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Gains in the population of Kansas 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 104,271, or 5.8 percent, during the decade, the number of children under 5 years of age increased by 61,565, or 44.5 percent, and the number of persons 65 years old and over increased by 23.6 percent. On the other hand, decreases were shown by the figures for a number of other age groups--the largest of these, 11.5 percent, occurred among persons 15 to 24 years old. In 1950 there were approximately the same number of males as females in the population of Kansas. There were 100.2 males for every 100 females in 1950 as compared with 101.3 in 1940. [Between 1940 and 1950 the nonwhite population of the State increased by 14.7 percent in contrast to an increase of 5.4 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 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.

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P R E L I M I N A R Y

Table 1.--COLOR BY SEX, FOR KANSAS, 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.....	1,905,299	1,801,028	5.8	993,220	912,079	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	1,828,961	1,734,496	5.4	927,477	901,484	96.0	96.3	93.4	98.8
Nonwhite.....	76,338	66,532	14.7	65,743	10,595	4.0	3.7	6.6	1.2
Male.....	953,534	906,340	5.2	479,945	473,589	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	915,370	873,095	4.8	448,202	467,168	96.0	96.3	93.4	98.6
Nonwhite.....	38,164	33,245	14.8	31,743	6,421	4.0	3.7	6.6	1.4
Female.....	951,765	894,688	6.4	513,275	438,490	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	913,591	861,401	6.1	479,275	434,316	96.0	96.3	93.4	99.0
Nonwhite.....	38,174	33,287	14.7	34,000	4,174	4.0	3.7	6.6	1.0

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Table 2.--AGE BY SEX, FOR KANSAS, 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.....	1,905,299	1,801,028	5.8	993,220	468,340	443,739	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent by residence	100.0	...	...	52.1	24.6	23.3	...	...	...	...	...
Under 5 years.....	199,875	138,310	44.5	107,541	47,317	45,017	10.5	7.7	10.8	10.1	10.1
5 to 14 years.....	299,231	301,155	-0.6	143,664	71,647	83,920	15.7	16.7	14.5	15.3	18.9
15 to 24 years.....	277,525	313,745	-11.5	149,446	67,444	60,635	14.6	17.4	15.0	14.4	13.7
25 to 34 years.....	282,163	268,003	5.3	163,421	64,359	54,383	14.8	14.9	16.5	13.7	12.3
35 to 44 years.....	253,327	240,825	5.2	135,063	57,698	60,566	13.3	13.4	13.6	12.3	13.6
45 to 54 years.....	216,699	217,529	-0.4	111,802	50,228	54,669	11.4	12.1	11.3	10.7	12.3
55 to 64 years.....	182,257	164,325	10.9	89,029	46,410	46,818	9.6	9.1	9.0	9.9	10.6
65 years and over.....	194,222	157,136	23.6	93,254	63,237	37,731	10.2	8.7	9.4	13.5	8.5
Median age.....years..	31.2	30.5	...	30.9	32.4	30.9	...	...	...	...	...
Male.....	953,534	906,340	5.2	479,945	237,387	236,202	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	102,264	70,690	44.7	54,897	24,383	22,984	10.7	7.8	11.4	10.3	9.7
5 to 14 years.....	152,782	153,169	-0.3	72,589	36,442	43,751	16.0	16.9	15.1	15.4	18.5
15 to 24 years.....	139,568	156,812	-11.0	70,142	35,580	33,846	14.6	17.3	14.6	15.0	14.3
25 to 34 years.....	141,227	132,078	6.9	80,012	33,479	27,736	14.8	14.6	16.7	14.1	11.7
35 to 44 years.....	126,094	119,622	5.4	65,362	29,433	31,299	13.2	13.2	13.6	12.4	13.3
45 to 54 years.....	107,511	110,157	-2.4	53,701	25,204	28,606	11.3	12.2	11.2	10.6	12.1
55 to 64 years.....	90,466	84,067	7.6	41,949	22,589	25,928	9.5	9.3	8.7	9.5	11.0
65 years and over.....	93,622	79,745	17.4	41,293	30,277	22,052	9.8	8.8	8.6	12.8	9.3
Median age.....years..	30.8	30.5	...	30.3	31.7	31.3	...	...	...	...	...
Female.....	951,765	894,688	6.4	513,275	230,953	207,537	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	97,611	67,620	44.4	52,644	22,934	22,033	10.3	7.6	10.3	9.9	10.6
5 to 14 years.....	146,449	147,986	-1.0	71,075	35,205	40,169	15.4	16.5	13.8	15.2	19.4
15 to 24 years.....	137,957	156,933	-12.1	79,304	31,864	26,789	14.5	17.5	15.5	13.8	12.9
25 to 34 years.....	140,936	135,925	3.7	83,409	30,880	26,647	14.8	15.2	16.3	13.4	12.8
35 to 44 years.....	127,233	121,203	5.0	69,701	28,265	29,267	13.4	13.5	13.6	12.2	14.1
45 to 54 years.....	109,188	107,372	1.7	58,101	25,024	26,063	11.5	12.0	11.3	10.8	12.6
55 to 64 years.....	91,791	80,258	14.4	47,080	23,821	20,890	9.6	9.0	9.2	10.3	10.1
65 years and over.....	100,600	77,391	30.0	51,961	32,960	15,679	10.6	8.7	10.1	14.3	7.6
Median age.....years..	31.7	30.5	...	31.4	33.2	30.5

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