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POPULATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE: APRIL 1, 1950

(This is one of a series of reports presenting final population figures for selected areas in each State. In this series, reports are numbered alphabetically by States. Additional reports will be issued as final figures for other States become available)

The total population of New Hampshire on April 1, 1950, was 533,242, 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 41,718, or 8.5 percent over the 491,524 inhabitants enumerated in 1940. Among the States and the District of Columbia, New Hampshire ranked forty-fifth in population. The present population of New Hampshire is almost 4 times as large as its population 160 years ago when it was enumerated in the first Federal census.

According to the new urban definition, New Hampshire had 306,806 persons living in urban territory in 1950 and 226,436 in rural territory. The urban population comprised 57.5 percent of the total population of the State. The trend in the proportion of the State population that was urban can be examined only on the basis of the old definition. On that basis, the proportion urban reached a peak in 1930 and declined slightly in the two following decades.

Between 1940 and 1950, all but 1 of the 10 counties in New Hampshire gained population. Hillsborough, the largest county in the State, had the largest numerical increase; but the most rapid rates of growth were experienced in Rockingham and Strafford Counties, which had increases of 20.5 and 18.4 percent, respectively. In Coös County, the county which lost population, the rate of decline was 8.5 percent. The counties in New Hampshire ranged in size from Carroll with a population of 15,868 to Hillsborough with a population of 156,987.

New Hampshire had a total of 12 incorporated places, all of which had 2,500 inhabitants or more, and 45 unincorporated places of 1,000 inhabitants or more. The largest of all these places, Manchester city, had a population of 82,732. The 12 incorporated places contained 267,157 inhabitants, or 50.1 percent of the population of the State. Of the 45 unincorporated places in the State, 9 had 2,500 inhabitants or more and a total population of 37,463. There were 304,620 persons living in the 21 places of

2,500 inhabitants or more and 53,377 persons living in the 36 smaller unincorporated places.

Under the urban definition established for use in the 1950 Census, urban territory has been defined to comprise (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. All other territory is classified as rural. According to the definition used in previous censuses, urban territory was designated as all 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 new definition. 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 definition, the 1950 urban population of New Hampshire included the following components: (1) The 267,157 inhabitants of the 12 incorporated places of 2,500 or more; (2) the 24,710 inhabitants of the 6 unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more delineated within towns which were entirely urban under special rule in 1940; (3) the 12,753 inhabitants of the other 3 unincorporated places of 2,500 or more; and (4) the 2,186 persons living in the unincorporated territory in the urban fringe of Manchester. Under the old definition, the urban population would have included

the inhabitants of the 12 incorporated places of 2,500 or more and the 34,092 inhabitants of the 6 towns urban under special rule in 1940. The 1950 definition classified as urban the 14,939 inhabitants of components 3 and 4 who under the old definition would have been included in the rural population. On the other hand, it included in the rural population the 9,382 persons living in the parts of the 6 towns urban under special rule in 1940 outside the unincorporated places of 2,500 or more. The net effect is a gain of 5,557 in the urban population under the new definition.

Table 1.--POPULATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, 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).	533,242	306,806	226,436	57.5
Old urban definition:				
1950 (Apr. 1).....	533,242	301,249	231,993	56.5
1940 (Apr. 1).....	491,524	283,225	208,299	57.6
1930 (Apr. 1).....	465,293	273,079	192,214	58.7
1920 (Jan. 1).....	443,083	250,438	192,645	56.5
1910 (Apr. 15).....	430,572	223,152	207,420	51.8
1900 (June 1).....	411,588	192,240	219,348	46.7
1890 (June 1).....	376,530	147,913	228,617	39.3
1880 (June 1).....	346,991	104,105	242,886	30.0
1870 (June 1).....	318,300	83,456	234,844	26.2
1860 (June 1).....	326,073	72,038	254,035	22.1
1850 (June 1).....	317,976	54,327	263,649	17.1
1840 (June 1).....	284,574	28,531	256,043	10.0
1830 (June 1).....	269,328	13,475	255,853	5.0
1820 (Aug. 7).....	244,161	7,327	236,834	3.0
1810 (Aug. 6).....	214,460	6,934	207,526	3.2
1800 (Aug. 4).....	183,858	5,339	178,519	2.9
1790 (Aug. 2).....	141,885	4,720	137,165	3.3

Table 2.--POPULATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, BY COUNTIES: 1950 AND 1940
(Minus sign (-) denotes decrease)

County	Population		Percent increase, 1940 to 1950
	1950	1940	
The State.....	533,242	491,524	8.5
Belknap.....	26,632	24,328	9.5
Carroll.....	15,868	15,589	1.8
Cheshire.....	38,811	34,953	11.0
Coös.....	35,932	39,274	-8.5
Grafton.....	47,923	44,645	7.3
Hillsborough.....	156,987	144,888	8.4
Merrimack.....	63,022	60,710	3.8
Rockingham.....	70,059	58,142	20.5
Strafford.....	51,567	43,553	18.4
Sullivan.....	26,441	25,442	3.9

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. 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
Ashland (uninc.).....	Grafton.....	1,215	...	Littleton (uninc.).....	Grafton.....	3,819	...
Berlin.....	Coös.....	16,615	19,084	Manchester.....	Hillsborough.....	82,732	77,695
Bristol (uninc.).....	Grafton.....	1,262	...	Marlborough (uninc.).....	Cheshire.....	1,116	...
Charlestown (uninc.)...	Sullivan.....	1,176	...	Meredith (uninc.).....	Belknap.....	1,122	...
Claremont.....	Sullivan.....	12,811	12,144	Milford (uninc.).....	Hillsborough.....	3,269	...
Colebrook (uninc.).....	Coös.....	1,265	...	Nashua.....	Hillsborough.....	34,669	32,927
Concord.....	Merrimack.....	27,988	27,171	New London (uninc.).....	Merrimack.....	1,002	...
Conway (uninc.).....	Carroll.....	1,238	...	Newmarket (uninc.).....	Rockingham.....	2,172	...
Dover.....	Strafford.....	15,874	14,990	Newport (uninc.).....	Sullivan.....	3,062	...
Durham (uninc.).....	Strafford.....	4,172	...	Northfield (uninc.).....	Merrimack.....	1,065	...
East Jaffrey (uninc.)..	Cheshire.....	1,866	...	Peterborough (uninc.)...	Hillsborough.....	1,506	...
Enfield (uninc.).....	Grafton.....	1,111	...	Pittsfield (uninc.).....	Merrimack.....	1,342	...
Exeter (uninc.).....	Rockingham.....	4,977	...	Plymouth (uninc.).....	Grafton.....	2,107	...
Farmington (uninc.)...	Strafford.....	2,285	...	Portsmouth.....	Rockingham.....	18,830	14,821
Franklin.....	Merrimack.....	6,552	6,749	Rochester.....	Strafford.....	13,776	12,012
Goffstown (uninc.).....	Hillsborough.....	1,336	...	Salem Depot (uninc.)....	Rockingham.....	1,637	...
Gorham (uninc.).....	Coös.....	1,739	...	Salmon Falls (uninc.)...	Strafford.....	1,290	...
Greenville (uninc.)...	Hillsborough.....	1,179	...	Somersworth.....	Strafford.....	6,927	6,136
Groveton (uninc.).....	Coös.....	1,918	...	Suncook-Blodgett (uninc.)	Merrimack.....	3,582	...
Hampton (uninc.).....	Rockingham.....	1,614	...	Tilton (uninc.).....	Belknap.....	1,127	...
Hanover (uninc.).....	Grafton.....	4,999	...	Troy (uninc.).....	Cheshire.....	1,169	...
Hillsborough (uninc.)..	Hillsborough.....	1,670	...	West Derry-Derry (uninc.)	Rockingham.....	4,969	...
Hinsdale (uninc.).....	Cheshire.....	1,247	...	West Lebanon (uninc.)...	Grafton.....	1,737	...
Hudson (uninc.).....	Hillsborough.....	2,382	...	Whitefield (uninc.).....	Coös.....	1,329	...
Keene.....	Cheshire.....	15,638	13,832	Wilton (uninc.).....	Hillsborough.....	1,615	...
Laconia.....	Belknap.....	14,745	13,484	Winchester (uninc.).....	Cheshire.....	1,057	...
Lancaster (uninc.).....	Coös.....	2,296	...	Wolfboro (uninc.).....	Carroll.....	1,271	...
Lebanon (uninc.).....	Grafton.....	4,614	...	Woodsville (uninc.).....	Grafton.....	1,542	...
Lisbon (uninc.).....	Grafton.....	1,372	...				

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

(1950 figures are not necessarily comparable with figures for 1940 or earlier dates shown in 1940 Census Reports because of boundary changes in some areas. Boundary changes will be described in table 6 of the forthcoming report on number of inhabitants for New Hampshire)

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
BELKNAP COUNTY.....	26,632	COOS COUNTY--Con.		HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY..	156,987	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY--	
Alton town.....	1,189	Dalton town.....	557	Amherst town.....	1,461	Chester town.....	807
Barnstead town.....	846	Dixville twp.....	13	Antrim town.....	1,030	Danville town.....	508
Belmont town.....	1,611	Dummer twp.....	229	Bedford town.....	2,176	Deerfield town.....	706
Center Harbor town.....	451	Errol town.....	224	Bennington town.....	593	Derry town.....	5,826
Gilford town.....	1,251	Gorham town.....	2,639	Brookline town.....	671	East Kingston town.....	449
Gilmanton town.....	754	Jefferson town.....	728	Deering town.....	392	Epping town.....	1,796
Laconia city.....	14,745	Lancaster town.....	3,113	Francestown town.....	405	Exeter town.....	5,664
Meredith town.....	2,222	Milan town.....	743	Goffstown town.....	5,638	Fremont town.....	698
New Hampton town.....	723	Millsfield twp.....	16	Greenfield town.....	430	Greenland town.....	719
Sanbornton town.....	755	Northumberland town.....	2,779	Greenville town.....	1,280	Hampstead town.....	902
Tilton town.....	2,085			Hancock town.....	612	Hampton town.....	2,847
		Odell twp.....	12	Hillsborough town.....	2,179	Hampton Falls town.....	629
CARROLL COUNTY.....	15,868	Pinkhams grant.....	17	Hollis town.....	1,196	Kensington town.....	542
Albany town.....	154	Pittsburg town.....	697	Hudson town.....	4,183	Kingston town.....	1,283
Bartlett town.....	1,074	Randolph town.....	158	Litchfield town.....	427	Londonderry town.....	1,640
Brookfield town.....	159	Sargents purchase.....	16	Lyndeborough town.....	552	New Castle town.....	583
Chatham town.....	177	Shelburne town.....	184	Manchester city.....	82,732	Newfields town.....	469
Conway town.....	4,109	Stark town.....	373	Mason town.....	288	Newington town.....	494
Eaton town.....	221	Stewartstown town.....	970	Merrimack town.....	1,908	Newmarket town.....	2,709
Effingham town.....	341	Stratford town.....	973	Milford town.....	4,159	Newton town.....	1,173
Freedom town.....	315	Thompson and Meserves		Mont Vernon town.....	405	North Hampton town.....	1,104
Harts location.....	11	purchase.....	2	Nashua city.....	34,669	Northwood town.....	966
Jackson town.....	344	Wentworths location.....	48	New Boston town.....	865	Nottingham town.....	566
		Whitefield town.....	1,677	New Ipswich town.....	1,147	Plaistow town.....	2,082
Madison town.....	486			Pelham town.....	1,317	Portsmouth city.....	18,830
Moultonborough town.....	880	GRAFTON COUNTY.....	47,923	Peterborough town.....	2,556	Raymond town.....	1,428
Ossipee town.....	1,412	Alexandria town.....	402	Sharon town.....	62	Rye town.....	1,982
Sandwich town.....	615	Ashland town.....	1,599	Temple town.....	330	Salem town.....	4,805
Tamworth town.....	1,025	Bath town.....	706	Weare town.....	1,345	Sandown town.....	315
Tuftonboro town.....	697	Benton town.....	247	Wilton town.....	1,952	Seabrook town.....	1,788
Wakefield town.....	1,267	Bethlehem town.....	882	Windsor town.....	27	South Hampton town.....	314
Wolfboro town.....	2,581	Bridgewater town.....	222			Stratham town.....	759
		Bristol town.....	1,586	MERRIMACK COUNTY.....	63,022	Windham town.....	964
GESHIRE COUNTY.....	38,811	Bristol town.....	1,149	Allenstown town.....	1,540		
Alstead town.....	851	Campton town.....	1,149	Andover town.....	1,057	STRAFFORD COUNTY....	51,567
Chesterfield town.....	970	Canaan town.....	1,465	Boscawen town.....	1,857	Barrington town.....	1,052
Dublin town.....	675	Dorchester town.....	133	Bow town.....	1,062	Dover city.....	15,874
Fitzwilliam town.....	872			Bredford town.....	606	Durham town.....	4,770
Gilsum town.....	578	Easton town.....	94	Canterbury town.....	627	Farmington town.....	3,454
Harrisville town.....	519	Ellsworth town.....	24	Chichester town.....	735	Lee town.....	575
Hinsdale town.....	1,950	Enfield town.....	1,612	Concord city.....	27,988	Madbury town.....	489
Jaffrey town.....	2,911	Franconia town.....	549	Danbury town.....	496	Middleton town.....	255
Keene city.....	15,638	Grafton town.....	442	Dumbarton town.....	533	Milton town.....	1,510
Marlborough town.....	1,561	Groton town.....	105	Epsom town.....	756	New Durham town.....	463
		Hanover town.....	6,259	Franklin city.....	6,552	Rochester city.....	13,776
Marlow town.....	330	Haverhill town.....	3,357	Henniker town.....	1,675	Rollingsford town.....	1,652
Nelson town.....	231	Hebron town.....	130	Hill town.....	310	Somersworth city.....	6,927
Richmond town.....	259	Holderness town.....	731	Hooksett town.....	2,792	Strafford town.....	770
Rindge town.....	707	Landaff town.....	342	Hopkinton town.....	1,831		
Roxbury town.....	117	Lebanon town.....	8,495	Loudon town.....	1,012	SULLIVAN COUNTY.....	26,441
Stoddard town.....	200	Lincoln town.....	1,415	Newbury town.....	320	Acworth town.....	418
Sullivan town.....	272	Lisbon town.....	2,009	New London town.....	1,484	Charlestown town.....	2,077
Surry town.....	291	Littleton town.....	4,817	Northfield town.....	1,561	Claremont city.....	12,811
Swanzey town.....	2,806	Livermore town.....	...	Pembroke town.....	3,094	Cornish town.....	989
Troy town.....	1,360	Lyman town.....	241	Pittsfield town.....	2,321	Croydon town.....	349
Walpole town.....	2,536	Lyme town.....	924	Salisbury town.....	423	Goshen town.....	356
Westmoreland town.....	789	Monroe town.....	410	Sutton town.....	554	Grantham town.....	359
Winchester town.....	2,388	Orange town.....	82	Warner town.....	1,080	Langdon town.....	378
		Orford town.....	726	Webster town.....	386	Lempster town.....	309
COOS COUNTY.....	35,932	Piermont town.....	511	Wilmot town.....	370	Newport town.....	5,131
Berlin city.....	16,615	Plymouth town.....	3,039			Plainfield town.....	1,011
Cambridge twp.....	8	Rumney town.....	859	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY....	70,059	Springfield town.....	324
Carroll town.....	359	Thornton town.....	460	Atkinson town.....	492	Sunapee town.....	1,108
Clarksville town.....	171	Warren town.....	581	Auburn town.....	1,158	Unity town.....	653
Colebrook town.....	2,116	Waterville town.....	11	Brentwood town.....	819	Washington town.....	168
Columbia town.....	495	Wentworth town.....	413	Candia town.....	1,243		
		Woodstock town.....	894				