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The total population of Connecticut on April 1, 1950, was 2,007,280, according to final figures for the State released today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. During the previous 10 years, the population of the State increased by 298,038, or 17.4 percent, over the 1,709,242 persons enumerated in 1940. Among the States, Connecticut ranked twenty-eighth in population. The 1950 population of Connecticut is more than eight times as large as its population in 1790, when it was enumerated in the first Federal census.

According to the new urban definition, Connecticut had 1,558,642 persons living in urban territory and 448,638 persons living in rural territory. The urban population comprised 77.6 percent of the population of the State.

Between 1940 and 1950, all of the eight counties in Connecticut increased in population. The rates of increase ranged from 9.8 percent in Windham County to 40.3 percent in Tolland County. The largest numerical increase was experienced in Hartford County, which had a gain of 89,472. The counties in Connecticut ranged in size from Tolland with a population of 44,709 to New Haven with a population of 545,784.

There were 34 places in Connecticut incorporated as cities and boroughs and 52 unincorporated places of 1,000 inhabitants or more. Of the 1,153,217 persons living in the incorporated places, 6,173 were in the six places with fewer than 2,500 inhabitants. There were 122,636 persons living in the unincorporated places, 63,946 of whom were in the 39 places with fewer than 2,500 inhabitants. The incorporated places ranged in size from Fenwick borough with a population of 16 to Hartford city with a population of 177,397.

Under the urban definition established for use in the 1950 Census, the urban population comprises all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as

cities, boroughs, towns,¹ and villages; (b) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, around cities of 50,000 or more; and (c) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside any urban fringe. The remaining population is classified as rural. According to the urban definition used in previous censuses, the urban population comprised all persons living in incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and areas (usually minor civil divisions) classified as urban under special rules relating to population size and density.

In both definitions, the most important component of the urban territory is the group of incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more. A definition of urban territory restricted to such places, however, would exclude a number of equally large and densely settled places, merely because they were not incorporated places. Under the old definition, an effort was made to avoid some of the more obvious omissions by the inclusion of the places urban under special rules. Even with these rules, however, many large and closely built-up places were excluded from the urban territory. To improve the situation in the 1950 Census, the Bureau of the Census set up, in advance of enumeration, boundaries for urban-fringe areas around cities of 50,000 or more and for unincorporated places outside urban fringes. All the population residing in urban-fringe areas and in unincorporated places of 2,500 or more is classified as urban according to the 1950 definition. (Of course, the incorporated places of 2,500 or more are urban in their own right.) Consequently, the special rules of the old definition are no longer necessary.

¹ Except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin, where "towns" are minor civil divisions of counties and are not necessarily densely settled centers like the towns in other States.

According to the new urban definition, the 1950 urban population of Connecticut consisted of the following components: (1) The 1,147,044 inhabitants of the 28 incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more; (2) the 58,690 inhabitants of the 13 specially delineated unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more; and (3) 352,908 persons living in other territory in the urban-fringe areas of Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain-Bristol, New Haven, Stamford-Norwalk, and Waterbury. Connecticut had four towns (East Hartford, Stratford, West Hartford, and West Haven) urban under special rule according to the old definition. The 1950 urban population under the old definition, therefore, consisted of the 1,147,044 inhabitants of the 28 incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and the

139,773 inhabitants of the 4 places urban under special rule. According to the new urban definition, 129,500 of the inhabitants of the four places urban under special rule were urban because they were living in urban-fringe areas and the remaining 10,273 were included in the rural population. On the other hand, the new urban definition included in the urban population the 58,690 inhabitants of the unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and 223,408 persons in other territory in the urban-fringe areas outside the four places urban under special rule who would have been included in the rural population under the old definition. The net gain in the urban population, therefore, which resulted from the change in definition is 271,825.

Table 1.--POPULATION OF CONNECTICUT, URBAN AND RURAL:
1790 TO 1950

(For description of new and old urban definitions, see text)

Date	Population			Percent urban
	Total	Urban	Rural	
New urban definition, 1950 (Apr. 1)..	2,007,280	1,558,642	448,638	77.6
Old urban definition:				
1950 (Apr. 1).....	2,007,280	1,286,817	720,463	64.1
1940 (Apr. 1).....	1,709,242	1,158,162	551,080	67.8
1930 (Apr. 1).....	1,606,903	1,131,770	475,133	70.4
1920 (Jan. 1).....	1,380,631	936,339	444,292	67.8
1910 (Apr. 15).....	1,114,756	731,797	382,959	65.6
1900 (June 1).....	908,420	543,755	364,665	59.9
1890 (June 1).....	746,258	379,853	366,405	50.9
1880 (June 1).....	622,700	260,718	361,982	41.9
1870 (June 1).....	537,454	177,153	360,301	33.0
1860 (June 1).....	460,147	122,121	338,026	26.5
1850 (June 1).....	370,792	59,321	311,471	16.0
1840 (June 1).....	309,978	38,952	271,026	12.6
1830 (June 1).....	297,675	27,847	269,828	9.4
1820 (Aug. 7).....	275,248	20,804	254,444	7.6
1810 (Aug. 6).....	261,942	15,941	246,001	6.1
1800 (Aug. 4).....	251,002	12,722	238,280	5.1
1790 (Aug. 2).....	237,946	7,170	230,776	3.0

Table 2.--POPULATION OF CONNECTICUT, BY COUNTIES: 1950 AND 1940

County	Population		Percent increase, 1940 to 1950
	1950	1940	
The State.....	2,007,280	1,709,242	17.4
Fairfield.....	504,342	418,384	20.5
Hartford.....	539,661	450,189	19.9
Litchfield.....	98,872	87,041	13.6
Middlesex.....	67,332	55,999	20.2
New Haven.....	545,784	484,316	12.7
New London.....	144,821	125,224	15.6
Tolland.....	44,709	31,866	40.3
Windham.....	61,759	56,223	9.8

Table 3.--POPULATION OF ALL INCORPORATED PLACES AND OF UNINCORPORATED PLACES OF 1,000 OR MORE: 1950 AND 1940

("Uninc." designates an unincorporated place. Figures for 1940 are not available for unincorporated places or places incorporated since April 1, 1940. Specific unincorporated places in urban-fringe areas have not been separately identified and therefore are not listed in this table)

Place	County	Population		Place	County	Population	
		1950	1940			1950	1940
Ansonia.....	New Haven.....	18,706	19,210	New London.....	New London.....	30,551	30,456
Baltic (uninc.).....	New London.....	1,345	210	New Milford (uninc.).....	Litchfield.....	2,673	...
Bantam.....	Litchfield.....	940	564	Newtown.....	Fairfield.....	782	603
Beckettville (uninc.).....	Fairfield.....	2,083	...	Niantic (uninc.).....	New London.....	1,746	...
Bethel (uninc.).....	Fairfield.....	4,145	...	Nichols (uninc.).....	Fairfield.....	1,171	...
Bloomfield (uninc.).....	Hartford.....	1,205	...	Noank (uninc.).....	New London.....	1,149	...
Branford.....	New Haven.....	2,552	2,235	North Grosvenordale (uninc.).....	Windham.....	2,232	...
Bridgeport.....	Fairfield.....	158,709	147,121	Norwalk.....	Fairfield.....	49,460	39,849
Bristol.....	Hartford.....	35,961	30,167	Norwich.....	New London.....	23,429	23,652
Canaan (uninc.).....	Litchfield.....	1,189	...	Norwichtown (uninc.).....	New London.....	2,916	...
Cheshire (uninc.).....	New Haven.....	1,826	...	Pawcatuck (uninc.).....	New London.....	5,269	...
Chester (uninc.).....	Middlesex.....	1,354	...	Plainfield (uninc.).....	Windham.....	2,207	...
Clinton-Beach Park (uninc.).....	Middlesex.....	1,701	...	Plantsville (uninc.).....	Hartford.....	1,536	...
Colchester.....	New London.....	1,522	1,234	Pleasant Valley-Navy Heights (uninc.).....	New London.....	2,007	...
Collinsville (uninc.).....	Hartford.....	2,078	...	Portland-Gildersleeve (uninc.).....	Middlesex.....	3,975	...
Crowell (uninc.).....	Middlesex.....	1,541	...	Putnam.....	Windham.....	8,181	7,775
Danbury.....	Fairfield.....	22,067	22,339	Quaker Hill (uninc.).....	New London.....	1,260	...
Danielson.....	Windham.....	4,554	4,507	Ridgefield (uninc.).....	Fairfield.....	2,347	...
Deep River (uninc.).....	Middlesex.....	2,034	...	Rockville.....	Tolland.....	8,016	7,572
Derby.....	New Haven.....	10,259	10,287	Rocky Hill (uninc.).....	Hartford.....	2,072	...
East Brooklyn (uninc.).....	Windham.....	1,062	...	Seymour (uninc.).....	New Haven.....	5,342	...
East Hampton (uninc.).....	Middlesex.....	1,481	...	Shelton.....	Fairfield.....	12,694	10,971
Essex (uninc.).....	Middlesex.....	1,312	...	Simsbury (uninc.).....	Hartford.....	1,771	...
Fenwick.....	Middlesex.....	16	...	South Coventry (uninc.).....	Tolland.....	1,617	...
Germantown (uninc.).....	Fairfield.....	1,598	...	Southington (uninc.).....	Hartford.....	5,955	...
Groton.....	New London.....	7,036	4,719	Stafford Springs.....	Tolland.....	3,396	3,401
Hayestown (uninc.).....	Fairfield.....	1,061	...	Stamford.....	Fairfield.....	74,293	47,938
Hartford.....	Hartford.....	177,397	166,267	Stonington.....	New London.....	1,739	1,826
Hazardville (uninc.).....	Hartford.....	1,272	...	Taftville (uninc.).....	New London.....	3,598	...
Ivoryton-Centerbrook (uninc.).....	Middlesex.....	1,372	...	Thamesville (uninc.).....	New London.....	5,518	...
Jewett City.....	New London.....	3,702	3,682	Thomaston-Plymouth (uninc.).....	Litchfield.....	4,106	...
Jordan Village- Morningside Park (uninc.).....	New London.....	2,479	...	Thompsonville (uninc.).....	Hartford.....	9,633	...
Killingly-Dayville (uninc.).....	Windham.....	1,105	...	Torrington.....	Litchfield.....	27,820	26,988
Lettes Island-Sachem Head (uninc.).....	New Haven.....	2,651	...	Uncasville-Montville (uninc.).....	New London.....	2,276	...
Litchfield.....	Litchfield.....	1,174	1,234	Unionville (uninc.).....	New London.....	2,197	...
Madison (uninc.).....	New Haven.....	1,225	...	Wallingford.....	New Haven.....	11,994	11,425
Meriden.....	New Haven.....	44,088	39,494	Warehouse Point (uninc.).....	Hartford.....	1,283	...
Middletown.....	Middlesex.....	29,711	26,495	Waterbury.....	New Haven.....	104,477	99,314
Moosup (uninc.).....	Windham.....	2,909	...	Wauregan (uninc.).....	Windham.....	1,002	...
Mystic (uninc.).....	New London.....	2,266	...	West Mystic (uninc.).....	New London.....	2,362	...
Naugatuck.....	New Haven.....	17,455	15,388	Willimantic.....	Windham.....	13,586	12,101
New Britain.....	Hartford.....	73,726	68,685	Winsted.....	Litchfield.....	8,781	7,674
New Haven.....	New Haven.....	164,443	160,605	Yalesville (uninc.).....	New Haven.....	1,122	...

Table 4.--POPULATION OF COUNTIES, BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS: 1950

County and minor civil division	Population, 1950	County and minor civil division	Population, 1950	County and minor civil division	Population, 1950	County and minor civil division	Population, 1950
FAIRFIELD COUNTY.....	504,342	HARTFORD COUNTY.....	539,661	HARTFORD COUNTY--Con.		LITCHFIELD COUNTY-- Con.	
Bethel town.....	5,104	Avon town.....	3,171	South Windsor town.....	4,066	North Canaan town.....	2,647
Bridgeport town.....	158,709	Berlin town.....	7,470	Suffield town.....	4,895	Plymouth town.....	6,771
Brockfield town.....	1,688	Bloomfield town.....	5,746	West Hartford town.....	44,402	Roxbury town.....	740
Danbury town.....	30,337	Bristol town.....	35,961	Wethersfield town.....	12,533	Salisbury town.....	3,132
Darien town.....	11,767	Burlington town.....	1,846	Windsor town.....	11,833	Sharon town.....	1,889
Easton town.....	2,165	Canton town.....	3,613	Windsor Locks town.....	5,221	Thomaston town.....	4,896
Fairfield town.....	30,489	East Granby town.....	1,327			Torrington town.....	27,820
Greenwich town.....	40,835	East Hartford town.....	29,933	LITCHFIELD COUNTY.....	98,872	Warren town.....	437
Monroe town.....	2,892	East Windsor town.....	4,859	Barkhamsted town.....	946	Washington town.....	2,227
New Canaan town.....	8,001	Enfield town.....	15,464	Bethlehem town.....	1,015	Watertown town.....	10,699
New Fairfield town.....	1,236	Farmington town.....	7,026	Bridgewater town.....	639	Winchester town.....	10,535
Newtown town.....	7,448	Glastonbury town.....	8,818	Canaan town.....	708	Woodbury town.....	2,564
Norwalk town.....	49,460	Granby town.....	2,693	Colebrook town.....	592		
Redding town.....	2,037	Hartford town.....	177,397	Cornwall town.....	896	MIDDLESEX COUNTY.....	67,332
Ridgefield town.....	4,356	Hartland town.....	549	Goshen town.....	940	Chester town.....	1,920
Shelton town.....	12,694	Manchester town.....	34,116	Harwinton town.....	1,858	Clinton town.....	2,466
Sherman town.....	549	Marlborough town.....	901	Kent town.....	1,392	Crowell town.....	4,286
Stamford town.....	74,293	New Britain town.....	73,726	Litchfield town.....	4,964	Deep River town.....	2,570
Stratford town.....	33,428	Newington town.....	9,110	Morris town.....	4,799	Durham town.....	1,804
Trumbull town.....	8,641	Plainville town.....	9,994	New Hartford town.....	2,395	East Haddam town.....	2,554
Weston town.....	1,988	Rocky Hill town.....	5,108	New Milford town.....	5,799	East Hampton town.....	4,000
Westport town.....	11,667	Simsbury town.....	4,822	Norfolk town.....	1,572	Essex town.....	3,491
Wilton town.....	4,558	Southington town.....	13,061				

Table 4.--POPULATION OF COUNTIES, BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS: 1950--Con.

County and minor civil division	Population, 1950	County and minor civil division	Population, 1950	County and minor civil division	Population, 1950	County and minor civil division	Population, 1950
MIDDLESEX COUNTY--Con.		NEW HAVEN COUNTY--Con.		NEW LONDON COUNTY--Con.		TOLLAND COUNTY--Con.	
Haddam town.....	2,636	New Haven town.....	164,443	Ledyard town.....	1,749	Mansfield town.....	10,008
Killingworth town.....	677	North Branford town.....	2,017	Lisbon town.....	1,282	Somers town.....	2,631
Middlefield town.....	1,983	North Haven town.....	9,444	Lyme town.....	857	Stafford town.....	6,471
Middletown town.....	29,711	Orange town.....	3,032	Montville town.....	4,766	Tolland town.....	1,659
Old Saybrook town.....	2,499	Oxford town.....	2,037	New London town.....	30,551	Union town.....	261
Portland town.....	5,186	Prospect town.....	1,896	North Stonington town..	1,367	Vernon town.....	10,115
Westbrook town.....	1,549	Seymour town.....	7,832	Norwich town.....	37,633	Willington town.....	1,462
NEW HAVEN COUNTY.....		Southbury town.....	3,828	Old Lyme town.....	2,141	WINDHAM COUNTY.....	
Ansonia town.....	18,706	Wallingford town.....	16,976	Preston town.....	1,775	Ashford town.....	845
Beacon Falls town.....	2,067	Waterbury town.....	104,477	Salem town.....	618	Brooklyn town.....	2,652
Bethany town.....	1,318	West Haven town.....	32,010	Sprague town.....	2,320	Canterbury town.....	1,321
Branford town.....	10,944	Wolcott town.....	3,553	Stonington town.....	11,801	Chaplin town.....	712
Cheshire town.....	6,295	Woodbridge town.....	2,822	Voluntown town.....	825	Eastford town.....	598
Derby town.....	10,259	NEW LONDON COUNTY.....		Waterford town.....	9,100	Hampton town.....	672
East Haven town.....	12,212	144,821		TOLLAND COUNTY.....		Killingly town.....	10,015
Guilford town.....	5,092	Bozrah town.....	1,154	Andover town.....	1,034	Plainfield town.....	8,071
Hamden town.....	29,715	Colchester town.....	3,007	Bolton town.....	1,279	Pomfret town.....	2,018
Madison town.....	3,078	East Lyme town.....	3,870	Columbia town.....	1,327	Putnam town.....	9,304
Meriden town.....	44,088	Franklin town.....	727	Coventry town.....	4,043	Scotland town.....	513
Middlebury town.....	3,318	Griswold town.....	5,728	Ellington town.....	3,099	Sterling town.....	1,298
Milford town.....	26,870	Groton town.....	21,896	Hebron town.....	1,320	Thompson town.....	5,585
Naugatuck town.....	17,455	Lebanon town.....	1,654			Windham town.....	15,384
						Woodstock town.....	2,271

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