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General Social and Economic Characteristics,  
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## PREFACE

This report presents statistics from the 1960 Census of Population on the number of inhabitants and the characteristics of the population of the State and of its constituent areas. Legal provision for this census, which was conducted as of April 1, 1960, was made in the Act of Congress of August 31, 1954 (amended August 1957) which codified Title 13, United States Code. Comparable statistics from earlier censuses are also presented in this report.

The major portion of the information compiled from the 1960 Census of Population is contained in Volume I, *Characteristics of the Population*. A description of the other final reports of the 1960 Population Census appears on page IV. Volume I, of which this report is a part, consists of Part A and the 57 numbered parts listed on page IV. The parts for the United States, each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are bound in 53 individual books; the 4 parts for Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, and the Canal Zone are bound in a single book.

The detailed tables presented in each numbered part of Volume I were originally published in four separate reports. Those reports (which correspond to chapters A, B, C, and D in this book) were identified by the following series designations and titles: PC(1)-A, *Number of Inhabitants*; PC(1)-B, *General Population Characteristics*; PC(1)-C, *General Social and Economic Characteristics*; and PC(1)-D, *Detailed Characteristics*. (For Guam, Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Canal Zone, the material normally contained in the PC(1)-B, C, and D reports was included in PC(1)-B.)

Part A of Volume I is a compendium of the 57 series PC(1)-A reports. It presents in a single book, for library and other reference use, the 1960 Census population counts for States and their component areas.

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To help carry out the 1960 Census most efficiently and effectively as well as to help maximize the usefulness of the results, a number of special advisory groups were organized in 1956 when the planning work was begun. One group established by the Census Bureau was the Technical Advisory Committee for the 1960 Population Census, which consisted of 19 experts in various phases of demography selected in their individual capacities. For their long and careful work on the program, special acknowledgment is made to the members of this Committee: Philip M. Hauser (chairman), Donald J. Bogue, Dorothy S. Brady, John D. Durand, John K. Folger, Maurice I. Gershenson, Harold Goldstein, Robert D. Grove, Margaret Jarman Hagood, Peter Henle, William Hodgkinson, Jr., Stanley Lebergott, Frank W. Notestein, Gladys L. Palmer, Charles B. Reeder, Calvin F. Schmid, Mortimer Spiegelman, Dorothy Swaine Thomas, and P. K. Whelpton. To supplement the views of this Committee with those of a less technically oriented but more broadly based group, the Census Bureau established the Council of Population and Housing Census Users (with Ralph J. Watkins, then of the Brookings Institution, as chairman), consisting of representatives of approximately 70 professional and public organizations whose memberships include many users of decennial census statistics. The U.S. Bureau of the Budget established the Federal Agency Population and Housing Census Council (with Peyton Stapp and Margaret E. Martin as successive chairmen) to coordinate the interests of the more than 30 Federal agencies which make substantial use of the decennial census material. In addition, the Population Association of America established a number of work groups to explore in detail the data needs for specific subjects; and the Census Advisory Committee of the American Statistical Association participated in certain phases of the 1960 Census as part of its continuing review of all Bureau programs. The guidance and counsel provided by all these groups, as well as by many other organizations and individuals, were invaluable in developing and carrying through the program.

## FINAL REPORTS OF THE 1960 CENSUS OF POPULATION

The final reports of the 1960 Population Census are arranged in four volumes and a joint Population-Housing series of census tract reports. For Volumes II, III, and IV, which remain to be published as of this date, the scheduled content is subject to change. The 1960 Population Census publication program also includes preliminary, advance, and supplementary reports, certain evaluation, procedural, and administrative reports, and graphic summaries. After publication, copies of all reports are available for examination or purchase at any U.S. Department of Commerce Field Office. For reports not yet issued, more detailed descriptions of content than those given below can be obtained from the Chief, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D.C.

Certain types of unpublished statistics are available for the cost of preparing a copy of the data. Also, under certain conditions, special tabulations of the 1960 Census data can be prepared on a reimbursable basis. In addition, there are available for purchase magnetic tapes and punchcards containing 1960 Census information on the characteristics of a one-in-a-thousand and a one-in-ten-thousand sample of the population of the United States. Confidentiality of the information, as required by law, has been maintained by the omission of certain identification items. Further information about any of these materials can be obtained by writing to the Chief, Population Division, Bureau of the Census.

*Volume I. Characteristics of the Population.* See description on page III.

*Volume II (Series PC(2) reports). Subject Reports.* Each report in this volume will concentrate on a particular subject. Detailed information and cross-relationships will generally be provided on a national and regional level; in a few reports data for States or standard metropolitan statistical areas will also be shown. Among the characteristics to be covered are national origin and race, fertility, families, marital status, migration, education, employment, unemployment, occupation, industry, and income. There will also be a report on the geographic distribution and characteristics of the institutional population.

*Volume III (Series PC(3) reports). Selected Area Reports.* This volume will contain three reports presenting, respectively, selected characteristics of the population (1) for State economic areas, and (2) according to the size of place where the individual resided, and (3) social and economic characteristics of Americans overseas.

*Volume IV. Summary and Analytical Report.* This report will present an analytical review of the results of the 1960 Census of Population for each major field.

*Series PHC(1). Census Tract Reports.* These reports present information on both population and housing subjects. There is one report for each of 180 tracted areas in the United States and Puerto Rico. The population subjects include age, race, marital status, country of origin of the foreign stock, relationship to head of household, school enrollment, years of school completed, place of residence in 1955, employment status, occupation group, industry group, place of work, means of transportation to work, and income of families, as well as certain characteristics of the nonwhite population in selected tracts. The housing subjects include tenure, color of head of household, vacancy status, condition and plumbing facilities, number of rooms, number of bathrooms, number of housing units in structure, year structure built, basement, heating equipment, number of persons in unit, persons per room, year household head moved into unit, automobiles available, value of property, and gross and contract rent, as well as certain characteristics of housing units with nonwhite household head for selected tracts. In addition, for selected tracts these reports contain data on certain population and housing subjects for persons of Puerto Rican birth or parentage and for white persons with Spanish surname. (This series is the same as the tract reports included in the publication program for the 1960 Census of Housing.)

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[In order to simplify this guide, the data for certain types of areas are not indexed but instead are listed in the Note at the end of the guide; the cross-classification by sex which appears in virtually every table and the historical statistics which appear in some tables are not specified; and in only a few cases is mention made of the level of detail or the population group covered. Information on the content of other 1960 Population Census publications appears on page IV]

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	Total	Urban, rural non- farm, and rural farm			Total	Population of 250,000 or more <sup>2</sup>
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\* Separate data for nonwhites in those areas with 25,000 or more nonwhites appear in tables marked with an asterisk. For the urban, rural-nonfarm, and rural-farm parts of States, such data are shown only for the South.

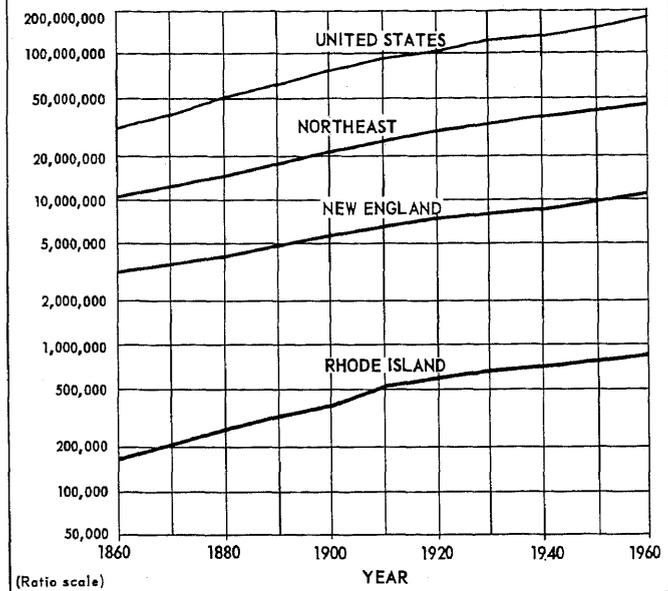
- Data in tables 96, 118, 119, 121, 127, and 131 are for SMSA's of 100,000 or more.
- Outside New England States, and excluding counties which are coextensive with an SMSA.
- Urban by size of place; rural not by farm-nonfarm residence.

- Includes data by color.
- Data for nonwhites in areas with 1,000 or more nonwhite persons.
- For areas with 1,000 or more persons of specified type.
- Median income of families and unrelated individuals combined.

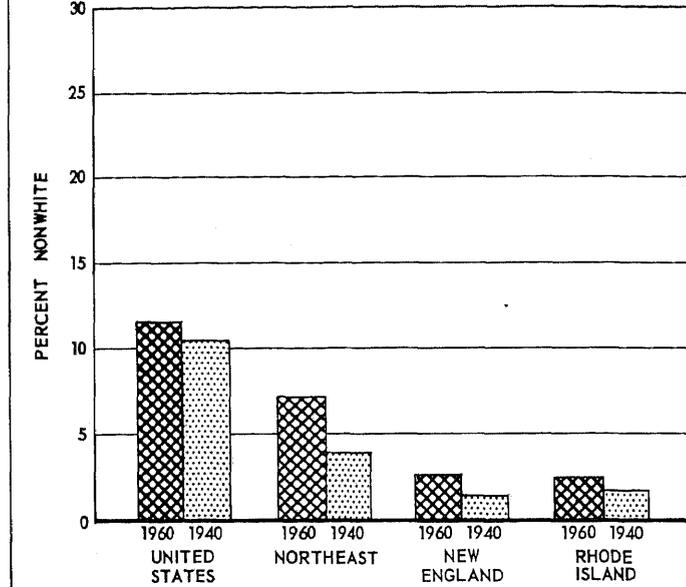
# RHODE ISLAND

## 1960 Census of Population — Graphic Summary

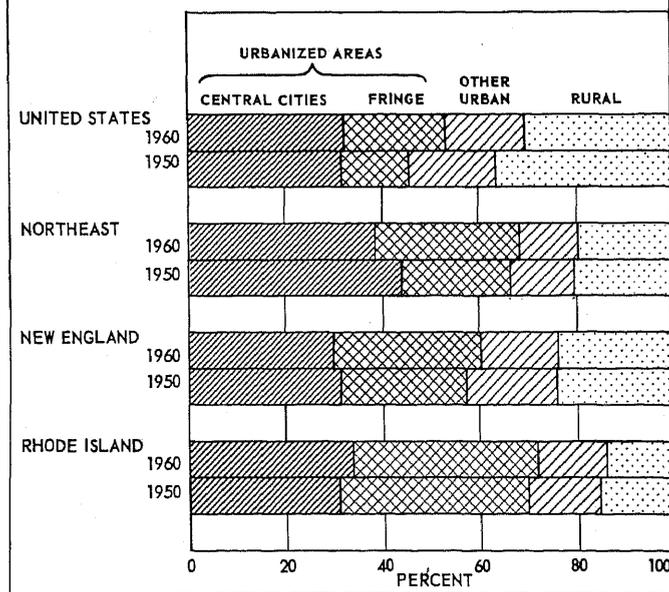
① OVER THE LAST CENTURY RHODE ISLAND HAS GROWN AT A SLOWER RATE THAN THE U.S.



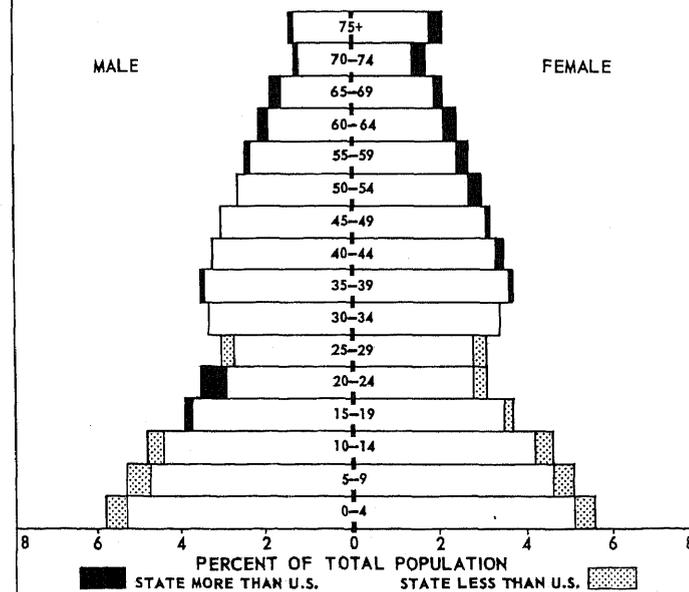
③ THE PROPORTION NONWHITE FOR THE STATE HAS INCREASED SINCE 1940



② ABOUT 85 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S POPULATION IS URBAN



④ THE STATE HAS PROPORTIONATELY FEWER PEOPLE UNDER 20 THAN THE U.S.



Note: The 1960 Census geographic classification divides the country into four regions and nine divisions, as follows: Northeast region — New England division (Maine, N. H., Vt., Mass., R. I., and Conn.) and Middle Atlantic (N. Y., N. J., and Pa.); North Central — East North Central (Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., and Wis.) and West North Central (Minn., Iowa, Mo., N. Dak., S. Dak., Nebr., and Kans.); South — South Atlantic (Del., Md., D. C., Va., W. Va., N. C., S. C., Ga., and Fla.), East South Central (Ky., Tenn., Ala., and Miss.) and West South Central (Ark., La., Okla., and Tex.); and West — Mountain (Mont., Idaho, Wyo., Colo., N. Mex., Ariz., Utah, and Nev.) and Pacific (Wash., Oreg., Calif., Alaska, and Hawaii). In figures 1, 2, 3, and 5, the pre-1960 data refer, insofar as possible, to the present area of the United States, region, division, and State. In figure 5, fertility rate is the number of children ever born per 1,000 women in the specified age group; in States with fewer than 25,000 nonwhite women 15 to 49 years old in 1940, the 1940 rates refer to white women only. In figure 6, the data refer to persons five years old and over reporting this item; the category "Different State" includes persons living abroad five years prior to the census date. In figure 9, the base for the percent excludes employed persons with occupation not reported. White collar workers include the professional, managerial (nonfarm), clerical, and sales major occupation groups; blue collar workers include the craftsman, operative, private household, service, and nonfarm laborer groups; and farm workers include the farmer and farm laborer groups.

