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## PREFACE

This volume presents statistics on the number of inhabitants and the characteristics of the population of the State, its counties, standard metropolitan areas, urban places, and other constituent areas. The data are based upon tabulations from the Seventeenth Decennial Census of the population of the United States, its Territories and possessions, conducted as of April 1, 1950. Provision for the Seventeenth Decennial Census was made in the act providing for the Fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses, approved June 18, 1929, as amended.

The major portion of the information compiled from the Census of Population of 1950 is contained in Volume I, *Number of Inhabitants*, and in Volume II, *Characteristics of the Population*. These final volumes first appeared in the form of three series of State bulletins: Series P-A, "Number of Inhabitants"; Series P-B, "General Characteristics"; and Series P-C, "Detailed Characteristics."

Final Population Volumes I and II are assembled as follows:

Population Volume I comprises the Series P-A bulletins, thereby providing in a single publication the distribution of the Nation's inhabitants among and within the States and the Territories, possessions, etc.

Population Volume II comprises all three series of bulletins (Series P-A, P-B, and P-C). This volume is divided into a United States Summary part, a part for each State, and parts for the Territories and possessions, each part comprising the three bulletins for that area. All reports for a given State are thereby made available within a single binding. The three bulletin series (P-A, P-B, and P-C) represent Chapters A, B, and C of the corresponding State part of Population Volume II.

The materials presented here were prepared under the supervision of Howard G. Brunsman, Chief, Population and Housing Division, and Dr. Henry S. Shryock, Jr., Assistant Chief for Population Statistics, with the assistance of Edwin D. Goldfield, Program Coordinator, and Charles Merzel. They were prepared by Dr. Paul C. Glick, Chief, Social Statistics Section, assisted by Severn Provus, Emanuel Landau, Elizabeth A. Larmon, and Arthur F. Grube; Dr. Henry D. Sheldon, Chief, Demographic Statistics Section, assisted by Charles P. Brinkman, Tobia Bressler, Robert L. Rowland, and Suzanne F. Bershad; Gertrude Bancroft, Coordinator for Manpower Statistics, assisted by Max Shor, Herman P. Miller, Lillian Palenius, and Leon R. Paley; and David L. Kaplan, Chief, Occupation and Industry Statistics Section, assisted by Claire Casey, Dorothy S. Hayden, Elsie K. Goodman, and William J. Milligan.

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In addition to those of the present staff, important contributions to the general planning of the 1950 Census were made by the late J. C. Capt, Director of the Census until his retirement on August 17, 1949, and Dr. Philip M. Hauser, Acting Director until March 9, 1950.

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[Sex not indexed separately as practically all tables include distributions by sex]

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1 For Southern States only.

2 Southern States excluded.

3 For urban and rural-nonfarm parts of counties combined.

4 For selected cities and counties.

# DETAILED CHARACTERISTICS

## SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY TYPE OF AREA AND TABLE NUMBER

[Sex not indexed separately as all tables include distributions by sex]

Subject	State		Standard metropolitan areas		Cities		
	Total	Urban-rural	250,000 or more	100,000 to 250,000	250,000 or more	100,000 to 250,000	50,000 to 100,000
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<sup>2</sup> For urban and rural-nonfarm parts of States combined.