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### RACE OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, BY STATES: 1960

(The table shown here is a preprint of table 56 from Final Report PC(1)-1B, which is scheduled to be published within the next few weeks and which will contain additional summary information on the general characteristics of the population)

The white population of the United States increased by 17.5 percent between 1950 and 1960, as compared with 26.7 percent for the nonwhite population, so that white persons constituted 88.6 percent of the total population in 1960 and 89.3 percent in 1950. Thus, the fairly large difference in decennial rates of growth produced a rather small change in percentage composition.

The rate of increase in the numbers of white and nonwhite persons during the 1950's differed considerably among the four census regions. Perhaps largely because of the continued heavy out-migration of Negroes from the South, the intercensal increase in the South was greater for white persons (18.0 percent) than it was for nonwhite persons (11.1 percent), and in each of the other three regions, the nonwhite population increased by over 50 percent. The increase in the white population ranged from 11.0 percent in the Northeastern States to 37.5 percent in the West. As a result of these regional variations in the growth rates of the white and nonwhite segments of the population, the proportion of the nonwhites residing in the South declined from 64.0 percent in 1950 to 56.1 percent in 1960.

The Negro population, which accounts for about 19 out of every 20 persons in the nonwhite group, increased by 25.4 percent during the past decade. The other principal nonwhite races increased even more rapidly, with increases ranging up to 58.2 percent for the Chinese. The rate of growth of the Negro population was greatest in the West, 89.3 percent. On the other hand, the increase in the population of the other nonwhite racial groups was smallest in the West (36.3 percent) and greatest in the Northeast where, between 1950 and 1960, the number of persons reported in nonwhite races other than Negro more than doubled.

The various regions of the United States differ considerably in their racial composition. The Negro population is heavily concentrated in the South; as of 1960, approximately 6 out of every 10 Negroes in the United States (59.9 percent) resided in this region. Moreover, slightly more than half of the Negro population in the South (51.7 percent) was living in the South Atlantic States. By contrast, persons belonging to the nonwhite races other than Negro are most heavily concentrated in the West, especially in the Pacific division. In 1960, 7 out of every 10 persons



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belonging to nonwhite races other than Negro were located in the West, approximately four-fifths of whom (80.9 percent) were living in the Pacific States.

Although Negroes constituted 22.5 percent of the population in the South Atlantic division in 1960, the corresponding proportion ranged from 4.8 percent in West Virginia to 53.9 percent in the District of Columbia. Similarly, although the population belonging to the other nonwhite races is heavily concentrated in the West, the only States with a substantial proportion of other nonwhite races in 1960 were Alaska (19.8 percent) and Hawaii, where over two-thirds of the population (67.3 percent) belonged to nonwhite races other than Negro.

Approximately four out of every ten American Indians were located in three States--Arizona, Oklahoma, and New Mexico; 15.9 percent of the American Indians were in Arizona, 12.4 percent in Oklahoma, and 10.7 percent in New Mexico. Only two other States, California and North Carolina, contained as much as 5 percent of the Indian population. The largest proportion of the Chinese population was in California (40.3 percent), whereas Hawaii contained the largest proportion of Filipinos (39.2 percent), Japanese (43.8 percent), and persons belonging to the residual nonwhite races (52.5 percent).

#### DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Race.--The concept of race, as it has been used by the Bureau of the Census, is derived from that which is commonly accepted by the general public. It does not, therefore, reflect clear-cut definitions of biological stock, and several categories obviously refer to national origin.

Negro.--In addition to persons of Negro and of mixed Negro and white descent, this

category includes persons of mixed American Indian and Negro descent, unless the Indian ancestry very definitely predominates or unless the individual is regarded as an Indian in the community.

Other races.--Separate statistics are given for four of the "other races"--American Indian, Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino. In this report, a residual group is shown for "all other" races; this group includes Hawaiians, part-Hawaiians, Eskimos, Aleuts, Koreans, Asian Indians, Malaysians, etc.

American Indians include full-blooded persons of this race and persons of mixed white and Indian blood if they are enrolled on an Indian tribal or agency roll or if they are regarded as Indians in the community. A common requirement for such enrollment at present is that the proportion of Indian blood should be at least one-fourth.

Persons of mixed racial parentage are classified according to the race of the nonwhite parent, and mixtures of nonwhite races are classified according to the race of the father, with the special exceptions noted above.

Collection and processing of the data.--The use of self-enumeration in the 1960 Census may have affected the accuracy of the data on race as compared with earlier censuses. Whereas formerly the classification was obtained in most cases by the enumerator's observation, in 1960 it was possible for members of the household to classify themselves. Some of their entries were ambiguous; but, where the enumerator failed to classify these into the prescribed census racial categories, the classification was made in the editing process. Although this procedure introduced a new element in the race classification, it is believed that this classification is consistent with the concept of race as described above.

Table 56.—RACE OF THE POPULATION, BY REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES: 1960

[Percent not shown where less than 0.1 or where base is less than 100]

Region, division, and State	All classes	White	Nonwhite								Percent of all classes			
			Total	Negro	Other races						White	Nonwhite		
					Total	Indian	Japanese	Chinese	Filipino	All other		Total	Negro	All other
United States.....	179,323,175	158,831,732	20,491,443	18,871,831	1,619,612	523,591	464,332	237,292	176,310	218,087	88.6	11.4	10.5	0.9
<b>Regions:</b>														
Northeast.....	44,677,819	41,522,467	3,155,352	3,028,499	126,853	26,356	17,962	53,654	10,650	18,231	92.9	7.1	6.8	0.3
North Central.....	51,619,139	48,002,617	3,616,522	3,446,037	170,485	98,631	29,318	18,413	8,600	15,523	93.0	7.0	6.7	0.3
South.....	54,973,113	43,476,636	11,496,477	11,311,607	184,870	127,568	16,245	16,839	10,720	13,498	79.1	20.9	20.6	0.3
West.....	28,053,104	25,830,012	2,223,092	1,085,688	1,137,404	271,036	400,807	148,386	146,340	170,835	92.1	7.9	3.9	4.1
<b>Northeast:</b>														
New England.....	10,509,367	10,242,389	266,978	243,363	23,615	6,044	3,398	8,527	2,156	3,490	97.5	2.5	2.3	0.2
Middle Atlantic.....	34,168,452	31,280,078	2,888,374	2,785,136	103,238	20,312	14,564	45,127	8,494	14,741	91.5	8.5	8.2	0.3
<b>North Central:</b>														
E. N. Central.....	36,225,024	33,253,272	2,971,752	2,884,969	86,783	31,560	22,938	14,750	6,467	11,068	91.8	8.2	8.0	0.2
W. N. Central.....	15,394,115	14,749,345	644,770	561,068	83,702	67,071	6,380	3,663	2,133	4,453	95.8	4.2	3.6	0.5
<b>South:</b>														
South Atlantic.....	25,971,732	20,047,496	5,924,236	5,844,565	79,671	47,538	8,728	8,555	7,322	7,528	77.2	22.8	22.5	0.3
E. S. Central.....	12,050,126	9,338,991	2,711,135	2,698,839	12,296	5,424	1,959	2,307	671	1,935	77.5	22.5	22.4	0.1
W. S. Central.....	16,951,255	14,090,149	2,861,106	2,768,203	92,903	74,606	5,558	5,977	2,727	4,035	83.1	16.9	16.3	0.5
<b>West:</b>														
Mountain.....	6,855,060	6,514,294	340,766	123,242	217,524	188,004	17,549	5,966	2,778	3,227	95.0	5.0	1.8	3.2
Pacific.....	21,198,044	19,315,718	1,882,326	962,446	919,880	83,032	383,258	142,420	143,562	167,608	91.1	8.9	4.5	4.3
<b>New England:</b>														
Maine.....	969,265	963,291	5,974	3,318	2,656	1,879	343	123	131	180	99.4	0.6	0.3	0.3
New Hampshire.....	606,921	604,334	2,587	1,903	684	135	207	152	41	149	99.6	0.4	0.3	0.1
Vermont.....	389,881	389,092	789	519	270	57	79	68	25	41	99.8	0.2	0.1	0.1
Massachusetts.....	5,148,978	5,023,144	125,834	111,842	13,992	2,118	1,924	6,745	809	1,996	97.6	2.4	2.2	0.3
Rhode Island.....	859,488	838,712	20,776	18,332	2,444	932	192	574	424	322	97.6	2.4	2.1	0.3
Connecticut.....	2,535,234	2,423,816	111,418	107,449	3,969	923	653	865	726	802	95.6	4.4	4.2	0.2
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>														
New York.....	16,782,304	15,287,071	1,495,233	1,417,511	77,722	16,491	8,702	37,373	5,403	9,553	91.1	8.9	8.4	0.5
New Jersey.....	6,066,782	5,539,003	527,779	514,875	12,904	1,699	3,514	3,813	1,451	2,427	91.3	8.7	8.5	0.2
Pennsylvania.....	11,319,366	10,454,004	865,362	852,750	12,612	2,129	2,348	3,741	1,640	2,761	92.4	7.6	7.5	0.1
<b>E. N. Central:</b>														
Ohio.....	9,706,397	8,909,698	796,699	786,097	10,602	1,910	3,135	2,507	943	2,107	91.8	8.2	8.1	0.1
Indiana.....	4,662,498	4,388,554	273,944	269,275	4,669	948	1,093	952	402	1,274	94.1	5.9	5.8	0.1
Illinois.....	10,081,158	9,010,252	1,070,906	1,037,470	33,436	4,704	14,074	7,047	3,587	4,024	89.4	10.6	10.3	0.3
Michigan.....	7,823,194	7,085,865	737,329	717,581	19,748	9,701	3,211	3,234	1,134	2,468	90.6	9.4	9.2	0.3
Wisconsin.....	3,951,777	3,858,903	92,874	74,546	18,328	14,297	1,425	1,010	401	1,195	97.6	2.4	1.9	0.5
<b>W. N. Central:</b>														
Minnesota.....	3,413,864	3,371,603	42,261	22,263	19,998	15,496	1,726	1,270	646	860	98.8	1.2	0.7	0.6
Iowa.....	2,757,337	2,728,709	28,628	25,354	3,274	1,708	599	423	167	577	99.0	1.0	0.9	0.1
Missouri.....	4,319,813	3,922,967	396,846	390,853	5,993	1,723	1,473	954	719	1,124	90.8	9.2	9.0	0.1
North Dakota.....	632,446	619,538	12,908	777	12,131	11,736	127	100	47	121	98.0	2.0	0.1	1.9
South Dakota.....	680,314	653,098	27,216	1,114	26,102	25,794	188	89	59	172	96.0	4.0	0.2	3.9
Nebraska.....	1,411,330	1,374,764	36,566	29,262	7,304	5,545	905	290	123	441	97.4	2.6	2.1	0.5
Kansas.....	2,178,611	2,078,666	99,945	91,445	8,500	5,069	1,362	537	372	1,160	95.4	4.6	4.2	0.4
<b>South Atlantic:</b>														
Delaware.....	446,292	384,327	61,965	60,688	1,277	597	152	191	67	270	86.1	13.9	13.6	0.3
Maryland.....	3,100,689	2,973,919	126,770	123,410	3,360	1,538	1,842	2,188	1,670	1,122	83.0	17.0	17.0	0.3
Dist. of Columbia.....	463,956	345,263	118,693	111,737	6,956	597	900	2,632	1,158	1,679	45.2	54.8	53.9	0.9
Virginia.....	3,966,949	3,142,443	824,506	816,258	8,248	2,155	1,733	1,135	1,857	1,368	79.2	20.8	20.6	0.2
West Virginia.....	1,860,421	1,770,133	90,288	89,378	910	181	176	105	310	95.1	4.9	4.8	...	
North Carolina.....	4,556,155	3,399,285	1,156,870	1,116,021	40,849	38,129	1,265	404	343	708	74.6	25.4	24.5	0.9
South Carolina.....	2,382,594	1,551,022	831,572	829,291	2,281	1,098	460	158	328	237	65.1	34.9	34.8	0.1
Georgia.....	3,943,116	2,817,223	1,125,893	1,122,596	3,297	749	885	686	433	544	71.4	28.6	28.5	0.1
Florida.....	4,951,560	4,063,081	888,479	880,186	7,493	2,504	1,315	1,023	1,361	1,290	82.1	17.9	17.8	0.2
<b>E. S. Central:</b>														
Kentucky.....	3,038,156	2,820,083	218,073	215,949	2,124	391	774	288	236	435	92.8	7.2	7.1	0.1
Tennessee.....	3,567,089	2,977,753	589,336	586,876	2,460	638	507	487	249	579	83.5	16.5	16.5	0.1
Alabama.....	3,266,740	2,283,609	983,131	980,271	2,860	1,276	500	288	127	669	69.9	30.1	30.0	0.1
Mississippi.....	2,178,141	1,257,546	920,595	915,743	4,852	3,119	178	1,244	59	252	57.7	42.3	42.0	0.2
<b>W. S. Central:</b>														
Arkansas.....	1,786,272	1,395,703	390,569	388,787	1,782	580	237	676	83	206	78.1	21.9	21.8	0.1
Louisiana.....	3,297,022	2,211,715	1,085,307	1,039,207	6,100	3,587	519	731	754	509	67.9	32.1	31.9	0.2
Oklahoma.....	2,328,284	2,107,900	220,384	153,084	67,300	64,689	749	398	267	1,197	90.5	9.5	6.6	2.9
Texas.....	9,579,677	8,374,831	1,204,846	1,187,125	17,721	5,750	4,053	4,172	1,623	2,123	87.4	12.6	12.4	0.2
<b>Mountain:</b>														
Montana.....	674,767	650,738	24,029	1,467	22,562	21,181	589	240	253	299	96.4	3.6	0.2	3.3
Idaho.....	667,191	657,383	9,808	1,502	8,306	5,231	2,254	311	193	317	98.5	1.5	0.2	1.2
Wyoming.....	330,066	322,922	7,144	2,183	4,961	4,020	514	192	99	136	97.8	2.2	0.7	1.5
Colorado.....	1,759,947	1,700,700	59,247	39,992	19,255	4,288	6,846	724	605	792	97.0	3.0	2.3	0.8
New Mexico.....	951,023	875,763	75,260	17,063	58,197	56,255	930	362	192	458	92.1	7.9	1.8	6.1
Arizona.....	1,302,161	1,169,517	132,644	43,403	89,241	83,387	1,501	2,936	943	474	89.8	10.2	3.3	6.9
Utah.....	890,627	873,828	16,799	4,148	12,651	6,961	4,371	629	207	483	98.1	1.9	0.5	1.4
Nevada.....	285,278	263,443	21,835	13,484	8,351	6,681	544	372	286	268	92.3	7.7	4.7	2.9
<b>Pacific:</b>														
Washington.....	2,853,214	2,751,675	101,539	48,738	52,801	21,076	16,652	5,491	7,110	2,472	96.4	3.6	1.7	1.9
Oregon.....	1,768,687	1,732,137	36,550	18,133	18,417	8,026	5,016	2,995	1,109	1,371	97.9	2.1	1.0	1.0
California.....	15,717,204	14,455,230	1,261,974	883,861										