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Gains in the population of Arizona between 1940 and 1950 were most marked among young children and elderly persons, according to figures from the 1950 Census of Population released today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. Although the total population of the State increased by 250,326, or 50.1 percent, during the decade, the number of children under 5 years of age increased by 39,541, or 74.4 percent, and the number of persons 65 years old and over increased by 20,337, or 85.1 percent. In Arizona every age group increased between 1940 and 1950. The smallest increase, 23.9 percent, occurred among persons 15 to 24 years old. In 1950 there were more males than females in the population of the State, but the excess of males was relatively smaller than it was at the time of the preceding census. There were 102.3 males for every 100 females in 1950 as compared with 107.1 in 1940. Between 1940 and 1950, the nonwhite population of Arizona, which includes a considerable number of Indians, increased by 31.2 percent in contrast to an increase of 53.4 percent in the white population.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND EXPLANATIONS

Urban and rural residence.--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

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.

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 definition used in previous censuses, 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.

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, and tourist courts were classified as nonfarm.

Color.--The group designated as "non-white" 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.

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. The median age may be defined as that age which divides the population into two equal groups--one-half being older and one-half younger than the median.

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Table 1.--COLOR BY SEX, FOR ARIZONA, URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940

Color and sex	The State			Urban, 1950	Rural, 1950	Percent distribution			
	1950	1940	Percent change, 1940 to 1950			The State		Urban, 1950	Rural, 1950
						1950	1940		
Total.....	749,587	499,261	50.1	416,000	333,587	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	654,511	426,792	53.4	394,403	260,108	87.3	85.5	94.8	78.0
Nonwhite.....	95,076	72,469	31.2	21,597	73,479	12.7	14.5	5.2	22.0
Male.....	379,059	258,170	46.8	204,884	174,175	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	330,215	219,958	50.1	194,006	136,209	87.1	85.2	94.7	78.2
Nonwhite.....	48,844	38,212	27.8	10,878	37,966	12.9	14.8	5.3	21.8
Female.....	370,528	241,091	53.7	211,116	159,412	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	324,296	206,834	56.8	200,397	123,899	87.5	85.8	94.9	77.7
Nonwhite.....	46,232	34,257	35.0	10,719	35,513	12.5	14.2	5.1	22.3

Table 2.--AGE BY SEX, FOR ARIZONA, URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940

Age and sex	The State			Urban, 1950	Rural nonfarm, 1950	Rural farm, 1950	Percent distribution				
	1950	1940	Per- cent change, 1940 to 1950				The State		Urban, 1950	Rural non- farm, 1950	Rural farm, 1950
							1950	1940			
Total population.....	749,587	499,261	50.1	416,000	256,673	76,914	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent by residence	100.0	...	...	55.5	34.2	10.3	...	...	...	...	...
Under 5 years.....	92,674	53,133	74.4	47,809	34,556	10,309	12.4	10.6	11.5	13.5	13.4
5 to 14 years.....	146,246	100,801	45.1	74,638	54,126	17,482	19.5	20.2	17.9	21.1	22.7
15 to 24 years.....	114,223	92,205	23.9	61,444	40,421	12,358	15.2	18.5	14.8	15.7	16.1
25 to 34 years.....	115,490	81,303	42.0	65,349	40,146	9,995	15.4	16.3	15.7	15.6	13.0
35 to 44 years.....	106,235	65,185	63.0	62,023	34,662	9,550	14.2	13.1	14.9	13.5	12.4
45 to 54 years.....	76,778	50,276	52.7	45,404	23,946	7,428	10.2	10.1	10.9	9.3	9.7
55 to 64 years.....	53,695	32,449	65.5	32,120	16,031	5,544	7.2	6.5	7.7	6.2	7.2
65 years and over.....	44,246	23,909	85.1	27,213	12,785	4,248	5.9	4.8	6.5	5.0	5.5
Median age.....years..	26.9	25.4	...	28.7	24.8	23.6	...	...	...	...	...
Male.....	379,059	258,170	46.8	204,884	133,306	40,869	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	47,155	26,823	75.8	24,179	17,686	5,290	12.4	10.4	11.8	13.3	12.9
5 to 14 years.....	74,709	50,969	46.6	37,878	27,803	9,028	19.7	19.7	18.5	20.9	22.1
15 to 24 years.....	56,589	46,236	22.4	29,093	20,980	6,516	14.9	17.9	14.2	15.7	15.9
25 to 34 years.....	56,338	41,843	34.6	31,122	20,194	5,022	14.9	16.2	15.2	15.1	12.3
35 to 44 years.....	53,207	33,786	57.5	30,331	17,810	5,066	14.0	13.1	14.8	13.4	12.4
45 to 54 years.....	39,614	27,142	46.0	22,639	12,851	4,124	10.5	10.5	11.0	9.6	10.1
55 to 64 years.....	28,442	18,003	58.0	16,295	8,883	3,264	7.5	7.0	8.0	6.7	8.0
65 years and over.....	23,005	13,368	72.1	13,347	7,099	2,559	6.1	5.2	6.5	5.3	6.3
Median age.....years..	27.0	26.2	...	28.6	25.1	24.4	...	...	...	...	...
Female.....	370,528	241,091	53.7	211,116	123,367	36,045	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	45,519	26,310	73.0	23,630	16,870	5,019	12.3	10.9	11.2	13.7	13.9
5 to 14 years.....	71,537	49,832	43.6	36,760	26,323	8,454	19.3	20.7	17.4	21.3	23.5
15 to 24 years.....	57,634	45,969	25.4	32,351	19,441	5,842	15.6	19.1	15.3	15.8	16.2
25 to 34 years.....	59,152	39,460	49.9	34,227	19,952	4,973	16.0	16.4	16.2	16.2	13.8
35 to 44 years.....	53,028	31,399	68.9	31,692	16,852	4,484	14.3	13.0	15.0	13.7	12.4
45 to 54 years.....	37,164	23,134	60.6	22,765	11,095	3,304	10.0	9.6	10.8	9.0	9.2
55 to 64 years.....	25,253	14,446	74.8	15,825	7,148	2,280	6.8	6.0	7.5	5.8	6.3
65 years and over.....	21,241	10,541	101.5	13,866	5,686	1,689	5.7	4.4	6.6	4.6	4.7
Median age.....years..	26.8	24.7	...	28.7	24.5	22.8	...	...	...	...	...