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### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION OF MINNESOTA

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Gains in the population of Minnesota between 1940 and 1950 were most marked among young children and persons 55 years old and over, 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 190,183, or 6.8 percent, the number of children under 5 years of age increased by 102,175, or 44.4 percent. The number of persons 55 to 64 years old increased by 25.5 percent, and the number of persons 65 years old and over increased by 26.7 percent. On the other hand, the number of persons 15 to 24 years old decreased by 16.3 percent. In 1950 there were more males than females in the population of Minnesota, but the excess of males was relatively smaller than it had been at the time of the preceding census. There were 101.4 males for every 100 females in 1950 as compared with 104.6 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, town,<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

<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.

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 MINNESOTA, 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.....	2,982,483	2,792,300	6.8	1,624,914	1,357,569	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	2,953,678	2,768,982	6.7	1,607,978	1,345,700	99.0	99.2	99.0	99.1
Nonwhite.....	28,805	23,318	23.5	16,936	11,869	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9
Male.....	1,501,354	1,427,545	5.2	785,162	716,192	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	1,486,298	1,415,169	5.0	776,199	710,099	99.0	99.1	98.9	99.1
Nonwhite.....	15,056	12,376	21.7	8,963	6,093	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9
Female.....	1,481,129	1,364,755	8.5	839,752	641,377	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	1,467,380	1,353,813	8.4	831,779	635,601	99.1	99.2	99.1	99.1
Nonwhite.....	13,749	10,942	25.7	7,973	5,776	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9

Table 2.--AGE BY SEX, FOR MINNESOTA, 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.....	2,982,483	2,792,300	6.8	1,624,914	617,774	739,795	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent by residence	100.0	...	...	54.5	20.7	24.8	...	...	...	...	...
Under 5 years.....	332,232	230,057	44.4	171,765	73,747	86,720	11.1	8.2	10.6	11.9	11.7
5 to 14 years.....	491,179	459,094	7.0	227,411	106,496	157,272	16.5	16.4	14.0	17.2	21.3
15 to 24 years.....	421,202	502,941	-16.3	239,061	76,704	105,437	14.1	18.0	14.7	12.4	14.3
25 to 34 years.....	433,674	429,408	1.0	254,409	85,736	93,529	14.5	15.4	15.7	13.9	12.6
35 to 44 years.....	395,213	379,648	4.1	220,552	77,580	97,081	13.3	13.6	13.6	12.6	13.1
45 to 54 years.....	347,088	345,456	0.5	195,667	65,622	85,799	11.6	12.4	12.0	10.6	11.6
55 to 64 years.....	292,586	233,078	25.5	166,980	61,004	64,602	9.8	8.3	10.3	9.9	8.7
65 years and over.....	269,309	212,618	26.7	149,069	70,885	49,355	9.0	7.6	9.2	11.5	6.7
Median age.....years..	30.7	29.8	...	31.8	31.1	27.2	...	...	...	...	...
Male.....	1,501,354	1,427,545	5.2	785,162	312,924	403,268	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	169,751	117,874	44.0	87,455	37,707	44,589	11.3	8.3	11.1	12.0	11.1
5 to 14 years.....	251,029	234,195	7.2	115,562	54,266	81,201	16.7	16.4	14.7	17.3	20.1
15 to 24 years.....	206,112	251,935	-18.2	108,825	36,532	60,755	13.7	17.6	13.9	11.7	15.1
25 to 34 years.....	215,752	215,233	0.2	124,078	42,474	49,200	14.4	15.1	15.8	13.6	12.2
35 to 44 years.....	197,692	191,500	3.2	105,785	39,621	52,286	13.2	13.4	13.5	12.7	13.0
45 to 54 years.....	174,564	181,328	-3.7	92,809	33,580	48,175	11.6	12.7	11.8	10.7	11.9
55 to 64 years.....	151,327	123,934	22.1	81,750	31,610	37,967	10.1	8.7	10.4	10.1	9.4
65 years and over.....	135,127	111,546	21.1	68,898	37,134	29,095	9.0	7.8	8.8	11.9	7.2
Median age.....years..	30.7	30.1	...	31.5	31.6	28.1	...	...	...	...	...
Female.....	1,481,129	1,364,755	8.5	839,752	304,850	336,527	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	162,481	112,183	44.8	84,310	36,040	42,131	11.0	8.2	10.0	11.8	12.5
5 to 14 years.....	240,150	224,899	6.8	111,849	52,230	76,071	16.2	16.5	13.3	17.1	22.6
15 to 24 years.....	215,090	251,006	-14.3	130,236	40,172	44,682	14.5	18.4	15.5	13.2	13.3
25 to 34 years.....	217,922	214,175	1.7	130,331	43,262	44,329	14.7	15.7	15.5	14.2	13.2
35 to 44 years.....	197,521	188,148	5.0	114,767	37,959	44,795	13.3	13.8	13.7	12.5	13.3
45 to 54 years.....	172,524	164,128	5.1	102,858	32,042	37,624	11.6	12.0	12.2	10.5	11.2
55 to 64 years.....	141,259	109,144	29.4	85,230	29,394	26,635	9.5	8.0	10.1	9.6	7.9
65 years and over.....	134,182	101,072	32.8	80,171	33,751	20,260	9.1	7.4	9.5	11.1	6.0
Median age.....years..	30.6	29.4	...	32.2	30.5	26.2	...	...	...	...	...