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### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION OF CONNECTICUT

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Gains in the population of Connecticut 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 298,038, or 17.4 percent, during the decade, the number of children under 5 years of age increased by 85,916, or 79.1 percent, and the number of persons 65 years old and over increased by 48,276, or 37.6 percent. On the other hand, the number of persons 15 to 24 years of age decreased by 15.5 percent. In 1950 there were fewer males than females in the population of Connecticut, and the shortage of males was relatively larger than it had been in the preceding census. There were 97.0 males for every 100 females in 1950 as compared with 98.9 in 1940. Between 1940 and 1950, the nonwhite population of the State increased by 62.4 percent, in contrast to an increase of 16.5 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,<sup>1</sup> 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 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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P R E L I M I N A R Y

Table 1.--COLOR BY SEX, FOR CONNECTICUT, 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.....	2,007,280	1,709,242	17.4	1,558,642	448,638	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	1,952,327	1,675,407	16.5	1,508,209	444,118	97.3	98.0	96.8	99.0
Nonwhite.....	54,953	33,835	62.4	50,433	4,520	2.7	2.0	3.2	1.0
Male.....	988,497	849,923	16.3	761,912	226,585	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	961,112	833,310	15.3	736,917	224,195	97.2	98.0	96.7	98.9
Nonwhite.....	27,385	16,613	64.8	24,995	2,390	2.8	2.0	3.3	1.1
Female.....	1,018,783	859,319	18.6	796,730	222,053	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	991,215	842,097	17.7	771,292	219,923	97.3	98.0	96.8	99.0
Nonwhite.....	27,568	17,222	60.1	25,438	2,130	2.7	2.0	3.2	1.0

Table 2.--AGE BY SEX, FOR CONNECTICUT, 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.....	2,007,280	1,709,242	17.4	1,558,642	385,982	62,656	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent by residence	100.0	...	...	77.6	19.2	3.1	...	...	...	...	...
Under 5 years.....	194,577	108,661	79.1	147,451	41,944	5,182	9.7	6.4	9.5	10.9	8.3
5 to 14 years.....	282,096	254,046	11.0	212,024	60,816	9,256	14.1	14.9	13.6	15.8	14.8
15 to 24 years.....	266,072	315,042	-15.5	208,351	49,248	8,473	13.3	18.4	13.4	12.8	13.5
25 to 34 years.....	340,270	281,537	20.9	267,902	63,856	8,512	17.0	16.5	17.2	16.5	13.6
35 to 44 years.....	302,252	244,610	23.6	235,805	58,058	8,389	15.1	14.3	15.1	15.0	13.4
45 to 54 years.....	243,303	226,656	7.3	191,951	43,775	7,577	12.1	13.3	12.3	11.3	12.1
55 to 64 years.....	201,880	150,136	34.5	159,503	34,433	7,944	10.1	8.8	10.2	8.9	12.7
65 years and over.....	176,830	128,554	37.6	135,655	33,852	7,323	8.8	7.5	8.7	8.8	11.7
Median age.....years..	32.7	31.3	...	32.9	31.4	34.9	...	...	...	...	...
Male.....	988,497	849,923	16.3	761,912	193,357	33,228	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	99,849	55,487	80.0	75,478	21,712	2,659	10.1	6.5	9.9	11.2	8.0
5 to 14 years.....	144,462	129,411	11.6	108,168	31,444	4,850	14.6	15.2	14.2	16.3	14.6
15 to 24 years.....	131,049	156,489	-16.3	101,121	25,269	4,659	13.3	18.4	13.3	13.1	14.0
25 to 34 years.....	164,443	138,510	18.7	128,927	31,042	4,474	16.6	16.3	16.9	16.1	13.5
35 to 44 years.....	148,686	120,124	23.8	115,199	29,123	4,364	15.0	14.1	15.1	15.1	13.1
45 to 54 years.....	119,448	115,328	3.6	93,253	22,229	3,966	12.1	13.6	12.2	11.5	11.9
55 to 64 years.....	100,185	75,261	33.1	79,039	16,909	4,237	10.1	8.9	10.4	8.7	12.8
65 years and over.....	80,375	59,313	35.5	60,727	15,629	4,019	8.1	7.0	8.0	8.1	12.1
Median age.....years..	32.2	31.0	...	32.5	30.9	34.9	...	...	...	...	...
Female.....	1,018,783	859,319	18.6	796,730	192,625	29,428	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	94,728	53,174	78.1	71,973	20,232	2,523	9.3	6.2	9.0	10.5	8.6
5 to 14 years.....	137,634	124,635	10.4	103,856	29,372	4,406	13.5	14.5	13.0	15.2	15.0
15 to 24 years.....	135,023	158,553	-14.8	107,230	23,979	3,814	13.3	18.5	13.5	12.4	13.0
25 to 34 years.....	175,827	143,027	22.9	138,975	32,814	4,038	17.3	16.6	17.4	17.0	13.7
35 to 44 years.....	153,566	124,486	23.4	120,606	28,935	4,025	15.1	14.5	15.1	15.0	13.7
45 to 54 years.....	123,855	111,328	11.3	98,698	21,546	3,611	12.2	13.0	12.4	11.2	12.3
55 to 64 years.....	101,695	74,875	35.8	80,464	17,524	3,707	10.0	8.7	10.1	9.1	12.6
65 years and over.....	96,455	69,241	39.3	74,928	18,223	3,304	9.5	8.1	9.4	9.5	11.2
Median age.....years..	33.1	31.5	...	33.3	31.9	34.8	...	...	...	...	...