

1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION

ADVANCE REPORTS

FOR RELEASE

October 31, 1952

Washington 25, D. C. 21 11 8 00

Series PC-14, No. 5

POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY AGE: 1950

(This is one of a series of reports presenting summary statistics on selected characteristics of the population for various types of areas. The figures presented here are based on advance tabulations and may differ slightly from final figures to be published in the Series P-B Summary bulletin. They supersede, however, the preliminary sample data on age published in Series PC-7, No. 1)

In 1950, the average age of the population of the United States was about 11 years higher than it had been a hundred years earlier, according to figures from the Seventeenth Decennial Census released today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. On April 1, 1950, the median age of the population was 30.2 years, that is, one-half the population was older and one-half younger than 30.2. The corresponding figure for 1850 was 18.9 years. This increase in average age is also reflected in the marked growth of our elderly population. In 1850, slightly fewer than a million persons, or about 4 percent of the total population, were 60 years old and over, whereas by 1950 the more than 18 million such persons constituted about 12 percent of the total.

In 1950 the white population was, on the average, more than 4 years older than the nonwhite population. This greater age of the white population represents a continuation of a relationship of long standing in census age statistics.

The median age of women, 30.5 years, was higher than that of men, 29.9 years. The Census of 1950 was the first in which the statistics indicated a higher median age for women.

The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday prior to the date of his enumeration, that is, his age in completed years. The nonwhite population is comprised of Negroes, Indians, Japanese, Chinese, and persons of other nonwhite races.

AGE BY COLOR AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1950

Age	All classes			White			Nonwhite		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
All ages.....	150,697,361	74,833,239	75,864,122	134,941,622	67,129,192	67,812,430	15,755,739	7,704,047	8,051,692
Under 5 years.....	16,163,581	8,236,164	7,927,417	14,184,333	7,244,211	6,940,122	1,979,248	991,953	987,295
Under 1 year.....	3,146,948	1,602,128	1,544,820	2,740,698	1,399,645	1,341,053	406,250	202,483	203,767
1 and 2 years.....	6,776,384	3,453,693	3,322,691	5,941,912	3,033,884	2,908,028	834,472	419,809	414,663
3 and 4 years.....	6,240,249	3,180,343	3,059,906	5,501,723	2,810,682	2,691,041	738,526	369,661	368,865
5 to 9 years.....	13,199,686	6,714,556	6,485,130	11,596,416	5,915,130	5,681,286	1,603,270	799,426	803,844
5 years.....	2,712,431	1,380,828	1,331,603	2,378,624	1,214,482	1,164,142	333,807	166,346	167,461
6 years.....	2,765,153	1,407,420	1,357,733	2,431,153	1,241,010	1,190,143	334,000	166,410	167,590
7 to 9 years.....	7,722,102	3,926,308	3,795,794	6,786,639	3,459,638	3,327,001	935,463	466,670	468,793
10 to 14 years.....	11,119,266	5,660,397	5,458,869	9,694,460	4,944,535	4,749,925	1,424,806	715,862	708,944
10 to 13 years.....	8,980,070	4,570,902	4,409,168	7,827,758	3,990,841	3,836,917	1,152,312	580,061	572,251
14 years.....	2,139,196	1,089,495	1,049,701	1,866,702	953,694	913,008	272,494	135,801	136,693
15 to 19 years.....	10,616,589	5,311,343	5,305,246	9,330,510	4,685,825	4,644,685	1,286,079	625,518	660,561
15 years.....	2,115,275	1,071,164	1,044,111	1,853,175	941,665	911,510	262,100	129,499	132,601
16 and 17 years.....	4,150,286	2,096,653	2,053,633	3,631,936	1,841,299	1,790,637	518,350	255,354	262,996
18 and 19 years.....	4,351,028	2,143,526	2,207,502	3,845,399	1,902,861	1,942,538	505,629	240,665	264,964
20 to 24 years.....	11,481,828	5,606,293	5,875,535	10,179,187	5,002,782	5,176,405	1,302,641	603,511	699,130
25 to 29 years.....	12,242,260	5,972,078	6,270,182	10,924,804	5,349,707	5,575,097	1,317,456	622,371	695,085
30 to 34 years.....	11,517,007	5,624,723	5,892,284	10,356,331	5,080,610	5,275,721	1,160,676	544,113	616,563
35 to 39 years.....	11,246,386	5,517,544	5,728,842	10,058,473	4,955,941	5,102,532	1,187,913	561,603	626,310
40 to 44 years.....	10,203,973	5,070,269	5,133,704	9,190,290	4,573,529	4,616,761	1,013,683	496,740	516,943
45 to 49 years.....	9,070,465	4,526,366	4,544,099	8,169,354	4,080,174	4,089,180	901,111	446,192	454,919
50 to 54 years.....	8,272,188	4,128,648	4,143,540	7,535,439	3,756,125	3,779,314	736,749	372,523	364,226
55 to 59 years.....	7,235,120	3,630,046	3,605,074	6,695,732	3,350,888	3,344,844	539,388	279,158	260,230
60 to 64 years.....	6,059,475	3,037,838	3,021,637	5,652,606	2,829,399	2,823,207	406,869	208,439	198,430
65 to 69 years.....	5,002,936	2,424,561	2,578,375	4,585,586	2,223,014	2,362,572	417,350	201,547	215,803
70 to 74 years.....	3,411,949	1,628,829	1,783,120	3,181,575	1,513,308	1,668,267	230,374	115,521	114,853
75 to 84 years.....	3,277,751	1,506,756	1,770,995	3,074,410	1,405,854	1,668,556	203,341	100,902	102,439
85 years and over.....	576,901	236,828	340,073	532,116	218,160	313,956	44,785	18,668	26,117
21 years and over.....	97,403,307	47,853,694	49,549,613	88,195,191	43,396,342	44,798,849	9,208,116	4,457,352	4,750,764
Median age.....	30.2	29.9	30.5	30.8	30.4	31.1	26.1	25.9	26.2