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THE AGING POPULATION: NATIONAL TOTALS, 1959

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ESTIMATED CIVILIAN POPULATION, CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES<sup>1</sup>, TOTAL AND SELECTED AGE GROUPS, AS OF JULY 1, 1959, 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  | 1959    |                          | 1950                       |                  | 1959   |                  |                          | 1950                     |                  | 1959   |                  |                          |
|                    |                 | Number  | Percent change over 1950 | Number                     | Percent of total | Number | Percent of total | Percent change over 1950 | Number                   | Percent of total | Number | Percent of total | Percent change over 1950 |
|                    | (1)             | (2)     | (3)                      | (4)                        | (5)              | (6)    | (7)              | (8)                      | (9)                      | (10)             | (11)   | (12)             | (13)                     |
| Total <sup>1</sup> | 149,634         | 174,413 | +16.6                    | 30,691                     | 20.3             | 35,765 | 20.5             | +16.5                    | 12,194                   | 8.2              | 15,373 | 8.8              | +26.1                    |
| Male               | 73,789          | 85,065  | +15.3                    | 15,332                     | 20.4             | 17,346 | 20.4             | +13.1                    | 5,767                    | 7.7              | 6,962  | 8.2              | +20.7                    |
| Female             | 75,845          | 89,348  | +17.8                    | 15,359                     | 20.3             | 18,419 | 20.6             | +19.9                    | 6,427                    | 8.4              | 8,411  | 9.4              | +30.9                    |
| White              | 133,953         | 154,835 | +15.6                    | 28,033                     | 20.7             | 32,491 | 21.0             | +15.9                    | 11,374                   | 8.5              | 14,325 | 9.3              | +25.9                    |
| Male               | 66,158          | 75,593  | +14.3                    | 13,997                     | 20.8             | 15,771 | 20.9             | +12.7                    | 5,360                    | 7.9              | 6,468  | 8.6              | +20.7                    |
| Female             | 67,796          | 79,242  | +16.9                    | 14,036                     | 20.7             | 16,720 | 21.1             | +19.1                    | 6,014                    | 9.0              | 7,857  | 9.9              | +30.6                    |
| Nonwhite           | 15,681          | 19,578  | +24.9                    | 2,657                      | 16.8             | 3,274  | 16.7             | +23.2                    | 820                      | 5.2              | 1,048  | 5.4              | +27.8                    |
| Male               | 7,631           | 9,472   | +24.1                    | 1,334                      | 17.3             | 1,575  | 16.6             | +18.1                    | 408                      | 5.3              | 494    | 5.2              | +21.1                    |
| Female             | 8,050           | 10,106  | +25.5                    | 1,323                      | 16.4             | 1,698  | 16.8             | +28.3                    | 413                      | 5.1              | 554    | 5.5              | +34.1                    |

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 | Net increase during period |                      |                    |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|                   |              | Annual                     | Monthly <sup>2</sup> | Daily <sup>3</sup> |
| 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                |
| 1959              | 15,373,000   | 332,000                    | 27,700               | 910                |
| Average for last: |              |                            |                      |                    |
| 2 fiscal years    |              | 312,000                    | 26,000               | 850                |
| 3 fiscal years    |              | 322,000                    | 26,800               | 880                |
| 4 fiscal years    |              | 326,000                    | 27,200               | 890                |

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

| Period                       | Gross increase during period |                      |                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|                              | Annual                       | Monthly <sup>2</sup> | Daily <sup>3</sup> |
| Decades                      |                              |                      |                    |
| 1931-1940                    | 758,000                      | 63,200               | 2,080              |
| 1941-1950                    | 985,000                      | 82,100               | 2,700              |
| 1951-1959                    | 1,198,000                    | 99,800               | 3,280              |
| 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              |
| 1959                         | 1,284,000                    | 107,000              | 3,520              |
| Average for last:            |                              |                      |                    |
| 2 fiscal years               | 1,274,000                    | 106,200              | 3,490              |
| 3 fiscal years               | 1,263,000                    | 105,300              | 3,460              |
| 4 fiscal years               | 1,252,000                    | 104,300              | 3,430              |

<sup>1</sup> Continental United States includes 48 States and the District of Columbia; excludes Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, for which see 1958 data in Fact Sheet No. 2, Revised March 1960.

<sup>2</sup> Annual increase divided by 12, rounded to nearest 100.

<sup>3</sup> Annual increase divided by 365, rounded to nearest 10.

# Sex Ratios (number of males per 100 females)

| Year         | Total:<br>All ages | 45 through 64<br>years of age | 65 years of<br>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                        |
| 1959 - Total | 98.0               | 94.5                          | 82.8                        |
| White        | 98.3               | 94.7                          | 82.4                        |
| Nonwhite     | 95.6               | 93.0                          | 89.3                        |