1940 – 2010 State by State : Key Comparisons Between The Years

Highest ratio of men to women

1940 and 2010

The number listed is the number of males per 100 women in 1940 and 2010.

Source: 1940 Census and 2010 Census

Median Age

1940 and 2010

The median age listed is the middle value age for each state. The distribution in a stated area is into two equal parts: one-half of the population falling below the median age and one-half above the median age.

Source: 1940 Census and 2010 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

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Employment

1940

Percent in the labor force is the percent of those 14 and older who were in the labor force. This includes those who were employed (excluding those on emergency work) and experienced workers seeking work.

2010

In 2010, the percent in the labor force of those 16 and older includes all people classified in the civilian labor force, plus members of the U.S. Armed Forces (people on active duty with the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard). The Civilian Labor Force consists of people classified as employed or unemployed

Employed

Employed includes all civilians 16 years old and over who were either (1) "at work" -- those who did any work at all during the reference week as paid employees, worked in their own business or profession, worked on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers on a family farm or in a family business; or (2) were "with a job but not at work" -- those who did not work during the reference week but had jobs or businesses from which they

were temporarily absent due to illness, bad weather, industrial dispute, vacation, or other personal reasons. Excluded from the employed are people whose only activity consisted of work around the house or unpaid volunteer work for religious, charitable, and similar organizations; also excluded are people on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. The reference week is the calendar week preceding the date on which the respondents completed their questionnaires or were interviewed. This week may not be the same for all respondents.

Unemployed

All civilians 16 years old and over are classified as unemployed if they (1) were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, and (2) were actively looking for work during the last 4 weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included as unemployed are civilians who did not work at all during the reference week, were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off, and were available for work except for temporary illness.

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High School Education

1940

The States with highest rate of high school completion by percent – The percent of 25 and older that had earned at least a high school degree are those who have completed 4 years of high school. There was no distinction that they earned a high school degree.

2010

States with highest rates of high school completion by percent – The percent of 25 and older who had earned at least a high school degree are the percent who received a high school diploma or higher as of 2010.

Source: 1940 Census and 2010 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

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College Education

1940

States with highest rates of college graduates by percent - Percent of those 25 and older having attended 4 or more years of college are those who had completed 4 or more years of college. There was no distinction that they had earned a bachelor's degree.

2010

States with highest rates of college graduates by percent – The percent of those 25 and older having earned a bachelor's degree or higher as of 2010.

Source: 1940 Census and 2010 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

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Top 5 Cities by Population

1940 and 2010

Top 5 Cities By Population refers to the five most populous cities in 1940 and in 2010.

Source: 1940 Census and 2010 Census