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Gains in the population of Utah 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 138,552, or 25.2 percent, during the decade, the number of children under 5 years of age increased by 34,538, or 58.8 percent, and the number of persons 65 years old and over increased by 40.4 percent. In Utah every age group increased between 1940 and 1950. In 1950 there were more males than females in the population of Utah, but the excess of males was relatively smaller than it had been at the time of the preceding census. There were 101.9 males for every 100 females in 1950 as compared with 102.6 in 1940. Between 1940 and 1950 the nonwhite population of the State increased by 61.7 percent in contrast to an increase of 24.7 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 UTAH, 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.....	688,862	550,310	25.2	449,855	239,007	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	676,909	542,920	24.7	443,737	233,172	98.3	98.7	98.6	97.6
Nonwhite.....	11,953	7,390	61.7	6,118	5,835	1.7	1.3	1.4	2.4
Male.....	347,636	278,620	24.8	223,984	123,652	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	341,007	274,587	24.2	220,498	120,509	98.1	98.6	98.4	97.5
Nonwhite.....	6,629	4,033	64.4	3,486	3,143	1.9	1.4	1.6	2.5
Female.....	341,226	271,690	25.6	225,871	115,355	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	335,902	268,333	25.2	223,239	112,663	98.4	98.8	98.8	97.7
Nonwhite.....	5,324	3,357	58.6	2,632	2,692	1.6	1.2	1.2	2.3

Table 2.--AGE BY SEX, FOR UTAH, 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.....	688,862	550,310	25.2	449,855	158,387	80,620	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent by residence	100.0	...	...	65.3	23.0	11.7	...	...	...	...	...
Under 5 years.....	93,310	58,772	58.8	59,839	23,648	9,823	13.5	10.7	13.3	14.9	12.2
5 to 14 years.....	137,654	114,193	20.5	81,924	35,780	19,950	20.0	20.8	18.2	22.6	24.7
15 to 24 years.....	112,883	109,482	3.1	74,472	24,977	13,434	16.4	19.9	16.6	15.8	16.7
25 to 34 years.....	105,129	83,179	26.4	72,747	23,456	8,926	15.3	15.1	16.2	14.8	11.1
35 to 44 years.....	85,938	64,899	32.4	56,779	19,021	10,138	12.5	11.8	12.6	12.0	12.6
45 to 54 years.....	64,079	52,948	21.0	42,778	12,999	8,302	9.3	9.6	9.5	8.2	10.3
55 to 64 years.....	47,452	36,622	29.6	32,036	9,275	6,141	6.9	6.7	7.1	5.9	7.6
65 years and over.....	42,417	30,215	40.4	29,280	9,231	3,906	6.2	5.5	6.5	5.8	4.8
Median age.....years..	25.1	24.3	...	26.2	22.9	22.8	...	...	...	...	...
Male.....	347,636	278,620	24.8	223,984	80,794	42,858	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	48,051	29,922	60.6	30,887	12,147	5,017	13.8	10.7	13.8	15.0	11.7
5 to 14 years.....	70,241	58,154	20.8	41,697	18,214	10,330	20.2	20.9	18.6	22.5	24.1
15 to 24 years.....	55,447	54,987	0.8	35,449	12,490	7,508	15.9	19.7	15.8	15.5	17.5
25 to 34 years.....	52,910	41,761	26.7	36,568	11,823	4,519	15.2	15.0	16.3	14.6	10.5
35 to 44 years.....	43,559	32,868	32.5	28,431	9,928	5,200	12.5	11.8	12.7	12.3	12.1
45 to 54 years.....	32,830	27,286	20.3	21,468	6,883	4,479	9.4	9.8	9.6	8.5	10.5
55 to 64 years.....	24,162	18,836	28.3	15,863	4,794	3,505	7.0	6.8	7.1	5.9	8.2
65 years and over.....	20,436	14,806	38.0	13,621	4,515	2,300	5.9	5.3	6.1	5.6	5.4
Median age.....years..	25.0	24.3	...	26.1	23.0	23.1	...	...	...	...	...
Female.....	341,226	271,690	25.6	225,871	77,593	37,762	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	45,259	28,850	56.9	28,952	11,501	4,806	13.3	10.6	12.8	14.8	12.7
5 to 14 years.....	67,413	56,039	20.3	40,227	17,566	9,620	19.8	20.6	17.8	22.6	25.5
15 to 24 years.....	57,436	54,495	5.4	39,023	12,487	5,926	16.8	20.1	17.3	16.1	15.7
25 to 34 years.....	52,219	41,418	26.1	36,179	11,633	4,407	15.3	15.2	16.0	15.0	11.7
35 to 44 years.....	42,379	32,031	32.3	28,348	9,093	4,938	12.4	11.8	12.6	11.7	13.1
45 to 54 years.....	31,249	25,662	21.8	21,310	6,116	3,823	9.2	9.4	9.4	7.9	10.1
55 to 64 years.....	23,290	17,786	30.9	16,173	4,481	2,636	6.8	6.5	7.2	5.8	7.0
65 years and over.....	21,981	15,409	42.7	15,659	4,716	1,606	6.4	5.7	6.9	6.1	4.2
Median age.....years..	25.1	24.4	...	26.3	22.8	22.5	...	...	...	...	...