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POPULATION OF PUERTO RICO: APRIL 1, 1950

(The figures in this report are preliminary counts of population as compiled in Puerto Rico. Additional reports in this series will be issued as preliminary counts for other Territories and possessions become available)

Preliminary 1950 Census counts of the population of Puerto Rico were reported today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The preliminary population total for Puerto Rico on April 1, 1950 was 2,205,398, representing an increase of 18.0 percent over the 1940 population total of 1,869,255.

The preliminary population counts given below represent the number of persons enumerated in each area listed, but not the final verified population totals. The final

population total for any given place may differ from the preliminary count as the result of reallocating to that place any of its residents who were enumerated in other places. The count may also differ as the result of reallocation of crews of vessels docked in the place who were not included in the preliminary count, because of the reallocation of certain groups of persons to areas in the United States, its Territories or other possessions, and because of other revisions.

Table 1.--POPULATION OF PUERTO RICO, BY MUNICIPIOS: APRIL 1, 1950

(A minus sign (-) denotes decrease. Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

Area	Population		Percent of increase, 1940 to 1950
	1950 (preliminary)	1940	
PUERTO RICO.....	2,205,398	1,869,255	18.0
Adjuntas.....	22,415	22,556	-0.6
Agüada.....	20,727	17,923	15.6
Agüadilla.....	43,748	34,956	25.2
Agüas Buenas.....	15,546	14,671	6.0
Aibonito.....	18,206	16,819	8.2
Atascadero.....	17,173	15,701	9.4
Arecibo.....	75,058	69,192	8.5
Arroyo.....	12,899	10,746	20.0
Barceloneta.....	19,899	18,545	7.3
Barranquitas.....	17,590	17,096	2.9
Bayamón.....	48,179	37,190	29.5
Cabo Rojo.....	29,488	28,586	3.2
Caguas.....	60,132	53,356	12.7
Camuy.....	20,865	18,922	10.3
Carolina.....	29,143	24,046	21.2

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Area	Population		Percent of increase, 1940 to 1950	Area	Population		Percent of increase, 1940 to 1950
	1950 (preliminary)	1940			1950 (preliminary)	1940	
Cataño.....	19,856	9,719	104.3	Maunabo.....	11,742	10,792	8.8
Cayey.....	36,634	31,391	16.7	Mayagüez.....	87,038	76,487	13.8
Ceiba.....	9,192	7,021	30.9	Moca.....	21,622	19,716	9.7
Ciales.....	19,423	22,906	-15.2	Morovis.....	19,294	19,167	0.7
Cidra.....	20,518	20,392	0.6	Naguabo.....	20,991	19,180	9.4
Coamo.....	26,463	22,772	16.2	Naranjito.....	15,949	13,954	14.3
Comerio.....	17,969	18,539	-3.1	Orocovis.....	21,085	19,770	6.7
Corozal.....	23,080	20,458	12.8	Patillas.....	18,789	17,319	8.5
Culebra.....	877	860	2.0	Peñuelas.....	14,867	14,789	0.5
Dorado.....	11,752	9,481	24.0	Ponce.....	126,451	105,116	20.3
Fajardo.....	22,036	20,405	8.0	Quebradillas.....	13,720	11,494	19.4
Guánica.....	15,575	12,685	22.8	Rincón.....	9,862	9,256	6.5
Guayama.....	32,713	30,511	7.2	Río Grande.....	16,640	16,116	3.3
Guayanilla.....	17,373	15,577	11.5	Río Piedras.....	143,897	68,290	110.7
Guaynabo.....	29,075	18,319	58.7	Sabana Grande.....	16,080	14,146	13.7
Gurabo.....	16,274	15,870	2.5	Salinas.....	23,412	19,400	20.7
Hatillo.....	20,857	18,322	13.8	San Germán.....	29,514	26,473	11.5
Hormigueros.....	6,907	6,098	13.3	San Juan.....	223,949	169,247	32.3
Humacao.....	34,965	29,833	17.2	San Lorenzo.....	29,209	26,627	9.7
Isabela.....	29,061	25,842	12.5	San Sebastian.....	34,439	30,266	13.8
Jayuya.....	15,062	14,589	3.2	Santa Isabel.....	13,462	11,468	17.4
Juana Díaz.....	27,660	23,396	18.2	Toa Alta.....	14,170	13,371	6.0
Juncos.....	21,668	19,464	11.3	Toa Baja.....	15,795	11,410	38.4
Lajas.....	16,275	14,736	10.4	Trujillo Alto.....	13,588	11,726	15.9
Lares.....	29,921	29,914	-	Utuado.....	46,615	42,531	9.6
Las Marías.....	10,806	9,626	12.3	Vega Alta.....	16,510	14,329	15.2
Las Piedras.....	16,235	15,389	5.5	Vega Baja.....	28,896	23,105	25.1
Loíza.....	24,313	22,145	9.8	Vieques.....	9,211	10,362	-11.1
Luquillo.....	9,979	8,851	12.7	Villalba.....	14,903	12,871	15.8
Manatí.....	30,427	29,366	3.6	Yabucoa.....	28,674	27,438	4.5
Maricao.....	7,353	7,724	-4.8	Yauco.....	33,657	30,533	10.2

Table 2.--POPULATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS WITH 10,000 INHABITANTS OR MORE: APRIL 1, 1950

City or town	Population		Percent of increase, 1940 to 1950	City or town	Population		Percent of increase, 1940 to 1950
	1950 (preliminary)	1940			1950 (preliminary)	1940	
Aguadilla town.....	18,181	13,468	35.0	Guayama town.....	19,367	16,913	14.5
Arecibo town.....	28,500	22,134	28.8	Humacao town.....	10,823	7,624	42.0
Bayamón town.....	20,245	14,596	38.7	Manatí town.....	10,075	6,771	48.8
Caguas town.....	33,733	24,377	38.4	Mayagüez city.....	58,744	50,376	16.6
Cayey town.....	18,402	5,622	227.3	Ponce city.....	99,190	65,182	52.2
Coamo town.....	11,561	8,691	33.0	Río Piedras city.....	132,369	19,935	564.0
Fajardo town.....	15,255	7,108	114.6	San Juan city.....	223,949	169,247	32.3