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Gains in the population of Colorado 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 201,793, or 18.0 percent, during the decade, the number of children under 5 years of age increased by 51,587, or 53.4 percent, and the number of persons 65 years old and over increased by 29,153, or 33.7 percent. In Colorado, increases between 1940 and 1950 were shown by the figures for each of the remaining broad age groups. In 1950 there were more males than females in the population of Colorado, but the excess of males was relatively smaller than it had been at the time of the preceding census. There were 100.8 males for every 100 females in 1950 as compared with 102.6 in 1940.

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 of 50,000 or more; and (c) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside any urban fringe. The remaining population

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.

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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P R E L I M I N A R Y

Table 1.--COLOR BY SEX, FOR COLORADO, 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.....	1,325,089	1,123,296	18.0	831,318	493,771	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	1,296,653	1,106,502	17.2	807,853	488,800	97.9	98.5	97.2	99.0
Nonwhite.....	28,436	16,794	69.3	23,465	4,971	2.1	1.5	2.8	1.0
Male.....	665,149	568,778	16.9	405,403	259,746	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	650,256	560,322	16.1	393,330	256,926	97.8	98.5	97.0	98.9
Nonwhite.....	14,893	8,456	76.1	12,073	2,820	2.2	1.5	3.0	1.1
Female.....	659,940	554,518	19.0	425,915	234,025	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	646,397	546,180	18.3	414,523	231,874	97.9	98.5	97.3	99.1
Nonwhite.....	13,543	8,338	62.4	11,392	2,151	2.1	1.5	2.7	0.9

Table 2.--AGE BY SEX, FOR COLORADO, 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.....	1,325,089	1,123,296	18.0	831,318	295,590	198,181	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent by residence	100.0	...	...	62.7	22.3	15.0	...	...	...	...	...
Under 5 years.....	148,247	96,660	53.4	87,338	37,150	23,759	11.2	8.6	10.5	12.6	12.0
5 to 14 years.....	215,791	191,323	12.8	115,956	56,688	43,147	16.3	17.0	13.9	19.2	21.8
15 to 24 years.....	199,188	197,377	0.9	123,600	44,917	30,671	15.0	17.6	14.9	15.2	15.5
25 to 34 years.....	209,277	176,449	18.6	139,128	43,588	26,561	15.8	15.7	16.7	14.7	13.4
35 to 44 years.....	180,158	147,616	22.0	115,587	37,589	26,982	13.6	13.1	13.9	12.7	13.6
45 to 54 years.....	141,765	131,468	7.8	93,171	27,911	20,683	10.7	11.7	11.2	9.4	10.4
55 to 64 years.....	115,072	95,965	19.9	76,022	23,424	15,626	8.7	8.5	9.1	7.9	7.9
65 years and over.....	115,591	86,438	33.7	80,516	24,323	10,752	8.7	7.7	9.7	8.2	5.4
Median age.....years..	29.7	29.3	...	31.4	27.1	25.6	...	...	...	...	...
Male.....	665,149	568,778	16.9	405,403	153,415	106,331	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	75,348	49,099	53.5	44,107	19,012	12,229	11.3	8.6	10.9	12.4	11.5
5 to 14 years.....	110,114	96,510	14.1	58,706	29,025	22,383	16.6	17.0	14.5	18.9	21.1
15 to 24 years.....	100,359	98,125	2.3	60,101	23,617	16,641	15.1	17.3	14.8	15.4	15.7
25 to 34 years.....	104,259	88,102	18.3	68,920	21,811	13,528	15.7	15.5	17.0	14.2	12.7
35 to 44 years.....	90,009	74,494	20.8	56,108	19,578	14,323	13.5	13.1	13.8	12.8	13.5
45 to 54 years.....	71,243	68,217	4.4	45,051	14,745	11,447	10.7	12.0	11.1	9.6	10.8
55 to 64 years.....	58,187	50,037	16.3	36,404	12,597	9,186	8.7	8.8	9.0	8.2	6.6
65 years and over.....	55,630	44,194	25.9	36,006	13,030	6,594	8.4	7.8	8.9	8.5	6.2
Median age.....years..	29.5	29.6	...	30.8	27.3	26.4	...	...	...	...	...
Female.....	659,940	554,518	19.0	425,915	142,175	91,850	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	72,899	47,561	53.3	43,231	18,138	11,530	11.0	8.6	10.2	12.8	12.6
5 to 14 years.....	105,677	94,813	11.5	57,250	27,663	20,764	16.0	17.1	13.4	19.5	22.6
15 to 24 years.....	98,829	99,252	-0.4	63,499	21,300	14,030	15.0	17.9	14.9	15.0	15.3
25 to 34 years.....	105,018	88,347	18.9	70,208	21,777	13,033	15.9	15.9	16.5	15.3	14.2
35 to 44 years.....	90,149	73,122	23.3	59,479	18,011	12,659	13.7	13.2	14.0	12.7	13.8
45 to 54 years.....	70,522	63,251	11.5	48,120	13,166	9,236	10.7	11.4	11.3	9.3	10.1
55 to 64 years.....	56,885	45,928	23.9	39,618	10,827	6,440	8.6	8.3	9.3	7.6	7.0
65 years and over.....	59,961	42,244	41.9	44,510	11,293	4,158	9.1	7.6	10.5	7.9	4.5
Median age.....years..	30.0	29.0	...	32.0	26.8	24.7	...	...	...	...	...