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Gains in the population of Georgia 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 Georgia increased by 320,855, or 10.3 percent, during the decade, the number of children under 5 years of age increased by 109,395, or 34.9 percent, and the number of persons 65 years old and over increased by 61,012, or 38.4 percent. On the other hand, the number of persons 15 to 24 years old decreased by 10.3 percent. In 1950 there were fewer males than females in the population of Georgia, and the shortage of males was about the same as it was at the time of the preceding census. There were 96.2 males for every 100 females in 1950 as compared with 96.6 in 1940. Between 1940 and 1950 the nonwhite population of Georgia decreased by 2.0 percent, in contrast to an increase of 16.8 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 of 50,000 or more; and (c) unincorporated

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.

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.

P R E L I M I N A R Y

Table 1.--COLOR BY SEX, FOR GEORGIA, 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.....	3,444,578	3,123,723	10.3	1,559,447	1,885,131	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	2,380,573	2,038,278	16.8	1,067,911	1,312,662	69.1	65.3	68.5	69.6
Nonwhite.....	1,064,005	1,085,445	-2.0	491,536	572,469	30.9	34.7	31.5	30.4
Male.....	1,688,667	1,524,758	10.0	732,384	956,283	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	1,182,716	1,016,683	16.3	509,002	673,714	70.0	66.2	69.5	70.5
Nonwhite.....	505,951	518,070	-2.3	223,382	282,569	30.0	33.8	30.5	29.5
Female.....	1,755,911	1,588,965	10.5	827,063	928,648	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	1,197,857	1,021,590	17.3	558,909	636,948	68.2	64.3	67.6	68.8
Nonwhite.....	558,054	567,375	-1.6	268,154	289,900	31.8	35.7	32.4	31.2

Table 2.--AGE BY SEX, FOR GEORGIA, 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.....	3,444,578	3,123,723	10.3	1,559,447	922,696	962,435	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent by residence	100.0	...	...	45.3	26.8	27.9	...	...	...	...	...
Under 5 years.....	422,517	313,122	34.9	177,826	123,690	121,091	12.3	10.0	11.4	13.4	12.6
5 to 14 years.....	666,407	644,065	3.5	264,233	181,468	240,706	19.3	20.6	15.7	19.7	25.0
15 to 24 years.....	568,079	633,048	-10.3	230,324	160,562	197,193	16.5	20.3	16.1	17.4	16.3
25 to 34 years.....	531,612	513,638	3.5	275,256	147,926	108,430	15.4	16.4	17.7	16.0	11.3
35 to 44 years.....	473,866	383,665	23.5	238,521	118,476	116,369	13.8	12.3	15.3	12.8	12.1
45 to 54 years.....	335,955	290,733	15.6	168,356	77,275	90,334	9.8	9.3	10.8	8.4	9.4
55 to 64 years.....	226,416	186,738	21.2	107,399	54,009	65,008	6.6	6.0	6.9	5.9	6.8
65 years and over.....	219,726	158,714	38.4	97,532	59,380	62,814	6.4	5.1	6.3	6.4	6.5
Median age.....years..	26.2	24.6	...	28.9	24.7	22.6	...	...	...	...	...
Male.....	1,688,667	1,524,758	10.0	732,384	464,370	491,913	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	214,178	157,791	35.7	90,308	62,545	61,325	12.7	10.3	12.3	13.5	12.5
5 to 14 years.....	336,759	324,966	3.6	121,400	91,850	123,509	19.9	21.2	16.6	19.8	25.1
15 to 24 years.....	280,680	307,181	-8.6	112,630	84,513	83,537	16.6	20.0	15.4	18.2	17.0
25 to 34 years.....	256,609	249,288	2.9	130,018	74,172	52,419	15.2	16.2	17.8	16.0	10.7
35 to 44 years.....	230,858	183,741	25.6	112,181	60,612	58,065	13.7	12.0	15.3	13.1	11.8
45 to 54 years.....	161,447	142,206	13.5	78,062	37,882	45,503	9.6	9.3	10.7	8.2	9.3
55 to 64 years.....	108,514	92,689	17.1	48,717	25,486	34,311	6.4	6.0	6.7	5.5	7.0
65 years and over.....	99,622	76,896	29.6	39,068	27,310	33,244	5.9	5.0	5.3	5.9	6.8
Median age.....years..	25.5	24.3	...	28.2	24.2	22.3	...	...	...	...	...
Female.....	1,755,911	1,588,965	10.5	827,063	458,326	470,522	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	208,339	155,331	34.1	87,518	61,055	59,766	11.9	9.8	10.6	13.3	12.7
5 to 14 years.....	329,648	319,099	3.3	122,833	89,618	117,197	18.8	20.1	14.9	19.6	24.9
15 to 24 years.....	287,399	325,867	-11.8	137,694	76,049	73,656	16.4	20.5	16.6	16.6	15.7
25 to 34 years.....	275,003	264,350	4.0	145,238	73,754	56,011	15.7	16.6	17.6	16.1	11.9
35 to 44 years.....	243,008	199,924	21.6	126,340	57,864	58,804	13.8	12.6	15.3	12.6	12.5
45 to 54 years.....	174,508	148,527	17.5	90,294	39,393	44,821	9.9	9.3	10.9	8.6	9.5
55 to 64 years.....	117,902	94,049	25.4	58,682	28,523	30,697	6.7	5.9	7.1	6.2	6.5
65 years and over.....	120,104	81,818	46.8	58,464	32,070	29,570	6.8	5.1	7.1	7.0	6.3
Median age.....years..	26.9	24.8	...	29.5	25.3	22.9	...	...	...	...	...