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THE AGING POPULATION: NATIONAL TOTALS, 1958.

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Presents the latest Census Bureau estimates of total civilian population, by age, sex, and color, as of July 1, 1958, in comparison with data as of the April 1, 1950, census enumeration. The proportion of the total population in the age groups 45 through 64 and 65 and over, and the percent changes (1958 over 1950) are shown. For ease of comparison, the columns presenting the proportion of total population in each of the selected age groups in both years (columns 5 and 10 and columns 7 and 12) are outlined in heavy lines. The columns presenting percent change over the 8-year period in total population (column 3) and in each of the selected age groups (columns 8 and 13) are outlined in broken lines. Data for the larger age group, 45 and over, may be secured by adding together columns 4 and 9 and columns 5 and 10 for the number of persons and the percent of total population, respectively, for 1950, and columns 6 and 11 and columns 7 and 12 for 1958. The percent change columns cannot be added together; percent change would have to be computed from the sums of columns 4 and 9 and of columns 6 and 11.

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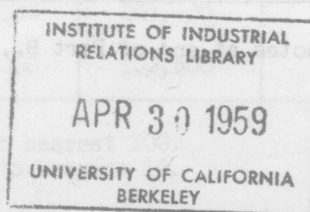
Part A. Net. Presents data on the number of persons aged 65 and over for the end of each fiscal year from 1949-1950 through 1957-1958, with computed annual, monthly, and daily rates of increase for each fiscal year and for the averages of the last 2, 3, and 4 fiscal years.

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Page 4. Sex ratios.

Presents data on the number of males per 100 females for total population and for ages 45 through 64 and 65 and over for each decennial year beginning with 1900 and for total and by color for 1958.



ESTIMATED CIVILIAN POPULATION, CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, TOTAL AND SELECTED AGE GROUPS, AS OF JULY 1, 1958, BY SEX AND COLOR, AND COMPARISONS WITH APRIL 1, 1950, CENSUS ENUMERATION.

[All population figures in thousands (000 omitted). Details may not add to totals due to rounding.]

Color and sex	Total: All ages			45 through 64 years of age					65 years of age and over				
	Number in 1950 (1)	1958		1950		1958			1950		1958		
		Number (2)	Percent change over 1950 (3)	Number (4)	Percent of total (5)	Number (6)	Percent of total (7)	Percent change over 1950 (8)	Number (9)	Percent of total (10)	Number (11)	Percent of total (12)	Percent change over 1950 (13)
Total	149,634	171,433	+14.6	30,691	20.3	35,189	20.3	+14.7	12,194	8.2	15,041	8.6	+23.3
Male	73,789	83,606	+13.3	15,332	20.4	17,119	19.9	+11.7	5,767	7.7	6,854	8.0	+18.8
Female	75,845	87,827	+15.8	15,359	20.3	18,070	20.5	+17.7	6,427	8.4	8,187	9.3	+27.4
White	133,953	152,364	+13.7	28,033	20.7	31,988	20.7	+14.1	11,374	8.5	14,012	9.1	+23.2
Male	66,158	74,388	+12.4	13,997	20.8	15,571	20.3	+11.2	5,360	7.9	6,365	8.2	+18.8
Female	67,796	77,976	+15.0	14,036	20.7	16,418	21.0	+17.0	6,014	9.0	7,646	9.8	+27.1
Nonwhite	15,681	19,069	+21.6	2,657	16.8	3,202	16.6	+20.5	820	5.2	1,029	5.4	+25.5
Male	7,631	9,218	+20.8	1,334	17.3	1,550	16.5	+16.2	408	5.3	489	5.3	+19.9
Female	8,050	9,851	+22.4	1,323	16.4	1,653	16.8	+24.9	413	5.1	541	5.5	+31.0

Estimated rate of growth in population aged 65 and over, continental United States.

A. Net (increase in total number of persons aged 65 and over).

As of July 1:	Total Number	Increase during period		
		Annual	Monthly ¹	Daily ²
1950	12,286,000	366,000	30,500	1,000
1951	12,644,000	358,000	29,800	980
1952	12,996,000	352,000	29,300	960
1953	13,333,000	337,000	28,100	920
1954	13,698,000	365,000	30,400	1,000
1955	14,069,000	371,000	30,900	1,020
1956	14,406,000	337,000	28,100	920
1957	14,750,000	344,000	28,700	940
1958	15,041,000	291,000	24,300	800
Average for last:				
2 fiscal years		318,000	26,500	870
3 fiscal years		324,000	27,000	890
4 fiscal years		336,000	28,000	920

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B. Gross (number of persons reaching age 65).

Period	Increase during period		
	Annual	Monthly ¹	Daily ²
Decades			
1930-1940	758,000	63,200	2,080
1940-1950	985,000	82,100	2,700
1950-1958	1,187,000	98,900	3,250
Fiscal years ending June 30:			
1951	1,120,000	93,300	3,070
1952	1,135,000	94,600	3,110
1953	1,151,000	95,900	3,150
1954	1,172,000	97,700	3,210
1955	1,196,000	99,700	3,280
1956	1,219,000	101,600	3,340
1957	1,242,000	103,500	3,400
1958	1,263,000	105,300	3,460
Average for last:			
2 fiscal years	1,253,000	104,400	3,430
3 fiscal years	1,241,000	103,400	3,400
4 fiscal years	1,230,000	102,500	3,370

¹ Annual increase divided by 12, rounded to nearest 100.

² Annual increase divided by 365, rounded to nearest 10.

Sex ratios (number of males per 100 females).

Year	Total: All ages	45 through 64 years of age	65 years of age and over
1900	104.4	111.1	102.2
1910	106.0	114.7	101.4
1920	104.1	114.4	101.6
1930	102.5	109.0	100.4
1940	100.9	105.0	95.3
1950	99.2	99.8	89.6
1958 - Total	98.1	95.0	83.7
White	98.4	95.1	83.2
Nonwhite	95.6	93.9	90.4