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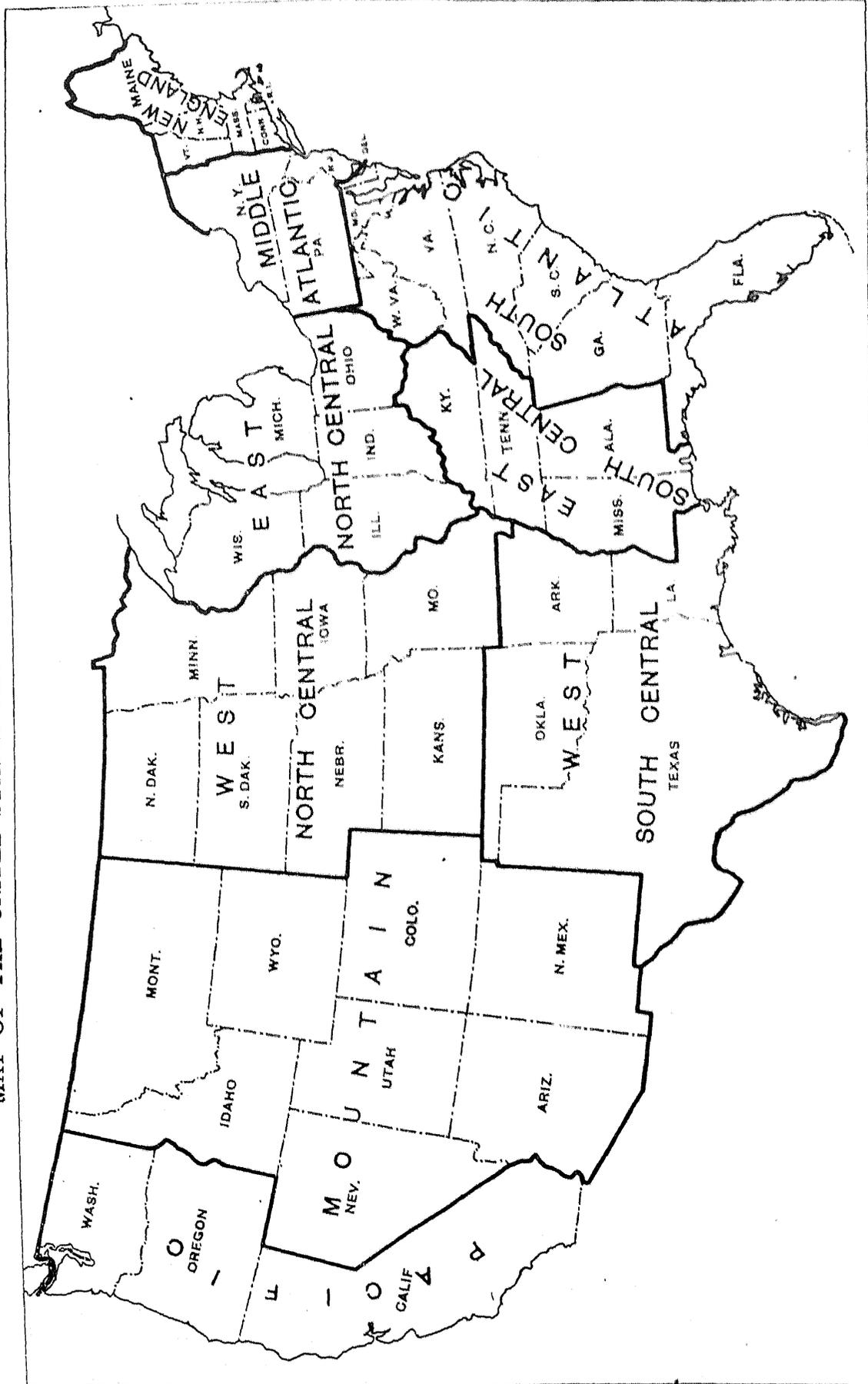
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FOREWORD

Sampling techniques were utilized in the Sixteenth Decennial Census for the first time in the history of the Population Census. The use of sampling methods permitted the collection of statistics on a larger number of inquiries than has heretofore been possible, the release of preliminary population statistics at an early date, and the tabulation of a great many social and economic characteristics of the population at a relatively low cost.

This report is based in large part upon the tabulation of a 5-percent sample of the population returns of the 1940 Census and presents statistics on the age, marital status, and education of the native white population classified by parentage, and of the foreign-born white population. These statistics, which provide a basis for comparison of the characteristics of the foreign white stock with those of the native white population of native parentage, are designed primarily to furnish information on the problems arising from immigration. This report was prepared under the supervision of Dr. Leon E. Truesdell, Chief Statistician for Population, and Dr. A. Ross Eckler, Assistant Chief Statistician, by Dr. Henry S. Shryock, Jr., Chief of General Population Statistics, Dr. Henry D. Sheldon, and Dr. Paul C. Glick. The sampling procedures were under the direction of Dr. W. Edwards Deming, Mathematical Adviser.

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INTRODUCTION

GENERAL

This report presents statistics on the white population of the United States by nativity and parentage. These statistics are based on the Sixteenth Decennial Census of Population, taken as of April 1, 1940. The characteristics classified by nativity and parentage include age, marital status, and years of school completed. Most of the statistics in this report are based on a five-percent sample of the population enumerated in the 1940 census.¹ Statistics are presented for the United States, regions, divisions, States, their urban-rural parts, and for cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants.

Related reports.—This report is one of three reports on the characteristics of the white population by nativity and parentage. One of the other reports in this group, entitled "Country of Origin of the Foreign Stock," presents statistics on age and on tenure and value or rent of home, for the foreign white stock, by country of origin and nativity, and citizenship for the foreign-born white by country of origin. The remaining report, entitled "Mother Tongue," presents data on mother tongue, classified by nativity and parentage, and age, for the total white population, and by country of origin for the foreign white stock. The classification by nativity and parentage is shown for white heads of families in reports on the characteristics of families for regions, States, and large cities.

Arrangement of tables.—The tables in this report are grouped by subject. Table 1 presents the population of the United States by race (white, Negro, and other races) with the white population classified by nativity and parentage. Tables 2 to 8 present the full detail on nativity and parentage of the white population; tables 9 to 14, the age of the native white population by parentage; tables 15 to 25, the marital status of the white population 15 years old and over. Tables 26 to 34 present the educational status of the white population 25 years old and over.

In general, within each subject, the data are presented for the United States, regions, divisions, States, their urban and rural parts, and cities of 500,000 or more inhabitants. Statistics on nativity and parentage for cities of 100,000 to 500,000 inhabitants are shown in table 8. Each subject is introduced by a table bringing together for the United States, available statistics on the subject from each census since 1890.

Availability of unpublished data.—The statistics presented in this report for the United States, regions, and cities of 500,000 or more inhabitants, represent practically all of the tabulated data on these subjects. Similar statistics have been tabulated for States, but, because of space limitations, are not published in full detail.

These unpublished statistics, however, can be made available upon request, for the cost of transcribing or reproducing them. Requests for such statistics, addressed to the Director of the Census, Washington, D. C., will receive a prompt reply, which will include an estimate of the cost of preparing the data.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND EXPLANATIONS

Color.—With the exception of table 1, which includes figures for Negroes and other races, this report is limited to the

¹ The 1940 Population Census schedule is reproduced in Part 1 of Volume IV of the Sixteenth Census Reports on Population, with a note indicating the method of selecting the 5-percent sample of the population, upon which most of the statistics presented in this report are based. The instructions to enumerators are also reproduced in this volume.

white population. Data on age, marital status, and education for Negroes and for specific minor races (Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, etc.) are shown for selected areas of the United States in a separate report.

Persons of Mexican birth or ancestry who were not definitely Indian or of other nonwhite race were returned as white in 1940. Such persons were designated Mexican in 1930 and were classified as nonwhite. The 1930 data for whites and nonwhites published in this report have been adjusted to conform to the 1940 definition.

Nativity, parentage, and foreign white stock.—The white population is classified by nativity into two groups: Native white and foreign-born white. A person born in the United States or in any of its outlying territories or possessions is counted as native. Likewise included as native are the small group of persons, who, although born in a foreign country, or at sea, were American citizens by birth, because their parents were American citizens. All other persons are counted as foreign born.

The native white population is classified by parentage into three groups, as follows: (1) Native parentage (both parents born in the United States or in the outlying possessions); (2) foreign parentage (both parents foreign born); (3) mixed parentage (one parent native and the other foreign born). In some of the tables in this report those persons of foreign and of mixed parentage are combined into a single group designated "foreign or mixed parentage." On the other hand, in a few tables the mixed parentage group is separated into two parts, designated (a) "father foreign," and (b) "mother foreign."

The term "foreign white stock" is used to indicate the combined total of two classes, namely, the foreign-born white and the native white of foreign or mixed parentage. The figures on "foreign white stock," therefore, comprise only those persons who were born abroad or who had at least one parent foreign born, that is, those persons of the first and second generations, but not subsequent, generations. The native white of native parentage comprise those persons of the third and subsequent generations in the United States.

Data on the white population of the United States are presented by nativity and parentage, for 1940, 1930, and 1890 in table I.

Table I. WHITE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY NATIVITY AND PARENTAGE: 1940, 1930, AND 1890

[Figures based on table 1]

NATIVITY AND PARENTAGE	NUMBER			PERCENT DISTRIBUTION		
	1940	1930	1890	1940	1930	1890
Total.....	118,701,558	110,286,740	55,101,258	100.0	100.0	100.0
Native.....	107,282,420	96,303,335	45,973,391	90.4	87.3	83.4
Native parentage.....	84,124,840	70,400,952	34,475,716	70.9	63.6	62.6
Foreign or mixed parentage..	23,157,580	25,902,383	11,508,675	19.5	23.5	20.9
Foreign parentage.....	15,183,740	17,407,527	8,085,019	12.8	15.8	14.7
Mixed parentage.....	7,973,840	8,494,856	3,418,656	6.7	7.7	6.2
Father foreign.....	5,267,140	5,547,325	2,378,729	4.4	5.0	4.3
Mother foreign.....	2,706,700	2,947,531	1,039,927	2.3	2.7	1.9
Foreign born.....	11,419,138	13,983,405	9,121,857	9.6	12.7	16.6

In 1940 there were 118,701,558 white persons in the United States, of whom 107,282,420 were born in the United States, and 11,419,138 abroad. Among the native white, there were 84,124,840

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with both parents born in this country or in one of its territories or possessions, 13,183,740 with both parents born abroad, 5,267,140 whose fathers were born abroad but whose mothers were born in the United States, and 2,706,700 whose mothers were born abroad but whose fathers were born in the United States.

The nativity-parentage composition of the population has changed markedly in the last fifty years. In 1940, 90.4 percent of the white population were native and 9.6 percent were foreign born; the native of native parentage constituted 70.9 percent of the white population and the native of foreign or mixed parentage, 19.5 percent. In 1930, 87.3 percent of the white population were native and 12.7 were foreign born; the native of native parentage constituted 63.8 percent of the white population and the native of foreign or mixed parentage, 23.5 percent. The Census of 1890 showed that 62.6 percent of the white population were native of native parentage, 20.9 percent were native of foreign or mixed parentage, and the remainder were foreign born.

Urban and rural areas.—Urban population, as defined by the Bureau of the Census, is in general that residing in cities and other incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more. In addition, certain densely populated townships or other minor civil divisions, not incorporated as municipalities, have been classified as urban under special rules. The remainder of the population is classified as rural, and 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. (For further details for each State, see Population, volume I.)

Table II shows the percent distribution of the white population in 1940 by nativity and parentage, for the United States, urban and rural.

Table II. PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE WHITE POPULATION, BY NATIVITY AND PARENTAGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1940

[Percentages based on table 3]

NATIVITY AND PARENTAGE	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION				PERCENT OF TOTAL			
	Total	Urban	Rural-nonfarm	Rural-farm	Total	Urban	Rural-nonfarm	Rural-farm
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Native.....	90.4	88.9	94.5	96.4	100.0	55.1	22.9	22.9
Native parentage.....	70.9	71.5	81.2	85.9	100.0	49.9	34.1	26.0
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	19.5	25.1	13.3	13.6	100.0	74.9	14.4	11.6
Foreign parentage.....	12.9	17.2	7.9	8.1	100.0	75.8	12.9	10.3
Mixed parentage.....	6.6	8.0	5.4	5.5	100.0	68.8	17.1	14.1
Father foreign.....	4.4	5.2	3.6	3.7	100.0	66.8	17.9	14.7
Mother foreign.....	2.2	2.8	1.8	1.9	100.0	63.9	17.3	12.9
Foreign born.....	9.6	13.4	5.5	3.6	100.0	80.3	12.0	6.0

Statistics from the 1940 census, like those from previous censuses, indicate that the foreign white stock was primarily urban. Moreover, the proportion of urban residents in each of

the nativity and parentage classes in the white population varied directly with the number of generations of residence in the United States. Thus, in 1940, among the foreign-born white the percentage of urban residents was 80.0, among the native white of foreign parentage 76.8, among the native white of mixed parentage 68.8, and among the native white of native parentage 49.9. Although immigrants from Europe have tended to settle in urban places in the past, a progressively larger proportion of the immigrants has been settling in these places.

Sex.—Because of the importance of the classification of the population by sex, most of the data in this report are presented separately for males and females. Table III shows the white population of the United States by nativity, parentage, and sex.

Table III. WHITE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY NATIVITY, PARENTAGE, AND SEX: 1940

[Figures based on table 1]

NATIVITY AND PARENTAGE	NUMBER			PERCENT OF TOTAL		Males per 100 Females
	Total	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Total.....	118,701,558	59,695,815	59,005,743	50.3	49.7	101.2
Native.....	107,282,420	53,684,800	53,597,620	50.0	50.0	100.2
Native parentage.....	84,124,840	42,126,520	41,998,320	50.1	49.9	100.3
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	23,157,580	11,558,280	11,599,300	49.9	50.1	99.6
Foreign parentage.....	15,183,740	7,613,220	7,570,520	50.1	49.9	100.6
Mixed parentage.....	7,973,840	3,945,060	4,028,780	49.5	50.5	97.9
Father foreign.....	5,267,140	2,600,980	2,666,160	49.4	50.6	97.6
Mother foreign.....	2,706,700	1,344,080	1,362,620	49.7	50.3	98.6
Foreign born.....	11,419,138	6,011,015	5,408,123	52.6	47.4	111.1

In 1940 there were 101.2 white males per 100 white females. The numbers of males and females were more nearly equal than at any other census. In 1930 the ratio was 102.9, and in 1890, 103.4. In both parentage classes of native whites, the numbers of males and females were approximately the same in 1940. Foreign-born white males outnumbered females in 1940 as in previous censuses, but the ratio was 111.1 as compared with 115.8 in 1930 and 118.7 in 1890. These changes in the ratio of males to females emphasize the fact that the United States is emerging from the effects of the period of heavy immigration in which males greatly outnumbered females.

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. In the 1940 census tabulations, when the age of a person was not reported, it was estimated on the basis of other information on the Population schedule such as marital status, school attendance, employment status, age of other members in the family, etc.

The distribution by age and the median age of the white population of the United States by nativity and parentage are shown in table IV.

Table IV. AGE OF THE WHITE POPULATION, BY NATIVITY AND PARENTAGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1940 AND 1930

[Figures for foreign-born white based on table 7, United States Summary of Second Series Population Bulletins; figures for native white by parentage based on table 9. Percent not shown where less than 0.1]

AGE	TOTAL WHITE POPULATION				NATIVE WHITE								FOREIGN-BORN WHITE			
	Number		Percent		Native parentage		Foreign or mixed parentage		Number		Percent		Number		Percent	
	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930
	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930	1940	1930
All ages.....	118,701,558	110,286,740	100.0	100.0	84,124,840	70,400,952	100.0	100.0	23,157,580	25,902,383	100.0	100.0	11,419,138	13,983,405	100.0	100.0
Under 5 years.....	9,306,081	10,142,169	7.8	9.2	8,297,140	7,987,334	9.9	11.3	1,000,620	2,120,776	4.3	8.2	8,321	34,009	0.1	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	9,386,064	11,161,683	7.9	13.1	7,953,580	8,366,951	9.5	11.9	1,413,900	2,652,339	6.1	10.2	21,584	142,373	0.2	1.0
10 to 14 years.....	10,454,371	10,694,424	8.8	9.7	8,337,580	7,562,103	9.9	10.7	2,018,040	2,953,727	8.7	11.4	53,751	178,534	0.5	1.3
15 to 19 years.....	11,008,865	10,246,773	9.3	9.3	8,367,540	6,964,087	10.0	9.9	2,451,540	2,907,586	10.6	11.2	164,785	377,106	1.4	2.7
20 to 24 years.....	10,352,789	9,612,669	8.7	8.7	7,566,060	5,363,459	9.0	9.1	2,577,220	2,482,022	11.1	9.6	209,509	747,188	1.8	5.3
25 to 29 years.....	9,212,756	8,708,998	8.4	7.9	7,065,800	5,530,432	8.4	7.9	2,399,660	2,064,034	10.4	8.0	424,276	1,124,932	3.7	8.0
30 to 34 years.....	9,212,751	8,212,912	7.8	7.4	7,460,780	4,929,981	7.7	7.0	2,048,920	1,960,121	8.8	7.6	709,091	1,320,810	6.2	9.4
35 to 39 years.....	8,564,535	8,278,268	7.2	7.5	7,775,860	4,688,623	6.9	6.7	1,742,260	1,887,214	7.5	7.3	1,048,395	1,702,431	9.2	12.2
40 to 44 years.....	7,987,870	7,266,892	6.7	6.6	5,103,020	3,962,059	6.1	5.6	1,621,780	1,558,933	7.0	6.0	1,263,070	1,745,900	11.1	12.5
45 to 49 years.....	7,543,361	6,381,570	6.4	5.8	4,579,020	3,461,364	5.4	4.9	1,460,440	1,310,154	6.3	5.1	1,503,905	1,610,052	13.2	11.5
50 to 54 years.....	5,764,728	5,445,743	5.7	4.9	3,943,060	2,945,699	4.7	4.2	1,216,100	1,154,914	5.3	4.5	1,565,568	1,845,130	13.7	9.6
55 to 59 years.....	5,445,190	4,319,321	4.6	3.9	3,132,100	2,304,214	3.9	3.3	934,340	966,611	4.0	3.7	1,318,750	1,048,476	11.5	7.5
60 to 64 years.....	4,444,215	3,496,777	3.7	3.2	2,583,620	1,824,038	3.1	2.6	792,020	746,795	3.4	2.9	1,068,875	925,893	9.4	6.6
65 to 69 years.....	3,522,548	2,607,133	3.0	2.4	2,057,580	1,546,519	2.4	1.9	652,140	536,715	2.8	2.1	812,528	721,989	7.1	5.2
70 to 74 years.....	2,432,379	1,845,322	2.0	1.7	1,374,100	1,020,149	1.6	1.4	432,120	358,822	1.9	1.4	602,159	466,351	5.3	3.3
75 years and over.....	2,480,331	1,787,518	2.1	1.6	1,422,980	1,064,654	1.7	1.5	409,480	231,259	1.8	0.9	644,571	491,605	5.6	3.5
Not reported.....	-	78,602	-	0.1	-	57,586	-	0.1	-	10,300	-	-	-	10,716	-	0.1
Median age.....	29.5	26.9	-	-	26.1	23.4	-	-	29.4	24.7	-	-	51.0	43.9	-	-

The median age of the native white of foreign or mixed parentage in 1940 was somewhat higher than that of the native white of native parentage--29.4 years for the former and 26.1 years for the latter. (The median age is that age which divides the population into two equal groups--one-half being older, and one-half younger, than the median.) The foreign-born white were much older than either of the native white groups, having a median age of 51.0 years.

Between 1930 and 1940 there was an increase in the median age of all three groups, amounting to about 3 years for the native of native parentage, 5 years for the native of foreign or mixed parentage, and 7 years for the foreign born. The restrictions on immigration have prevented the replacement of the foreign born in the younger age groups, and the survivors of past immigration are now concentrated in the older ages. The effects of aging are now becoming noticeable in the second generation of the foreign white stock; and they, like their parents, constitute an ever decreasing fraction of the total population.

Between 1930 and 1940 there was a decline from 43.9 percent to 39.2 percent in the proportion of the native white of native parentage who were less than 20 years old, a decline from 41.1 to 29.7 percent for the native white of foreign or mixed parentage, and a decline from 5.2 to 2.2 percent for the foreign-born white. During the same 10-year period there was an increase from 4.9 to 5.8 percent in the proportion of persons 65 years old and over among the native white of native parentage, an increase from 4.4 to 6.5 percent for the native white of foreign or mixed parentage, and an increase from 12.0 to 18.0 percent for the foreign-born white.

Marital status.--In the classification by marital status four major groups are shown: single, married, widowed, and divorced. These terms refer to marital status at the time the census was taken. Persons classified as "married" comprise, therefore, both those who have been married only once and those who have remarried after being divorced or widowed.

In some tables, the category "married" is further divided into "married, spouse present" and "married, spouse absent." This classification appears in the Population census reports for the first time in 1940. A person was classified as "married, spouse present" if the person's husband or wife was reported as a member of the household in which the person was enumerated. The group "married, spouse absent" consists of married persons whose spouses were not living in the same household at the time of the census. The latter group includes, therefore, married persons whose families have been broken by separation (often preceding divorce), immigrants whose husbands or wives were left abroad, husbands or wives of persons enumerated as inmates of institutions, and other married persons whose usual place of residence is not the same as that of their husbands and wives, including soldiers, sailors, men in labor camps, etc., and their wives.

In both 1930 and 1940 there was a small number of persons for whom the enumerator failed to report marital status. In 1940 all of these persons 14 and over were classified as single, whereas in 1930, only those under 18 were included among the single; and the remainder were shown as "unknown."

Table V shows the marital status of the white population of the United States 15 years old and over classified by nativity, parentage, and sex.

The proportion in 1940 of the white population 15 years old and over that was or had been married was 66.9 percent for males and 73.8 percent for females. The percentages for native white persons of native parentage were about the same as for all white persons, whereas among the native white males of foreign or mixed parentage, only 58.2 percent were returned as married, widowed, or divorced, and only 63.7 percent of the females were in these classes. Among the foreign-born white population, 83.8 percent of the males 15 years old and over and 90.0 percent of the females of the same age were returned as married, widowed, or divorced.

The percentage married, widowed, or divorced for the foreign-born white exceeded that for the native white of native parentage because the foreign born were concentrated at the upper age levels. If the percent distribution by marital status is standardized for age, the effects of differences in age composition are eliminated and the percentage married, widowed, or divorced for the foreign born is seen to be slightly less than that for the native of native parentage. (See table V.) The standardized percent distribution for a nativity and parentage group of a given sex is the one that would have been observed if that group had had the same age composition as the total white population of that sex for the United States 15 years old and over, and if the percentages by marital status at each age level for the group had been unchanged.

Table V. MARITAL STATUS OF THE WHITE POPULATION 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY NATIVITY, PARENTAGE, AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1940

[Figures based on table 16]

SEX, NATIVITY, AND PARENTAGE	Total	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced
Male, 15 years and over.....	44,774,140	14,807,500	27,439,340	1,896,900	580,400
Native.....	35,960,920	13,867,300	23,166,800	1,416,820	510,000
Native parentage.....	29,642,520	9,973,960	18,162,220	1,103,120	403,220
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	9,318,400	3,893,340	5,004,580	313,700	106,780
Foreign born.....	5,213,220	940,290	4,322,540	480,080	70,400
Female, 15 years and over.....	44,518,920	11,567,700	27,194,540	4,892,600	784,080
Native.....	33,308,640	11,145,980	23,646,520	3,814,980	698,160
Native parentage.....	29,894,020	7,916,200	18,490,400	2,928,720	558,700
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	9,414,620	3,232,780	5,156,120	886,260	139,460
Foreign born.....	5,210,280	518,720	3,548,020	1,077,620	65,920
Percent of total					
Male, 15 years and over.....	100.0	33.1	61.4	4.2	1.3
Native.....	100.0	35.6	59.5	3.6	1.3
Native parentage.....	100.0	33.6	61.3	3.7	1.4
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	100.0	41.8	53.7	3.4	1.1
Foreign born.....	100.0	16.2	74.4	8.3	1.2
Female, 15 years and over.....	100.0	26.2	61.1	11.0	1.7
Native.....	100.0	28.4	60.2	9.7	1.8
Native parentage.....	100.0	26.5	61.9	9.8	1.9
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	100.0	34.3	54.8	9.4	1.5
Foreign born.....	100.0	10.0	68.1	20.7	1.3
Percent of total standardized for age					
Male, 15 years and over.....	100.0	33.1	61.4	4.2	1.3
Native.....	100.0	32.9	61.6	4.2	1.4
Native parentage.....	100.0	31.1	63.3	4.2	1.4
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	100.0	38.5	56.2	4.1	1.2
Foreign born.....	100.0	35.5	59.1	4.5	0.9
Female, 15 years and over.....	100.0	26.2	61.1	11.0	1.7
Native.....	100.0	26.6	60.6	10.8	1.8
Native parentage.....	100.0	24.7	62.5	10.9	1.9
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	100.0	32.6	55.4	10.5	1.5
Foreign born.....	100.0	26.1	61.1	11.6	1.2

The percentage married, widowed, or divorced for native males and females of foreign or mixed parentage was less than that for either of the other nativity and parentage groups, in terms of both the actual and of the standardized figure. Examination of the marital status of persons in the different age groups indicates that the native white of native parentage marry at decidedly younger ages on the average than either the first or second generation of the foreign white stock.

Years of school completed.--A question on the 1940 census schedule asked for the last full grade that the person had completed in the regular school system--public, private, or parochial school, college, or university. This question replaced the inquiry on illiteracy included in previous censuses and provides data which are significant for every population group, especially in combination with other characteristics. The statistics on years of school completed presented in this report relate only to persons 25 years old and over, those who may generally be considered as having completed their formal education. Some of the tables summarize the educational statistics in terms of the median year of school completed, that is, the year which divides the population group into equal parts, one-half having completed more schooling and one-half having completed less schooling than the median. These medians are expressed in terms of a continuous series of numbers representing years of school completed. For example, the completion of the first year of high school is indicated by 9 and of the last year of college by 16. For the sake of comparability, the first year of high school is uniformly represented by 9, although there are some areas with only 7 years of elementary school.

The median number of years of school completed by the white population of the United States 25 years old and over classified by age, sex, nativity and parentage, is presented in table VI.

The native white of native parentage 25 years old and over led the other groups in years of school completed, with a median of 8.9 years, followed by the native white of foreign or mixed parentage with 8.6 years and the foreign-born white with 7.3 years. A part of these differences is attributable to the differing age composition of the nativity and parentage classes. Younger adults generally have had more formal schooling than older adults, because educational standards have been increasing rapidly in the past fifty years. For example, among the native white of native parentage, the median number of years of school completed was 10.8 for persons 25 to 34 years old, but only 7.8 for those 65 years old and over.

NATIVITY AND PARENTAGE OF THE WHITE POPULATION

Table VI. MEDIAN NUMBER OF YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY THE WHITE POPULATION 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE, NATIVITY, PARENTAGE, AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1940

[Medians based on table 31]

AGE AND SEX	Total white	NATIVE WHITE			Foreign-born white
		Total	Native parentage	Foreign or mixed parentage	
Total, 25 years and over.....	8.6	8.8	8.9	8.6	7.3
25 to 34 years.....	10.5	10.6	10.8	10.1	8.6
35 to 44 years.....	8.7	8.9	9.0	8.7	7.7
45 to 54 years.....	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.3	7.0
55 to 64 years.....	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	7.0
65 years and over.....	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.1
Male, 25 years and over.....	8.4	8.6	8.7	8.6	7.3
25 to 34 years.....	10.1	10.2	10.3	9.9	8.6
35 to 44 years.....	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.6	7.8
45 to 54 years.....	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.3	7.0
55 to 64 years.....	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.0
65 years and over.....	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.0
Female, 25 years and over.....	8.7	8.9	9.1	8.7	7.3
25 to 34 years.....	10.8	11.0	11.2	10.3	8.5
35 to 44 years.....	8.9	9.3	9.5	8.8	8.0
45 to 54 years.....	8.3	8.6	8.7	8.4	6.9
55 to 64 years.....	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.2	7.0
65 years and over.....	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.1

Table VII. COMPARISON BETWEEN RESULTS OF SAMPLE TABULATIONS AND COMPLETE COUNT FOR THE WHITE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY NATIVITY AND SEX: 1940

NATIVITY AND SEX	Based on complete count	Based on 5-percent sample	EXCESS OF SAMPLE OVER COMPLETE COUNT	
			Amount	Percent of complete count
Total.....	118,214,870	118,392,040	177,170	0.1
Native.....	106,795,732	107,282,420	486,688	0.5
Foreign born.....	11,419,138	11,109,620	-309,518	-2.7
Male.....	59,448,548	59,541,380	92,832	0.2
Native.....	53,437,533	53,684,800	247,267	0.5
Foreign born.....	6,011,015	5,856,580	-154,435	-2.6
Female.....	58,766,322	58,850,660	84,338	0.1
Native.....	53,358,199	53,597,620	239,421	0.4
Foreign born.....	5,408,123	5,253,040	-155,083	-2.9

Table VIII. COMPARISON BETWEEN RESULTS OF SAMPLE TABULATIONS AND COMPLETE COUNT FOR THE AGE OF THE WHITE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY NATIVITY AND SEX: 1940

[Percent not shown where less than 0.1]

AGE AND SEX	TOTAL WHITE				NATIVE WHITE				FOREIGN-BORN WHITE			
	Based on complete count	Based on 5-percent sample	Excess of sample over complete count Amount	Percent of complete count	Based on complete count	Based on 5-percent sample	Excess of sample over complete count Amount	Percent of complete count	Based on complete count	Based on 5-percent sample	Excess of sample over complete count Amount	Percent of complete count
Total, all ages.....	118,214,870	118,392,040	177,170	0.1	106,795,732	107,282,420	486,688	0.5	11,419,138	11,109,620	-309,518	-2.7
Under 5 years.....	9,223,505	9,302,640	79,135	0.9	9,221,184	9,237,760	16,576	0.8	8,321	10,880	2,559	30.8
5 to 9 years.....	7,326,911	7,326,600	-311	-0.0	7,327,367	7,354,460	27,113	0.6	21,584	22,120	536	2.5
10 to 14 years.....	10,352,695	10,403,740	51,045	0.5	10,298,944	10,350,620	51,676	0.5	53,751	53,120	-631	-1.2
15 to 19 years.....	10,354,047	10,396,340	42,293	0.3	10,799,262	10,839,080	39,818	0.4	164,785	157,260	-7,525	-4.6
20 to 24 years.....	10,340,149	10,346,960	6,811	0.1	10,130,640	10,143,280	12,640	0.1	209,509	203,660	-5,829	-2.8
25 to 29 years.....	9,904,270	9,899,240	-5,030	-0.1	9,479,994	9,469,460	-10,534	-0.1	424,276	409,780	-14,496	-3.4
30 to 34 years.....	9,202,478	9,201,100	-1,378	-0.1	8,497,367	8,504,700	7,313	0.1	709,091	696,400	-12,691	-1.8
35 to 39 years.....	8,516,680	8,523,180	6,500	0.1	7,462,265	7,516,140	53,875	0.6	-1,048,395	1,013,040	-35,355	-3.4
40 to 44 years.....	7,938,583	7,922,400	-16,183	-0.2	6,573,013	6,724,800	151,787	0.8	1,263,070	1,237,600	-25,470	-2.0
45 to 49 years.....	7,538,768	7,505,120	-33,648	-0.4	6,022,851	6,039,460	16,609	0.2	1,503,905	1,465,660	-38,245	-2.5
50 to 54 years.....	6,886,307	6,861,040	-25,267	-0.4	5,114,739	5,159,160	44,421	0.9	1,565,568	1,521,880	-43,688	-2.8
55 to 59 years.....	5,426,842	5,407,160	-19,682	-0.4	4,108,095	4,126,440	18,345	0.4	1,318,750	1,280,720	-38,030	-2.9
60 to 64 years.....	4,416,693	4,416,620	-73	-0.0	3,347,818	3,375,640	27,822	0.8	1,068,875	1,040,980	-27,895	-2.6
65 to 69 years.....	3,499,042	3,436,840	-62,202	-1.8	2,686,518	2,709,720	23,202	0.9	812,528	787,120	-25,408	-3.1
70 to 74 years.....	2,430,845	2,394,080	-36,765	-1.5	1,798,366	1,806,220	7,854	0.4	602,159	587,860	-14,299	-2.4
75 years and over.....	2,479,940	2,456,960	-22,980	-0.9	1,835,269	1,835,460	191	-	644,571	621,500	-23,071	-3.6
Male, all ages.....	59,448,548	59,541,380	92,832	0.2	53,437,533	53,684,800	247,267	0.5	6,011,015	5,856,580	-154,435	-2.6
Under 5 years.....	4,701,470	4,717,420	15,950	0.3	4,697,251	4,712,220	14,969	0.6	4,219	5,200	981	23.3
5 to 9 years.....	4,744,527	4,775,400	30,873	0.7	4,733,600	4,764,100	30,500	0.3	10,937	11,300	363	3.3
10 to 14 years.....	5,259,007	5,274,420	15,413	0.3	5,231,893	5,247,560	15,667	0.3	27,114	26,850	-264	-0.9
15 to 19 years.....	5,512,922	5,516,960	4,038	0.1	5,433,529	5,438,920	5,391	0.1	82,991	78,040	-4,951	-5.3
20 to 24 years.....	5,113,642	5,090,100	-23,542	-0.5	5,014,725	4,995,880	-18,845	-0.4	98,917	94,220	-4,697	-4.7
25 to 29 years.....	4,892,013	4,894,420	2,407	0.0	4,698,366	4,705,120	6,754	0.1	193,647	189,300	-4,347	-2.2
30 to 34 years.....	4,573,316	4,582,600	9,284	0.2	4,230,325	4,247,220	16,895	0.4	342,991	335,380	-7,611	-2.2
35 to 39 years.....	4,254,368	4,272,680	18,312	0.4	3,754,204	3,760,440	6,236	0.0	530,164	512,440	-17,724	-3.3
40 to 44 years.....	3,995,190	4,031,660	36,470	0.7	3,336,408	3,373,960	37,552	1.1	656,782	647,660	-9,122	-1.4
45 to 49 years.....	3,542,613	3,540,360	-2,253	-0.1	3,025,658	3,043,620	17,962	0.6	816,955	796,740	-20,215	-2.5
50 to 54 years.....	3,451,717	3,460,180	8,463	0.2	2,568,375	2,598,660	30,305	1.2	883,342	861,500	-21,842	-2.5
55 to 59 years.....	2,790,046	2,778,000	-12,046	-0.4	2,054,198	2,063,400	9,202	0.4	735,848	714,600	-21,248	-2.9
60 to 64 years.....	2,232,453	2,236,280	3,827	0.3	1,659,153	1,679,000	19,847	1.2	573,300	559,220	-14,080	-2.4
65 to 69 years.....	1,786,937	1,740,900	-46,037	-2.6	1,314,177	1,330,160	15,983	1.2	422,760	410,740	-12,020	-2.8
70 to 74 years.....	1,183,283	1,182,260	-1,023	-0.1	873,177	876,060	2,883	0.6	310,106	304,200	-5,906	-1.9
75 years and over.....	1,162,036	1,155,540	-6,496	-0.6	840,494	846,440	5,946	0.7	321,542	309,100	-12,442	-3.9
Female, all ages.....	58,766,322	58,850,660	84,338	0.1	53,358,199	53,597,620	239,421	0.4	5,408,123	5,253,040	-155,083	-2.9
Under 5 years.....	4,528,025	4,591,220	63,195	1.4	4,523,933	4,525,540	16,607	0.4	4,102	5,680	1,578	38.5
5 to 9 years.....	4,584,414	4,611,200	26,786	0.6	4,573,767	4,600,380	26,613	0.6	10,647	10,820	173	1.6
10 to 14 years.....	5,094,668	5,129,320	34,652	0.7	5,067,051	5,103,060	36,009	0.7	26,837	26,260	-577	-1.4
15 to 19 years.....	5,446,127	5,479,380	33,253	0.6	5,365,733	5,400,160	34,427	0.6	82,394	79,220	-3,174	-3.9
20 to 24 years.....	5,226,507	5,256,860	30,353	0.6	5,115,915	5,147,400	31,485	0.6	110,592	109,450	-1,142	-1.0
25 to 29 years.....	5,112,297	5,004,220	-108,077	-2.1	4,721,628	4,784,340	62,712	0.1	330,629	220,480	-110,149	-4.4
30 to 34 years.....	4,633,162	4,618,600	-14,562	-0.3	4,267,062	4,267,460	398	-0.0	286,100	261,020	-25,080	-8.9
35 to 39 years.....	4,262,292	4,256,300	-5,992	-0.1	3,744,061	3,765,700	21,639	0.3	518,231	500,600	-17,631	-3.4
40 to 44 years.....	3,940,899	3,940,740	-159	-0.0	3,334,605	3,350,820	16,215	0.5	606,288	589,920	-16,368	-2.7
45 to 49 years.....	3,590,143	3,564,760	-25,383	-0.7	3,003,193	2,995,840	-7,353	-0.2	686,950	668,920	-18,030	-2.6
50 to 54 years.....	3,228,590	3,223,860	-4,730	-0.2	2,546,364	2,560,480	14,116	0.6	682,226	660,880	-21,346	-3.2
55 to 59 years.....	2,936,799	2,923,160	-13,639	-0.5	2,053,897	2,063,040	9,143	0.4	592,902	566,120	-26,782	-4.5
60 to 64 years.....	2,184,240	2,178,340	-5,900	-0.3	1,688,665	1,696,640	7,975	0.5	495,575	481,700	-13,875	-2.8
65 to 69 years.....	1,752,109	1,755,940	3,831	0.2	1,372,341	1,372,540	199	0.0	399,768	376,380	-23,388	-5.9
70 to 74 years.....	1,217,242	1,211,220	-6,022	-0.5	925,209	926,160	951	0.3	282,053	283,660	1,607	0.6
75 years and over.....	1,217,604	1,301,440	83,836	6.9	994,775	989,020	-5,755	-0.6	323,029	312,420	-10,609	-3.3

INTRODUCTION

COMPARISON BETWEEN RESULTS OF SAMPLE TABULATIONS AND COMPLETE COUNT

In table 1 the 1940 figures for nonwhite and for foreign-born white are based on a complete count and the figures for the native white by parentage are based on the five-percent sample. The figures for the total population and the total white population are, therefore, composite and differ from corresponding figures published elsewhere, which are based entirely on the complete count or entirely on the sample tabulations. In tables 2 to 7 the 1940 figures for the foreign-born white are based on the complete count and the figures for the native white by parentage are based on the five-percent sample. These figures for the white population are thus also composite and will not exactly agree with corresponding figures published elsewhere, based entirely on the complete count or entirely on the sample tabulations. In table 8 the 1940 figures for the foreign-born white and the native white population are from the complete count, whereas those for the native white of foreign or mixed parentage are from the sample tabulations. The figures for the native white of native parentage represent the difference between the figures from the complete count for the native white population and those from the sample tabulations for the native white of foreign or mixed parentage. In the remaining tables of this bulletin (9 to 34) all 1940 figures are based on the five-percent sample.

The statistics based on the sample tabulations are expected to differ somewhat from those which would have been obtained from a complete count of the population. An analysis of the statistics based on the tabulations of the five-percent sample of the population for items that were obtained also for the total population indicates that in 95 percent of the cases the sample statistics differ from the complete census statistics by less than 5 percent for all numbers of 10,000 or more, by less than 10 percent for numbers between 5,000 and 10,000, and by less than 20 percent for numbers between 2,000 and 5,000. Somewhat larger variation may be expected in numbers below 2,000. Even for these small numbers, however, the majority of

the differences between the sample and the complete census statistics are less than 10 percent, although much larger differences occasionally occur.

Table VII presents a comparison of figures from the sample tabulations and those from the complete count for the white population of the United States by sex and nativity.

The differences between figures from the sample tabulations and those from the complete count for the total population and for each sex were relatively small. The figure from the sample tabulations of the foreign-born white was, however, 2.7 percent below that from the complete count, a deviation appreciably larger than would have been expected to arise from sampling variation alone. This difference resulted from a tendency in the sample coding to classify persons as native white of native parentage at the expense of other categories. Thus, it is quite possible that the native white of foreign or mixed parentage were underrepresented in the sample tabulations in about the same proportion as the foreign-born white. (Since the questions on parentage were asked only of persons in the 5-percent sample, no comparison between figures from the sample tabulations and those from the complete count for this item was possible.)

The age distribution of the white population of the United States, by nativity and sex, according to the sample tabulations and the complete count is presented in table VIII.

For the foreign-born white, the figures from the sample tabulations show a considerable excess of persons in the age group "Under 5 years," and a slight excess in the age group "5 to 9 years." In the remaining age groups these figures are from 0.9 to 5.3 percent below the complete-count figures. Differences between the figures from the sample tabulations and those from the complete count for the total and for the native white population are relatively small.

The years of school completed by the white population of the United States, 25 years old and over, by nativity and sex, according to the sample tabulations and the complete count are presented in table IX.

Table IX. COMPARISON BETWEEN RESULTS OF SAMPLE TABULATIONS AND COMPLETE COUNT FOR THE YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED FOR THE WHITE POPULATION 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY NATIVITY AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1940

[Percent not shown where less than 0.1]

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED AND SEX	TOTAL WHITE				NATIVE WHITE				FOREIGN-BORN WHITE			
	Based on complete count	Based on 5-percent sample	Excess of sample over complete count		Based on complete count	Based on 5-percent sample	Excess of sample over complete count		Based on complete count	Based on 5-percent sample	Excess of sample over complete count	
			Amount	Percent of complete count			Amount	Percent of complete count			Amount	Percent of complete count
Total, 25 years and over...	67,999,523	67,949,760	-49,763	-0.1	57,038,335	57,287,200	248,865	0.4	10,961,188	10,662,560	-298,628	-2.7
No years of school completed....	2,099,995	2,123,400	23,405	1.1	754,384	832,300	67,916	8.9	1,385,611	1,291,100	-44,511	-3.3
Grade school: 1 to 4 years....	5,222,119	5,258,620	36,501	0.7	3,457,673	3,511,640	59,967	1.6	1,764,446	1,746,980	-17,466	-1.0
5 and 6 years....	7,052,235	7,061,820	-20,415	-0.3	5,513,101	5,542,340	29,239	0.5	1,569,134	1,519,480	-49,654	-3.2
7 and 8 years....	24,546,893	24,471,240	-75,653	-0.3	20,558,596	20,590,860	32,264	0.2	3,988,297	3,880,380	-107,917	-2.7
High school: 1 to 3 years....	10,603,592	10,601,400	-2,192	-	9,842,214	9,859,820	17,606	0.2	761,378	741,580	-19,798	-2.6
4 years....	10,255,333	10,232,540	-22,793	-0.2	9,447,826	9,451,900	4,074	-	807,507	780,640	-26,867	-3.3
College: 1 to 3 years....	3,948,681	3,976,240	27,559	0.7	3,737,470	3,775,560	38,090	1.0	211,211	200,680	-10,531	-5.0
4 years or more....	3,319,765	3,324,760	4,995	0.1	3,067,783	3,061,560	6,223	0.4	252,002	243,200	-8,802	-3.5
Not reported.....	920,690	899,740	-21,150	-2.3	649,288	641,220	-8,068	-1.2	271,602	258,520	-13,082	-4.8
Male, 25 years and over....	34,113,972	34,167,080	53,108	0.2	28,326,535	28,528,120	199,585	0.7	5,787,437	5,640,960	-146,477	-2.5
No years of school completed....	1,086,888	1,100,260	13,372	1.2	431,671	465,680	34,009	7.9	655,217	684,580	29,363	4.3
Grade school: 1 to 4 years....	2,947,818	2,962,960	15,142	0.5	1,979,135	2,004,960	25,825	1.3	968,683	958,000	-10,683	-1.1
5 and 6 years....	3,725,114	3,721,140	-3,974	-0.1	2,891,352	2,916,140	24,788	0.9	833,762	805,000	-28,762	-3.4
7 and 8 years....	12,619,179	12,624,140	4,961	-	10,540,144	10,594,580	54,436	0.5	2,079,035	2,029,560	-49,475	-2.4
High school: 1 to 3 years....	5,089,656	5,090,640	984	-	4,699,997	4,708,940	8,943	0.2	389,659	381,700	-7,959	-2.0
4 years....	4,381,386	4,391,020	9,634	0.2	3,980,761	3,998,280	17,519	0.4	400,625	392,740	-7,885	-2.0
College: 1 to 3 years....	1,768,814	1,792,060	23,246	1.3	1,644,584	1,672,780	28,196	1.7	125,230	119,280	-5,950	-4.8
4 years or more....	1,975,295	1,978,960	3,665	0.2	1,788,670	1,799,480	10,810	0.6	186,625	179,520	-7,105	-3.8
Not reported.....	518,822	505,880	-12,942	-2.5	370,221	365,280	-4,941	-1.3	148,601	140,600	-8,001	-5.4
Female, 25 years and over....	33,885,551	33,782,680	-102,871	-0.3	28,711,800	28,761,080	49,280	0.2	5,173,751	5,021,600	-152,151	-2.9
No years of school completed....	1,013,107	1,023,140	10,033	1.0	332,713	366,620	33,907	10.2	680,394	656,580	-23,814	-3.5
Grade school: 1 to 4 years....	2,274,301	2,295,660	21,359	0.9	1,478,535	1,508,680	28,142	1.9	795,763	788,980	-6,783	-0.9
5 and 6 years....	3,357,121	3,340,660	-16,461	-0.5	2,621,749	2,626,200	4,451	0.2	735,372	714,480	-20,892	-2.8
7 and 8 years....	11,927,714	11,847,100	-80,614	-0.7	10,015,452	9,996,230	-22,172	-0.2	1,909,262	1,850,820	-58,442	-3.1
High school: 1 to 3 years....	5,513,936	5,510,760	-3,176	-0.1	5,142,217	5,130,880	8,663	0.2	371,719	359,880	-11,839	-3.2
4 years....	5,673,947	5,641,520	-32,427	-0.6	5,467,065	5,453,620	-13,445	-0.2	406,882	387,900	-18,982	-4.7
College: 1 to 3 years....	2,178,367	2,154,180	-24,187	-1.1	2,092,886	2,102,780	9,894	0.5	85,961	81,400	-4,561	-5.3
4 years or more....	1,344,490	1,345,780	1,290	0.1	1,279,113	1,282,080	2,967	0.2	55,377	63,700	8,323	12.6
Not reported.....	402,068	393,860	-8,208	-2.0	279,067	275,940	-3,127	-1.1	123,001	117,920	-5,081	-4.1

NATIVITY AND PARENTAGE OF THE WHITE POPULATION

For the total white population the differences between figures from the sample tabulations and the complete count are relatively small. For the native white population, the sample tabulations show a considerable excess for the category "no years of school completed." For the foreign-born white population, the figures from the sample tabulations were somewhat less than the figures from the complete count for the categories "not reported" and "college, 1 to 3 years."

Although these deviations of the figures based on the sample tabulations from the complete-count figures should be taken in-

to consideration in making inferences from the sample data, they are not sufficiently large to affect the general conclusions which have been drawn from the statistics presented in this report.

In a forthcoming technical bulletin there will be a detailed exposition of the sampling method, descriptions of the various samples that were taken, and comparisons between the samples and complete count. The purpose of the bulletin will be to assist in evaluating the data that are published on the basis of the samples.