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Gains in the population of Wyoming 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 39,787, or 15.9 percent, during the decade, the number of children under 5 years of age increased by 11,816, or 51.2 percent, and the number of persons 65 years old and over increased by 44.6 percent. On the other hand, the number of persons 15 to 24 years old decreased by 1.4 percent. In 1950 there were more males than females in the population of Wyoming, but the excess of males was relatively smaller than it had been at the time of the preceding census. There were 114.1 males for every 100 females in 1950 as compared with 118.7 in 1940. Between 1940 and 1950 the nonwhite population of the State, which includes a considerable number of Indians, increased by 57.3 percent in contrast to an increase of 15.2 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 fringes, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, around cities

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.

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.

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P R E L I M I N A R Y

Table 1.--COLOR BY SEX, FOR WYOMING, 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.....	290,529	250,742	15.9	144,618	145,911	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	284,009	246,597	15.2	142,568	141,441	97.8	98.3	98.6	96.9
Nonwhite.....	6,520	4,145	57.3	2,050	4,470	2.2	1.7	1.4	3.1
Male.....	154,853	135,055	14.7	73,183	81,670	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	150,895	132,782	13.6	72,024	78,871	97.4	98.3	98.4	96.6
Nonwhite.....	3,958	2,273	74.1	1,159	2,799	2.6	1.7	1.6	3.4
Female.....	135,676	115,687	17.3	71,435	64,241	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	133,114	113,815	17.0	70,544	62,570	98.1	98.4	98.8	97.4
Nonwhite.....	2,562	1,872	36.9	891	1,671	1.9	1.6	1.2	2.6

Table 2.--AGE BY SEX, FOR WYOMING, 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.....	290,529	250,742	15.9	144,618	89,206	56,705	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent by residence	100.0	...	...	49.8	30.7	19.5	...	...	...	...	...
Under 5 years.....	34,297	22,681	51.2	16,777	10,828	6,692	11.8	9.0	11.6	12.1	11.8
5 to 14 years.....	50,245	44,038	14.1	22,796	15,959	11,490	17.3	17.6	15.8	17.9	20.3
15 to 24 years.....	46,622	47,298	-1.4	21,674	16,405	8,543	16.0	18.9	15.0	18.4	15.1
25 to 34 years.....	47,045	41,834	12.5	25,033	14,101	7,911	16.2	16.7	17.3	15.8	14.0
35 to 44 years.....	40,259	34,099	18.1	20,928	11,682	7,649	13.9	13.6	14.5	13.1	13.5
45 to 54 years.....	30,396	29,903	1.6	15,741	8,503	6,152	10.5	11.9	10.9	9.5	10.8
55 to 64 years.....	23,500	18,331	28.2	11,999	6,515	4,986	8.1	7.3	8.3	7.3	8.8
65 years and over.....	18,165	12,558	44.6	9,670	5,213	3,282	6.3	5.0	6.7	5.8	5.8
Median age.....years..	28.0	27.7	...	29.4	26.0	27.1	...	...	...	...	...
Male.....	154,853	135,055	14.7	73,183	49,947	31,723	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	17,583	11,576	51.9	8,509	5,577	3,497	11.4	8.6	11.6	11.2	11.0
5 to 14 years.....	25,758	22,323	15.4	11,578	8,270	5,910	16.6	16.5	15.8	16.6	18.6
15 to 24 years.....	25,891	25,425	1.8	10,459	10,541	4,891	16.7	18.8	14.3	21.1	15.4
25 to 34 years.....	24,226	22,110	9.6	12,644	7,344	4,238	15.6	16.4	17.3	14.7	13.4
35 to 44 years.....	21,326	18,256	16.8	10,636	6,384	4,306	13.8	13.5	14.5	12.8	13.6
45 to 54 years.....	16,535	17,133	-3.5	8,068	4,895	3,572	10.7	12.7	11.0	9.8	11.3
55 to 64 years.....	13,444	10,939	22.9	6,390	3,884	3,170	8.7	8.1	8.7	7.8	10.0
65 years and over.....	10,090	7,293	38.4	4,899	3,052	2,139	6.5	5.4	6.7	6.1	6.7
Median age.....years..	28.4	28.7	...	29.8	25.8	28.7	...	...	...	...	...
Female.....	135,676	115,687	17.3	71,435	39,259	24,982	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	16,714	11,105	50.5	8,268	5,251	3,195	12.3	9.6	11.6	13.4	12.8
5 to 14 years.....	24,487	21,715	12.8	11,218	7,689	5,580	18.0	18.8	15.7	19.6	22.3
15 to 24 years.....	20,731	21,873	-5.2	11,215	5,864	3,652	15.3	18.9	15.7	14.9	14.6
25 to 34 years.....	22,819	19,724	15.7	12,389	6,757	3,673	16.8	17.0	17.3	17.2	14.7
35 to 44 years.....	18,933	15,843	19.5	10,292	5,298	3,343	14.0	13.7	14.4	13.5	13.4
45 to 54 years.....	13,861	12,770	8.5	7,673	3,608	2,580	10.2	11.0	10.7	9.2	10.3
55 to 64 years.....	10,056	7,392	36.0	5,609	2,631	1,816	7.4	6.4	7.9	6.7	7.3
65 years and over.....	8,075	5,265	53.4	4,771	2,161	1,143	6.0	4.6	6.7	5.5	4.6
Median age.....years..	27.6	26.6	...	29.0	26.2	25.2

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