, which is not the same as that used in the 1940 Census. See section below on "Family.") In 1950 there were also 10,792,000 "unrelated individuals," that is, persons who lived alone or with nonrelatives. Unrelated individuals comprised 7.2 percent of the total population.

The preliminary data also reveal that the number of children under 10 years old increased greatly in the decade. Their rate of growth, 39.3 percent, was much higher than the 14.5 percent increase recorded for the total population. The rapid increase in number of children is the product of the higher birth rates of recent years and of reductions in infant mortality.

Nevertheless, the median age of the total population rose from 29.0 years in 1940 to about 30.1 years in 1950, as an effect of past declines in the average number of children ever borne per marriage, and the continued lengthening of the expectation of life.

Partly as a consequence of the wartime rise in births, school enrollment was at a new high at the time of the census. In the public and private school systems of the United States, 28,391,000 pupils between the ages of 5 and 24 years were enrolled; this figure excludes children in kindergarten. The corresponding number was 26,759,099 in 1940. The enrollment rate in the age group 5 to 13 years old was 81.4 percent in 1950. This age group includes many children who had not yet entered school. Among those 14 to 17 years old a somewhat larger proportion, 84.4 percent, were enrolled even though this age group includes a significant number of children who had left school to enter the labor market. In the age group 18 to 24 years old, 18.6 percent were enrolled in 1950, as compared with only 13.3 percent in 1940. This increase was largely a consequence of the still considerable enrollment of veterans under the "GI Bill." The percent enrolled for the nonwhite population of school age increased, as compared with 1940, but was still lower than that for whites.

The people of the United States are highly mobile. Among persons 1 year old and over, 17.3 percent, or 25,531,000, were reported as having moved from one house to another between April 1949 and April 1950. (See table 3.) Of this number, 16,356,000 had not changed their county of residence. However, 9,175,000, or 6.2 percent of the population, had moved between counties or had entered the country from abroad during the year. The proportion of persons moving was less among nonwhites than among the white population.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND EXPLANATIONS

Comparison of 1950 Census and Current Population Survey.--Other estimates for some of the items in this report are contained in a report based on the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (Series P-20, No. 33). An analysis is being made of the differences between corresponding figures from the standpoint of sampling error, difference in dates, differences in training and experience of interviewers, and other factors.

Coverage.--The figures in the present report cover the entire population in continental United States, including the institutional population and members of the armed forces who have

been omitted from certain intercensal estimates based on Current Population Surveys.

Urban and rural residence.--In response to requests from many of the users of census data for a more realistic classification of the population by urban and rural residence, the Census Bureau adopted a new definition for use in the 1950 Census. According to the new definition, the urban population comprises all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as cities, boroughs, and villages; (b) the densely settled suburban area, or urban fringe, incorporated or unincorporated, around cities of 50,000 or more; (c) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside of any urban fringe; and (d) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as towns except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin, where "towns" are simply minor civil divisions of counties. The remaining population is classified as rural.

According to the old definition, the urban population comprised all persons living in incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and in areas (usually minor civil divisions) classified as urban under special rules relating to population size and density.

The preliminary sample figures for the urban population, as shown in this report and in Series P-20, No. 32, differ somewhat from the preliminary field count figures published in Series PC-3, No. 10. The sample figures incorporate rough estimates to take account of persons enumerated away from home and crews of vessels whereas the field count figures do not; furthermore, the field count figures incorporate a number of corrections that had not yet been made when the sample data were compiled.

Farm and nonfarm residence.--The rural population is subdivided into the rural-farm population, which comprises all rural residents living on farms, and the rural-nonfarm population, which comprises the remaining rural population. However, the method of determining farm and nonfarm residence in the 1950 Census differs somewhat from that used in earlier censuses. In the 1950 Census, persons on "farms" who were paying cash rent for their house and yard only were classified as nonfarm; furthermore, persons in institutions, summer camps, "motels," and tourist camps were classified as nonfarm.

Color.--The group designated as "nonwhite" consists of Negroes, Indians, Japanese, Chinese,

and other nonwhite races. Persons of Mexican birth or ancestry who are not definitely Indian or of other nonwhite race are classified as white.

Nativity of white population.--Persons born in the United States or in any of its Territories or possessions are counted as native. All other persons are classified as foreign born.

Age.--The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday before the date of the census, that is, the age of the person in completed years.

Marital status.--The marital status classification refers to the marital status at the time of the enumeration. Thus, some persons classified as married were previously widowed or divorced. Persons reported as separated are classified as married.

Married couple.--A married couple is defined as a husband and wife living together. A married couple "with own household" is one with the husband as head of the household. All other married couples are classified as "without own household."

Household.--A household includes all of the persons, without regard to relationship, who occupy a house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a room, that constitutes a dwelling unit. Quasi households, such as institutions, hotels, large rooming houses, and military barracks are not counted as households. The number of households, as shown in this report, may be regarded as comparable with the number of "families" or "private households" shown in the reports of the 1940 Census. The instructions used for identifying a household in the 1950 Census were more explicit than those used in the 1940 Census, but this difference in the instructions may not have had a significant effect on the number of households shown.

Family.--A family is defined as a group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such persons are considered as members of the same family. The term "family" as used in the 1950 Census is not comparable with that used in the 1940 Census. The new definition incorporates some important changes that were made at the request of users of the data for more meaningful statistics on families. For 1950, the new definition excludes about 4 million household heads

with no relatives in the household that would have been classified as families under the old definition; on the other hand, the new definition includes about 400,000 groups of persons in households related to each other but not related to the household head or groups of related persons in quasi households that would not have been classified as families under the old definition.

Unrelated individual.--The term "unrelated individual" refers to a person (other than an inmate of an institution) who is living alone or with persons all of whom are not related to him. An unrelated individual may constitute a one-person household or he may be part of a household including one or more families or other unrelated individuals, or he may reside in a rooming house, dormitory, etc. In this report, data for unrelated individuals are shown only for persons 14 years of age and over.

School enrollment.--School enrollment is defined as enrollment at any time between February 1 and April 1, 1950, in any school which qualifies as a "regular" school. "Regular" schools are those in which a person may be advanced toward an elementary or high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree. Such schools may be public or private; day or night; and enrollment in them may be full or part time. "Regular" school enrollment does not include enrollment in kindergarten or nursery school or, generally, enrollment in vocational, trade, business, or correspondence schools.

Residence in 1949.--This is the usual place of residence one year prior to the date of enumeration.

SOURCE OF DATA

The 1950 estimates presented in this report are based on a sample of approximately 150,000 persons selected from those enumerated in the 1950 Census of Population. These persons are located in about 14,000 census enumeration districts systematically selected from all enumeration districts throughout the Nation. Although the figures are based on data transcribed from the 1950 Census, there may be differences between the data in the present report and the data to be published in the final 1950 Census reports, apart from differences caused by the sampling variability. The main reason for such differences is that the preliminary estimates do

not include all of the refinements that result from the careful examination of the schedules and tables to which the census data will be subject prior to the publication of the final reports.

The figures for 1940 are the results of the complete enumeration in the 1940 Census of Population. These and more detailed figures on the same subjects may be found in the published volumes of the 1940 Census Reports on Population.

Each of the 1950 figures is separately rounded to the nearest thousand; therefore detailed figures do not always add to totals. Percentages for 1950 are based on the rounded absolute numbers.

RELIABILITY OF 1950 ESTIMATES

Because the 1950 estimates are based on sample data, they are subject to sampling variability. However, the total population is not subject to sampling variability, since it is taken from the final counts of the 1950 Census of Population. Total urban and rural populations are based on preliminary field counts, adjusted so that their sum equals the total population from the final count. Editing revisions may change these in the final report. The following table presents the approximate sampling variability of estimates of selected sizes (except for the nonwhite population). The chances are about 19 out of 20 that the difference due to sampling variability between an estimate and the figure which will be available later from the complete tabulations of the 1950 Census is less than the sampling variability indicated below.

| Size of estimate of 1950 data | Sampling variability of 1950 data | Size of estimate of 1950 data | Sampling variability of 1950 data |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 50,000..... | 17,000 | 20,000,000.... | 314,000 |
| 100,000..... | 24,000 | 30,000,000.... | 370,000 |
| 250,000..... | 38,000 | 40,000,000.... | 409,000 |
| 500,000..... | 53,000 | 50,000,000.... | 436,000 |
| 1,000,000.... | 75,000 | 60,000,000.... | 453,000 |
| 2,500,000.... | 118,000 | 70,000,000.... | 462,000 |
| 5,000,000.... | 166,000 | 100,000,000... | 488,000 |
| 7,500,000.... | 201,000 | 120,000,000... | 573,000 |
| 10,000,000.... | 231,000 | 140,000,000.... | 288,000 |

The above figures reflect the sampling variability of characteristics of the total population and the white population. For the nonwhite population, the sampling variability is higher, increasing to about double the variability shown for estimates of 10,000,000.

Characteristics of the rural population also show slightly greater variability than is indicated in the table above.

In addition to the estimated number of persons with the specified characteristics, the 1950 data in the tables in the report also include percent distributions. In general, the

reliability of an estimated percentage depends upon both the size of the percentage and the size of the total on which it is based. The following tables present the approximate sampling variability of estimated percentages based on totals of selected sizes.

| If the estimated percentage is: | And if the size of the base is: | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 250,000 | 500,000 | 1,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 20,000,000 | 40,000,000 | 60,000,000 | 100,000,000 | 150,697,000 |
| | Then the chances are about 19 out of 20 that the difference due to sampling variability between the estimated percentage and the percentage which will be available later from the complete tabulation of the 1950 Census is less than: | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 or 98 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 5 or 95 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 10 or 90 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 25 or 75 | 6.5 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 50 | 7.5 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 |

To illustrate, of the estimated 74,633,000 males in the United States, 11.1 percent are under 5 years of age. The sampling variability is about 0.3 percent. The chances are about 19 out of 20 that the percentage which will be obtained from the complete tabulation of the 1950 Census will be between 10.8 percent and 11.4 percent.

The tables in the report also show the percent change from 1940 to 1950 for many of the characteristics of the population for which data are presented. Since the 1940 data are not based on a sample, the sole cause of the sampling variability in these percentages is the

variability in the 1950 estimates. The sampling variability of any percent change, therefore, is the sampling error of the estimated number of persons possessing that particular characteristic in 1950, divided by the 1940 figure for that characteristic.

In addition to sampling variation and limitations of the types mentioned above, the estimates are subject to biases due to errors of response and to nonreporting. The possible effect of such biases is not included in the measures of reliability; data obtained from a complete count of all persons are also subject to these biases.

Table 1.—CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940

| Subject | United States | | | Urban, 1950 | Rural nonfarm, 1950 | Rural farm, 1950 | Percent distribution | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| | 1950 | 1940 | Percent change, 1940 to 1950 | | | | United States | | Urban, 1950 | Rural non- farm, 1950 | Rural farm, 1950 |
| | | | | | | | 1950 | 1940 | | | |
| Total population..... | 150,697,000 | 131,669,275 | 14.5 | 96,028,000 | 31,092,000 | 23,577,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Percent by residence... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 100.0 | -- | 68.7 | 20.6 | 11.7 |
| RACE AND NATIVITY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total..... | 150,697,000 | 131,669,275 | 14.5 | 96,028,000 | 31,092,000 | 23,577,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White..... | 135,215,000 | 118,214,870 | 14.4 | 86,639,000 | 28,335,000 | 20,241,000 | 89.7 | 89.8 | 90.2 | 91.1 | 85.9 |
| Native white..... | 125,068,000 | 106,795,752 | 17.1 | 78,138,000 | 27,257,000 | 19,674,000 | 83.0 | 81.1 | 81.4 | 87.7 | 83.8 |
| Foreign-born white..... | 10,147,000 | 11,419,138 | -11.1 | 8,501,000 | 1,079,000 | 567,000 | 6.7 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 2.4 |
| Nonwhite..... | 15,482,000 | 13,454,405 | 15.1 | 9,389,000 | 3,756,000 | 3,336,000 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 6.9 | 14.1 |
| Negro..... | 14,894,000 | 12,865,518 | 15.8 | 9,120,000 | 3,577,000 | 3,197,000 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.5 | 6.3 | 13.1 |
| Other races..... | 588,000 | 588,887 | -0.2 | 270,000 | 179,000 | 139,000 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Male..... | 74,633,000 | 66,061,592 | 13.0 | 46,547,000 | 15,749,000 | 12,337,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White..... | 66,961,000 | 59,448,548 | 12.6 | 41,989,000 | 14,327,000 | 10,645,000 | 89.7 | 90.0 | 90.2 | 91.0 | 84.9 |
| Native white..... | 61,831,000 | 53,437,533 | 15.7 | 37,758,000 | 13,759,000 | 10,315,000 | 82.8 | 80.9 | 81.1 | 87.4 | 83.5 |
| Foreign-born white..... | 5,130,000 | 6,011,015 | -14.7 | 4,231,000 | 568,000 | 331,000 | 6.9 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Nonwhite..... | 7,672,000 | 6,613,044 | 16.0 | 4,558,000 | 1,422,000 | 1,692,000 | 10.3 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 9.0 | 12.7 |
| Negro..... | 7,356,000 | 6,269,038 | 17.3 | 4,405,000 | 1,388,000 | 1,618,000 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 13.1 |
| Other races..... | 316,000 | 344,006 | -8.1 | 153,000 | 89,000 | 74,000 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Female..... | 76,064,000 | 65,607,683 | 15.9 | 49,481,000 | 15,342,000 | 11,240,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White..... | 68,254,000 | 58,766,322 | 16.1 | 44,650,000 | 14,008,000 | 9,596,000 | 89.7 | 89.6 | 90.2 | 91.3 | 85.4 |
| Native white..... | 63,237,000 | 53,358,199 | 18.5 | 40,379,000 | 13,498,000 | 9,359,000 | 83.1 | 81.3 | 81.6 | 88.0 | 83.3 |
| Foreign-born white..... | 5,018,000 | 5,408,123 | -7.2 | 4,271,000 | 510,000 | 237,000 | 6.6 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 3.8 | 2.1 |
| Nonwhite..... | 7,810,000 | 6,841,361 | 14.2 | 4,831,000 | 1,334,000 | 1,644,000 | 10.3 | 10.4 | 9.8 | 6.7 | 14.5 |
| Negro..... | 7,538,000 | 6,596,460 | 14.3 | 4,715,000 | 1,244,000 | 1,579,000 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 9.5 | 8.1 | 13.7 |
| Other races..... | 272,000 | 244,891 | 11.1 | 117,000 | 90,000 | 65,000 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes..... | 150,697,000 | 131,669,275 | 14.5 | 96,028,000 | 31,092,000 | 23,577,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under 5 years..... | 16,324,000 | 10,541,524 | 54.9 | 9,943,000 | 3,690,000 | 2,691,000 | 10.8 | 8.0 | 10.4 | 11.9 | 11.4 |
| 5 to 9 years..... | 13,241,000 | 10,684,822 | 23.9 | 7,403,000 | 3,221,000 | 2,617,000 | 8.8 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 10.4 | 11.1 |
| 10 to 14 years..... | 11,361,000 | 11,748,935 | -3.8 | 6,105,000 | 2,711,000 | 2,545,000 | 7.5 | 8.9 | 6.4 | 8.7 | 10.8 |
| 15 to 19 years..... | 10,732,000 | 12,833,523 | -13.0 | 6,241,000 | 2,808,000 | 2,184,000 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 9.3 |
| 20 to 24 years..... | 11,327,000 | 11,587,835 | -2.3 | 7,610,000 | 2,236,000 | 1,481,000 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 8.2 |
| 25 to 29 years..... | 12,093,000 | 11,096,638 | 9.0 | 8,316,000 | 2,449,000 | 1,928,000 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 8.5 |
| 30 to 34 years..... | 11,601,000 | 10,242,388 | 13.3 | 7,813,000 | 2,370,000 | 1,417,000 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 8.3 |
| 35 to 39 years..... | 11,193,000 | 9,545,377 | 17.3 | 7,373,000 | 2,248,000 | 1,572,000 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 8.0 |
| 40 to 44 years..... | 10,058,000 | 8,787,843 | 14.5 | 6,740,000 | 1,923,000 | 1,395,000 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 6.9 |
| 45 to 49 years..... | 8,990,000 | 8,255,225 | 8.9 | 6,042,000 | 1,645,000 | 1,303,000 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 6.5 |
| 50 to 54 years..... | 8,274,000 | 7,256,846 | 14.0 | 5,631,000 | 1,392,000 | 1,252,000 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 5.2 |
| 55 to 59 years..... | 7,230,000 | 5,843,865 | 23.7 | 4,887,000 | 1,255,000 | 1,087,000 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| 60 to 64 years..... | 5,950,000 | 4,728,340 | 25.8 | 3,950,000 | 1,049,000 | 952,000 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 4.1 |
| 65 to 69 years..... | 5,060,000 | 3,806,637 | 32.9 | 3,358,000 | 952,000 | 759,000 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| 70 to 74 years..... | 3,425,000 | 2,569,532 | 33.3 | 2,232,000 | 727,000 | 466,000 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| 75 years and over..... | 3,637,000 | 2,643,125 | 45.2 | 2,386,000 | 916,000 | 534,000 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.3 |
| Median age.....years.. | 30.1 | 29.0 | -- | 31.5 | 27.8 | 26.0 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 21 years and over..... | 96,918,000 | 83,996,689 | 15.4 | 64,958,000 | 18,733,000 | 13,227,000 | 64.3 | 63.8 | 67.6 | 60.9 | 55.1 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 5 years..... | 8,301,000 | 5,354,808 | 55.0 | 5,051,000 | 1,900,000 | 1,351,000 | 11.1 | 8.1 | 10.9 | 12.1 | 11.0 |
| 5 to 9 years..... | 6,625,000 | 5,418,823 | 25.9 | 3,755,000 | 1,637,000 | 1,432,000 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 10.4 | 11.5 |
| 10 to 14 years..... | 5,680,000 | 5,352,329 | -4.6 | 3,021,000 | 1,403,000 | 1,256,000 | 7.6 | 9.0 | 6.5 | 8.9 | 10.3 |
| 15 to 19 years..... | 5,302,000 | 6,180,153 | -14.2 | 2,938,000 | 1,188,000 | 1,176,000 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 6.3 | 7.5 | 9.3 |
| 20 to 24 years..... | 5,457,000 | 5,692,392 | -4.1 | 3,558,000 | 1,112,000 | 787,000 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 8.4 |
| 25 to 29 years..... | 5,934,000 | 5,409,662 | 8.7 | 4,029,000 | 1,227,000 | 668,000 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 8.4 |
| 30 to 34 years..... | 5,735,000 | 5,070,312 | 13.1 | 3,835,000 | 1,196,000 | 703,000 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 7.6 | 8.7 |
| 35 to 39 years..... | 5,476,000 | 4,745,659 | 15.4 | 3,556,000 | 1,129,000 | 792,000 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 8.4 |
| 40 to 44 years..... | 5,029,000 | 4,419,135 | 13.8 | 3,298,000 | 990,000 | 741,000 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 7.0 |
| 45 to 49 years..... | 4,520,000 | 4,209,269 | 7.4 | 2,995,000 | 833,000 | 693,000 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.5 |
| 50 to 54 years..... | 4,036,000 | 3,752,750 | 7.5 | 2,704,000 | 703,000 | 629,000 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 5.1 |
| 55 to 59 years..... | 3,608,000 | 3,011,364 | 19.8 | 2,384,000 | 637,000 | 587,000 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| 60 to 64 years..... | 3,029,000 | 2,397,816 | 26.3 | 1,951,000 | 538,000 | 540,000 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 4.4 |
| 65 to 69 years..... | 2,364,000 | 1,896,088 | 24.7 | 1,489,000 | 453,000 | 423,000 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.4 |
| 70 to 74 years..... | 1,610,000 | 1,270,967 | 26.7 | 992,000 | 353,000 | 265,000 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| 75 years and over..... | 1,737,000 | 1,239,065 | 40.2 | 991,000 | 452,000 | 293,000 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 2.4 |
| Median age.....years.. | 29.9 | 29.1 | -- | 31.2 | 27.6 | 26.2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 21 years and over..... | 47,499,000 | 42,004,816 | 13.1 | 31,166,000 | 9,887,000 | 6,947,000 | 63.6 | 63.6 | 67.0 | 59.6 | 55.9 |

Table 1.--CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940--Con.

| Subject | United States | | | Urban, 1950 | Rural nonfarm, 1950 | Rural farm, 1950 | Percent distribution | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| | 1950 | 1940 | Percent change, 1940 to 1950 | | | | United States | | Urban, 1950 | Rural non- farm, 1950 | Rural farm, 1950 | |
| | | | | | | | 1950 | 1940 | | | | |
| AGE--Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total--Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female..... | 76,064,000 | 65,607,683 | 15.9 | 49,481,000 | 15,342,000 | 11,240,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under 5 years..... | 8,023,000 | 5,185,716 | 54.7 | 4,892,000 | 1,790,000 | 1,341,000 | 10.5 | 7.9 | 9.9 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 11.9 |
| 5 to 9 years..... | 6,416,000 | 5,265,799 | 21.8 | 3,645,000 | 1,564,000 | 1,184,000 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.5 |
| 10 to 14 years..... | 5,681,000 | 5,793,606 | -1.9 | 3,084,000 | 1,808,000 | 1,289,000 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 6.2 | 8.5 | 11.5 | 11.5 |
| 15 to 19 years..... | 5,431,000 | 6,153,370 | -11.7 | 3,303,000 | 1,120,000 | 1,008,000 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| 20 to 24 years..... | 5,870,000 | 5,895,443 | -0.4 | 4,052,000 | 1,124,000 | 894,000 | 7.7 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| 25 to 29 years..... | 6,169,000 | 5,645,978 | 9.3 | 4,287,000 | 1,222,000 | 660,000 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.0 | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| 30 to 34 years..... | 5,866,000 | 5,172,075 | 13.4 | 3,978,000 | 1,174,000 | 714,000 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| 35 to 39 years..... | 5,717,000 | 4,799,718 | 19.1 | 3,817,000 | 1,119,000 | 780,000 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| 40 to 44 years..... | 5,029,000 | 4,368,708 | 15.1 | 3,442,000 | 938,000 | 854,000 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| 45 to 49 years..... | 4,470,000 | 4,045,956 | 10.5 | 3,048,000 | 812,000 | 610,000 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 50 to 54 years..... | 4,238,000 | 3,504,096 | 20.9 | 2,927,000 | 689,000 | 522,000 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 55 to 59 years..... | 3,622,000 | 2,832,501 | 27.9 | 2,503,000 | 618,000 | 501,000 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 60 to 64 years..... | 2,921,000 | 2,380,524 | 25.3 | 1,999,000 | 511,000 | 412,000 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| 65 to 69 years..... | 2,695,000 | 1,910,569 | 41.1 | 1,867,000 | 500,000 | 380,000 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| 70 to 74 years..... | 1,815,000 | 1,298,585 | 39.8 | 1,240,000 | 373,000 | 281,000 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| 75 years and over..... | 2,100,000 | 1,404,060 | 49.6 | 1,395,000 | 465,000 | 341,000 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Median age.....years.. | 30.4 | 29.0 | - | 31.9 | 28.0 | 25.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 21 years and over..... | 49,419,000 | 41,991,813 | 17.7 | 33,792,000 | 9,347,000 | 6,280,000 | 65.0 | 64.0 | 68.3 | 60.9 | 55.9 | 55.9 |
| Nonwhite | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes..... | 15,432,000 | 13,454,405 | 15.1 | 9,369,000 | 2,756,000 | 3,336,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under 5 years..... | 1,953,000 | 1,312,019 | 48.9 | 1,092,000 | 346,000 | 515,000 | 12.6 | 9.8 | 11.6 | 12.6 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| 5 to 9 years..... | 1,564,000 | 1,355,571 | 15.4 | 818,000 | 293,000 | 452,000 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 8.7 | 10.6 | 13.5 | 13.5 |
| 10 to 14 years..... | 1,503,000 | 1,393,240 | 7.9 | 751,000 | 307,000 | 445,000 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 8.0 | 11.1 | 13.3 | 13.3 |
| 15 to 19 years..... | 1,300,000 | 1,369,476 | -5.1 | 653,000 | 240,000 | 407,000 | 8.4 | 10.2 | 7.0 | 8.7 | 12.2 | 12.2 |
| 20 to 24 years..... | 1,298,000 | 1,247,688 | 4.0 | 836,000 | 218,000 | 344,000 | 8.4 | 9.3 | 8.9 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 7.3 |
| 25 to 29 years..... | 1,295,000 | 1,192,368 | 8.6 | 940,000 | 209,000 | 145,000 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 10.0 | 7.6 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 30 to 34 years..... | 1,067,000 | 1,035,910 | 3.0 | 745,000 | 191,000 | 131,000 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 35 to 39 years..... | 1,166,000 | 1,028,717 | 15.3 | 796,000 | 195,000 | 194,000 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 8.5 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| 40 to 44 years..... | 1,015,000 | 851,760 | 19.2 | 688,000 | 176,000 | 150,000 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 45 to 49 years..... | 817,000 | 722,469 | 13.1 | 522,000 | 152,000 | 142,000 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 50 to 54 years..... | 706,000 | 576,539 | 22.5 | 461,000 | 114,000 | 131,000 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 55 to 59 years..... | 534,000 | 417,020 | 28.1 | 331,000 | 83,000 | 120,000 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| 60 to 64 years..... | 368,000 | 311,647 | 18.1 | 234,000 | 58,000 | 75,000 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| 65 to 69 years..... | 435,000 | 307,611 | 41.4 | 272,000 | 81,000 | 82,000 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 70 to 74 years..... | 229,000 | 168,987 | 35.5 | 145,000 | 34,000 | 50,000 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| 75 years and over..... | 215,000 | 163,285 | 31.7 | 105,000 | 58,000 | 52,000 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Median age.....years.. | 25.5 | 25.2 | - | 27.9 | 24.4 | 18.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 21 years and over..... | 8,923,000 | 7,753,093 | 15.1 | 5,934,000 | 1,530,000 | 1,459,000 | 57.6 | 57.6 | 63.2 | 55.5 | 43.7 | 43.7 |
| Male..... | 7,672,000 | 6,613,044 | 16.0 | 4,558,000 | 1,422,000 | 1,692,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under 5 years..... | 983,000 | 653,398 | 50.5 | 559,000 | 176,000 | 248,000 | 12.8 | 9.9 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 14.7 | 14.7 |
| 5 to 9 years..... | 851,000 | 674,286 | 26.2 | 441,000 | 156,000 | 254,000 | 11.1 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 11.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 |
| 10 to 14 years..... | 748,000 | 693,322 | 7.9 | 389,000 | 150,000 | 209,000 | 9.7 | 10.5 | 8.5 | 10.5 | 12.4 | 12.4 |
| 15 to 19 years..... | 628,000 | 664,233 | -5.5 | 296,000 | 127,000 | 205,000 | 8.2 | 10.0 | 6.5 | 8.9 | 12.1 | 12.1 |
| 20 to 24 years..... | 617,000 | 578,750 | 6.6 | 393,000 | 117,000 | 107,000 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| 25 to 29 years..... | 621,000 | 558,649 | 11.2 | 443,000 | 112,000 | 66,000 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 9.7 | 7.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 30 to 34 years..... | 515,000 | 496,996 | 3.6 | 348,000 | 105,000 | 61,000 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| 35 to 39 years..... | 575,000 | 491,291 | 17.0 | 362,000 | 98,000 | 115,000 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| 40 to 44 years..... | 499,000 | 423,945 | 17.7 | 333,000 | 85,000 | 80,000 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| 45 to 49 years..... | 389,000 | 366,656 | 6.1 | 235,000 | 73,000 | 81,000 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| 50 to 54 years..... | 350,000 | 301,033 | 16.3 | 229,000 | 61,000 | 60,000 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 55 to 59 years..... | 264,000 | 221,318 | 19.3 | 173,000 | 35,000 | 55,000 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| 60 to 64 years..... | 199,000 | 165,363 | 20.3 | 127,000 | 32,000 | 41,000 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| 65 to 69 years..... | 209,000 | 159,151 | 31.3 | 114,000 | 44,000 | 51,000 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 70 to 74 years..... | 122,000 | 87,684 | 39.1 | 75,000 | 19,000 | 23,000 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| 75 years and over..... | 101,000 | 77,029 | 31.1 | 42,000 | 31,000 | 29,000 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Median age.....years.. | 25.1 | 25.4 | - | 27.3 | 24.4 | 18.3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 21 years and over..... | 4,355,000 | 3,807,250 | 14.4 | 2,819,000 | 787,000 | 750,000 | 56.8 | 57.6 | 61.8 | 55.3 | 44.3 | 44.3 |

Table 2.—MARRIED COUPLES, FAMILIES, AND HOUSEHOLDS, BY COLOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940

| Subject | United States | | | Urban, 1950 | Rural nonfarm, 1950 | Rural farm, 1950 |
|---|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | 1950 | 1940 | Percent change, 1940 to 1950 | | | |
| MARRIED COUPLES | | | | | | |
| Total..... | 35,320,000 | 28,516,387 | 23.9 | 22,953,000 | 7,088,000 | 5,329,000 |
| With own household..... | 33,054,000 | 26,570,502 | 24.4 | 21,356,000 | 6,716,000 | 4,988,000 |
| Without own household..... | 2,266,000 | 1,946,485 | 16.4 | 1,597,000 | 322,000 | 345,000 |
| Percent..... | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| With own household..... | 93.6 | 93.2 | - | 93.0 | 95.4 | 93.5 |
| Without own household..... | 6.4 | 6.8 | - | 7.0 | 4.6 | 6.5 |
| Nonwhite..... | 2,815,000 | 2,408,691 | 16.9 | 1,791,000 | 449,000 | 575,000 |
| With own household..... | 2,412,000 | 2,135,093 | 13.0 | 1,491,000 | 410,000 | 511,000 |
| Without own household..... | 403,000 | 273,598 | 47.3 | 300,000 | 39,000 | 64,000 |
| Percent..... | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| With own household..... | 85.7 | 88.6 | - | 83.2 | 91.3 | 88.9 |
| Without own household..... | 14.3 | 11.4 | - | 16.8 | 8.7 | 11.1 |
| FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS | | | | | | |
| Total..... | 49,580,000 | (1) | - | 33,775,000 | 9,568,000 | 6,242,000 |
| Families..... | 38,738,000 | (1) | - | 25,467,000 | 7,701,000 | 5,620,000 |
| Unrelated individuals..... | 10,792,000 | (1) | - | 8,308,000 | 1,863,000 | 621,000 |
| Nonwhite..... | 4,858,000 | (1) | - | 3,408,000 | 768,000 | 687,000 |
| Families..... | 3,377,000 | (1) | - | 2,201,000 | 567,000 | 609,000 |
| Unrelated individuals..... | 1,481,000 | (1) | - | 1,207,000 | 196,000 | 78,000 |
| HOUSEHOLDS | | | | | | |
| All households..... | 42,520,000 | 34,948,666 | 21.7 | 28,108,000 | 8,503,000 | 5,908,000 |
| White..... | 39,782,000 | 31,679,766 | 22.4 | 25,665,000 | 7,847,000 | 5,270,000 |
| Nonwhite..... | 3,738,000 | 3,268,900 | 14.4 | 2,443,000 | 656,000 | 639,000 |
| Percent..... | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White..... | 91.2 | 90.6 | - | 91.3 | 92.3 | 89.2 |
| Nonwhite..... | 8.8 | 9.4 | - | 8.7 | 7.7 | 10.8 |
| Population in households..... | 145,264,000 | 128,427,069 | 13.1 | 91,686,000 | 29,804,000 | 23,524,000 |
| White..... | 130,538,000 | 113,270,680 | 13.2 | 83,093,000 | 27,249,000 | 20,194,000 |
| Nonwhite..... | 14,726,000 | 15,156,389 | 12.0 | 8,843,000 | 2,555,000 | 3,331,000 |
| Percent..... | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White..... | 89.9 | 89.8 | - | 90.4 | 91.4 | 85.8 |
| Nonwhite..... | 10.1 | 10.2 | - | 9.6 | 8.6 | 14.2 |
| Population per household..... | 3.4 | 3.7 | - | 3.3 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| White..... | 3.4 | 3.6 | - | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| Nonwhite..... | 3.9 | 4.0 | - | 3.6 | 3.9 | 5.2 |

¹ Data not available.

Table 3.—RESIDENCE IN 1949 OF THE POPULATION ONE YEAR OLD AND OVER, BY COLOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1950

| Color and residence in 1949 | Residence in 1950 | | | | Percent distribution | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|-------|---------------|------------|
| | United States | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural farm | United States | Urban | Rural nonfarm | Rural farm |
| Persons 1 year and over..... | 147,545,000 | 94,092,000 | 30,387,000 | 23,066,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Same house as 1950..... | 119,677,000 | 76,073,000 | 23,852,000 | 19,751,000 | 81.1 | 80.8 | 78.5 | 85.6 |
| Different house, same county..... | 16,356,000 | 10,764,000 | 3,617,000 | 1,975,000 | 11.1 | 11.4 | 11.9 | 8.6 |
| Different county or abroad..... | 9,175,000 | 5,632,000 | 2,438,000 | 1,104,000 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 4.8 |
| Residence not reported..... | 2,337,000 | 1,623,000 | 479,000 | 236,000 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.0 |
| Nonwhite, 1 year old and over.. | 15,059,000 | 9,140,000 | 2,896,000 | 3,223,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Same house as 1950..... | 12,266,000 | 7,453,000 | 2,130,000 | 2,683,000 | 81.5 | 81.5 | 79.0 | 83.2 |
| Different house, same county..... | 1,893,000 | 1,172,000 | 324,000 | 396,000 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 12.0 | 12.3 |
| Different county or abroad..... | 681,000 | 333,000 | 199,000 | 99,000 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 7.4 | 3.1 |
| Residence not reported..... | 270,000 | 181,000 | 48,000 | 45,000 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.4 |

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