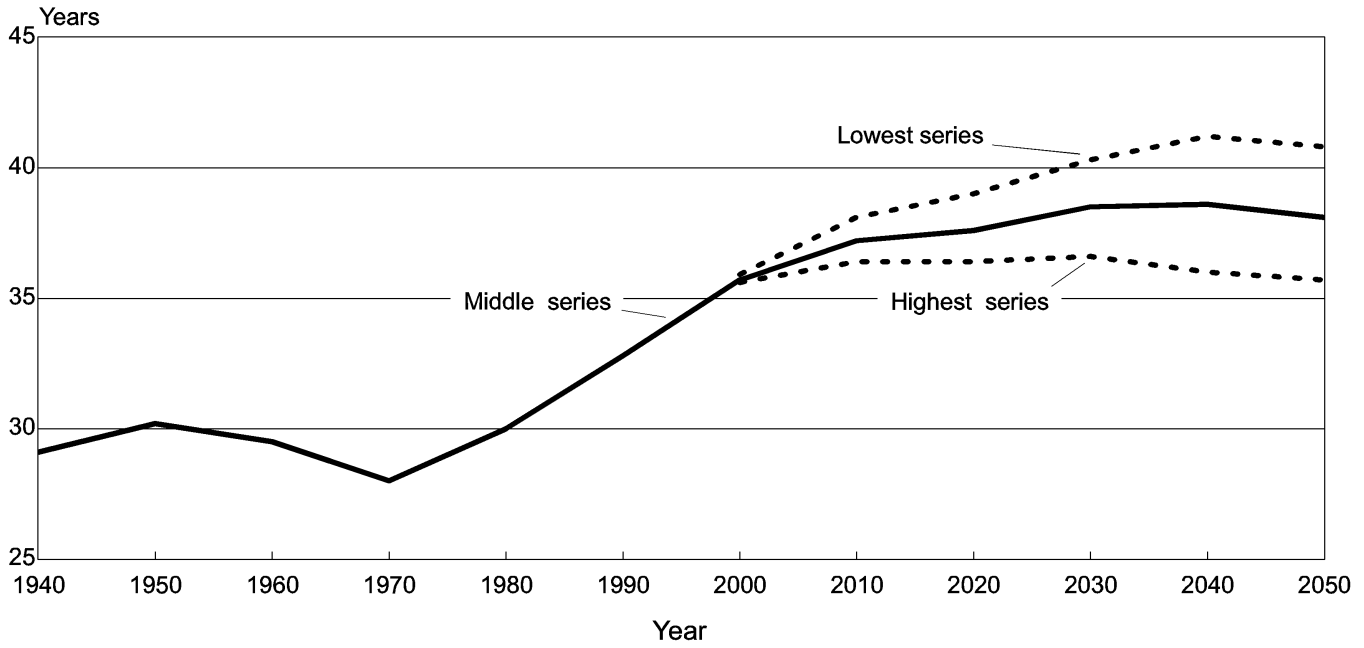
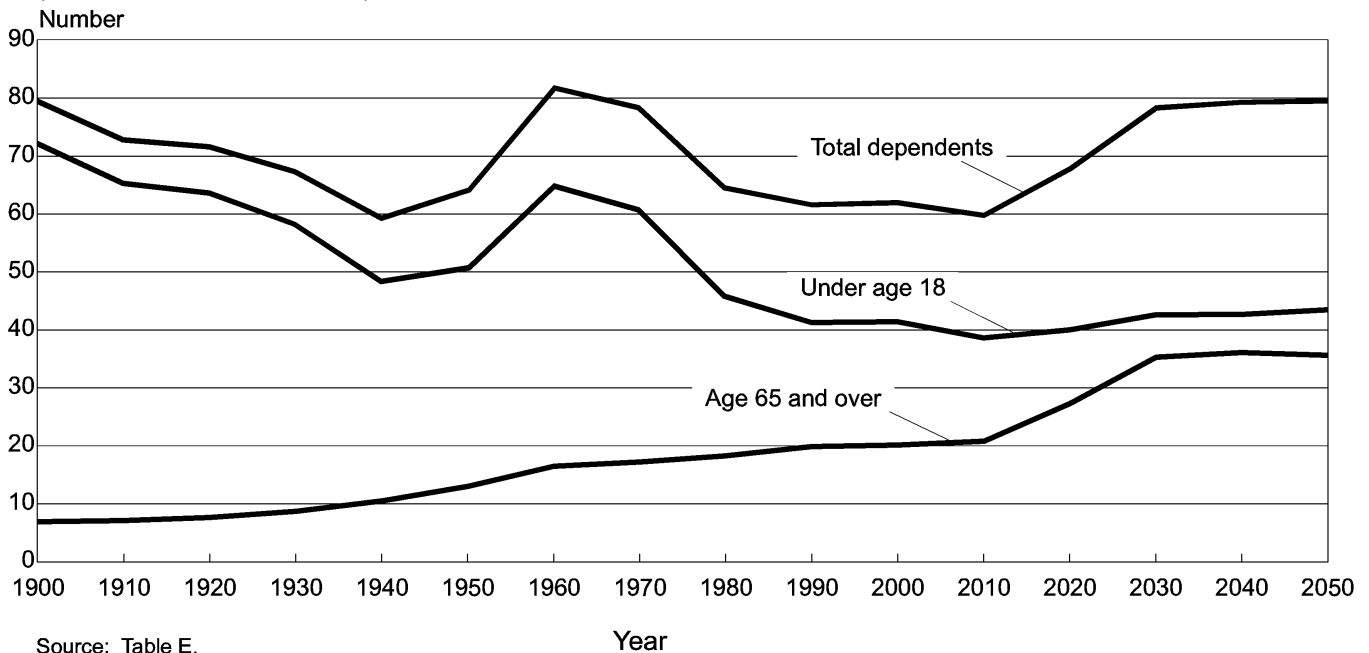


Figure 5.
Median Age: 1940 to 2050



Sources: Tables 2 and 3 and Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 98, 310, 519, 917, 1095, and 1127.

Figure 6.
Number of Dependents per 100 Persons Age 18 to 64 Years: 1900 to 2050
 (Middle series beyond 1990)



Source: Table E.

**Table E. Number of Dependents per 100 Persons
Age 18 to 64 Years: 1900 to 2050**

[Middle series. As of July 1. Resident population]

| Year | Total dependents | Under age 18 | Age 65 and over |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| ESTIMATES | | | |
| 1900..... | 79.9 | 72.6 | 7.3 |
| 1910..... | 73.2 | 65.7 | 7.5 |
| 1920..... | 72.0 | 64.0 | 8.0 |
| 1930..... | 67.7 | 58.6 | 9.1 |
| 1940..... | 59.7 | 48.8 | 10.9 |
| 1950..... | 64.5 | 51.1 | 13.4 |
| 1960..... | 82.2 | 65.3 | 16.9 |
| 1970..... | 78.7 | 61.1 | 17.6 |
| 1980..... | 64.9 | 46.2 | 18.7 |
| 1985..... | 61.9 | 42.6 | 19.3 |
| 1990..... | 62.0 | 41.7 | 20.3 |
| PROJECTIONS | | | |
| 1995..... | 63.7 | 42.8 | 20.9 |
| 2000..... | 62.4 | 41.8 | 20.5 |
| 2010..... | 60.2 | 39.0 | 21.2 |
| 2020..... | 68.2 | 40.4 | 27.7 |
| 2030..... | 78.7 | 43.0 | 35.7 |
| 2040..... | 79.7 | 43.1 | 36.5 |
| 2050..... | 79.9 | 43.9 | 36.0 |

Sources: Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 311, 519, 917, 1095, 1127; and table 2.

million around 2000, then return to their current level by 2010 (table F). From 2020 to 2050, this group is projected to be larger than ever before.

The elementary school-age population (5 to 13) would increase by 1.7 million from 1995 to 2000, reaching 36 million for the first time in 30 years (table F). After 2000, smaller cohorts born near the end of the 20th century would cause this population to decline for a decade. However, it would start to increase again by 2015. By 2020, the elementary school population would increase to over 38 million and to nearly 48 million by 2050.

The high school age population (14 to 17) is projected to continue to grow from 15 million in 1995 to 17 million in 2005 (table F). As the smaller cohorts born near the end of the 20th century enter high school, this group would stabilize until after 2020—then steadily increase to 21 million in 2050.

The age group 18 to 24 years includes the primary ages of new entrants to the labor force, college, and the military. Since its early-1980's peak at 30 million, the size of this group has declined to less than 25 million currently. The middle series shows this group would begin to grow again during the latter half of the 1990's, increasing to 26 million in 2000 and 30 million in 2010.

Table F. Population by Age: 1990 to 2050

[In thousands. As of July 1. Resident population]

| Year | Total | Under 5 years | 5 to 13 years | 14 to 17 years | 18 to 24 years | 25 to 34 years | 35 to 44 years | 45 to 64 years | 65 years and over | 85 years and over | 100 years and over |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| ESTIMATE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990..... | 249,402 | 18,849 | 31,996 | 13,311 | 26,826 | 43,139 | 37,766 | 46,280 | 31,235 | 3,057 | 37 |
| PROJECTIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lowest Series | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 262,798 | 19,590 | 34,378 | 14,773 | 24,926 | 40,862 | 42,514 | 52,227 | 33,528 | 3,630 | 53 |
| 2000..... | 271,237 | 17,943 | 35,790 | 15,602 | 25,876 | 36,740 | 44,364 | 60,638 | 34,284 | 4,148 | 69 |
| 2005..... | 276,990 | 16,896 | 34,366 | 16,667 | 27,491 | 35,095 | 41,365 | 70,137 | 34,974 | 4,566 | 92 |
| 2010..... | 281,468 | 16,563 | 31,950 | 16,319 | 29,050 | 36,393 | 37,049 | 76,982 | 37,162 | 5,005 | 106 |
| 2020..... | 288,807 | 17,168 | 30,998 | 14,331 | 26,671 | 40,067 | 36,640 | 75,129 | 47,803 | 4,987 | 135 |
| 2030..... | 291,070 | 16,450 | 31,454 | 14,631 | 25,111 | 36,312 | 40,222 | 68,023 | 58,869 | 5,776 | 159 |
| 2040..... | 287,685 | 16,200 | 30,164 | 14,405 | 25,849 | 35,018 | 36,489 | 71,106 | 58,454 | 8,250 | 174 |
| 2050..... | 282,524 | 16,330 | 30,124 | 13,925 | 24,810 | 35,604 | 35,185 | 70,615 | 55,930 | 9,642 | 265 |
| Middle Series | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 262,820 | 19,591 | 34,378 | 14,773 | 24,926 | 40,863 | 42,514 | 52,231 | 33,543 | 3,634 | 54 |
| 2000..... | 274,634 | 18,987 | 36,043 | 15,752 | 26,258 | 37,233 | 44,659 | 60,992 | 34,709 | 4,259 | 72 |
| 2005..... | 285,981 | 19,127 | 35,850 | 16,986 | 28,268 | 36,306 | 42,165 | 71,113 | 36,166 | 4,899 | 101 |
| 2010..... | 297,716 | 20,012 | 35,605 | 16,894 | 30,138 | 38,292 | 38,521 | 78,848 | 39,408 | 5,671 | 131 |
| 2020..... | 322,742 | 21,979 | 38,660 | 16,965 | 29,919 | 42,934 | 39,612 | 79,454 | 53,220 | 6,460 | 214 |
| 2030..... | 346,899 | 23,066 | 41,589 | 18,788 | 31,826 | 42,744 | 44,263 | 75,245 | 69,379 | 8,455 | 324 |
| 2040..... | 369,980 | 24,980 | 43,993 | 19,844 | 34,570 | 45,932 | 44,159 | 81,268 | 75,233 | 13,552 | 447 |
| 2050..... | 393,931 | 27,106 | 47,804 | 21,207 | 36,333 | 49,365 | 47,393 | 85,862 | 78,859 | 18,223 | 834 |
| Highest Series | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 262,846 | 19,591 | 34,378 | 14,773 | 24,927 | 40,864 | 42,517 | 52,235 | 33,561 | 3,640 | 54 |
| 2000..... | 278,129 | 19,955 | 36,300 | 15,909 | 26,651 | 37,766 | 45,038 | 61,346 | 35,165 | 4,399 | 81 |
| 2005..... | 295,318 | 21,350 | 37,266 | 17,318 | 29,064 | 37,599 | 43,197 | 72,116 | 37,407 | 5,317 | 136 |
| 2010..... | 314,571 | 23,649 | 39,195 | 17,467 | 31,248 | 40,275 | 40,302 | 80,756 | 41,678 | 6,518 | 214 |
| 2020..... | 357,702 | 27,273 | 46,855 | 19,641 | 33,084 | 45,836 | 42,878 | 83,736 | 58,400 | 8,456 | 515 |
| 2030..... | 405,089 | 30,818 | 52,876 | 23,276 | 38,886 | 49,091 | 48,519 | 82,294 | 79,329 | 12,198 | 1,074 |
| 2040..... | 458,444 | 35,901 | 60,446 | 26,000 | 44,069 | 57,362 | 51,925 | 90,818 | 91,923 | 20,920 | 1,902 |
| 2050..... | 518,903 | 41,213 | 70,000 | 30,005 | 49,683 | 64,279 | 60,324 | 99,918 | 103,481 | 31,093 | 4,218 |

Sources: Tables 2 and 3, and PPL-21.

Table G. Percent Distribution of the Population by Age: 1990 to 2050

[In percent. As of July 1. Resident population]

| Year | Total | Under 5 years | 5 to 13 years | 14 to 17 years | 18 to 24 years | 25 to 34 years | 35 to 44 years | 45 to 64 years | 65 years and over | 85 years and over | 100 years and over |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| ESTIMATE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990..... | 100.0 | 7.6 | 12.8 | 5.3 | 10.8 | 17.3 | 15.1 | 18.6 | 12.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| PROJECTIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lowest Series | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 100.0 | 7.5 | 13.1 | 5.6 | 9.5 | 15.5 | 16.2 | 19.9 | 12.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 |
| 2000..... | 100.0 | 6.6 | 13.2 | 5.8 | 9.5 | 13.5 | 16.4 | 22.4 | 12.6 | 1.5 | 0.0 |
| 2005..... | 100.0 | 6.1 | 12.4 | 6.0 | 9.9 | 12.7 | 14.9 | 25.3 | 12.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| 2010..... | 100.0 | 5.9 | 11.4 | 5.8 | 10.3 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 27.4 | 13.2 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| 2020..... | 100.0 | 5.9 | 10.7 | 5.0 | 9.2 | 13.9 | 12.7 | 26.0 | 16.6 | 1.7 | 0.0 |
| 2030..... | 100.0 | 5.7 | 10.8 | 5.0 | 8.6 | 12.5 | 13.8 | 23.4 | 20.2 | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| 2040..... | 100.0 | 5.6 | 10.5 | 5.0 | 9.0 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 24.7 | 20.3 | 2.9 | 0.1 |
| 2050..... | 100.0 | 5.8 | 10.7 | 4.9 | 8.8 | 12.6 | 12.5 | 25.0 | 19.8 | 3.4 | 0.1 |
| Middle Series | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 100.0 | 7.5 | 13.1 | 5.6 | 9.5 | 15.5 | 16.2 | 19.9 | 12.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 |
| 2000..... | 100.0 | 6.9 | 13.1 | 5.7 | 9.6 | 13.6 | 16.3 | 22.2 | 12.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| 2005..... | 100.0 | 6.7 | 12.5 | 5.9 | 9.9 | 12.7 | 14.7 | 24.9 | 12.6 | 1.7 | 0.0 |
| 2010..... | 100.0 | 6.7 | 12.0 | 5.7 | 10.1 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 26.5 | 13.2 | 1.9 | 0.0 |
| 2020..... | 100.0 | 6.8 | 12.0 | 5.3 | 9.3 | 13.3 | 12.3 | 24.6 | 16.5 | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| 2030..... | 100.0 | 6.6 | 12.0 | 5.4 | 9.2 | 12.3 | 12.8 | 21.7 | 20.0 | 2.4 | 0.1 |
| 2040..... | 100.0 | 6.8 | 11.9 | 5.4 | 9.3 | 12.4 | 11.9 | 22.0 | 20.3 | 3.7 | 0.1 |
| 2050..... | 100.0 | 6.9 | 12.1 | 5.4 | 9.2 | 12.5 | 12.0 | 21.8 | 20.0 | 4.6 | 0.2 |
| Highest Series | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 100.0 | 7.5 | 13.1 | 5.6 | 9.5 | 15.5 | 16.2 | 19.9 | 12.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 |
| 2000..... | 100.0 | 7.2 | 13.1 | 5.7 | 9.6 | 13.6 | 16.2 | 22.1 | 12.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| 2005..... | 100.0 | 7.2 | 12.6 | 5.9 | 9.8 | 12.7 | 14.6 | 24.4 | 12.7 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| 2010..... | 100.0 | 7.5 | 12.5 | 5.6 | 9.9 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 25.7 | 13.2 | 2.1 | 0.1 |
| 2020..... | 100.0 | 7.6 | 13.1 | 5.5 | 9.2 | 12.8 | 12.0 | 23.4 | 16.3 | 2.4 | 0.1 |
| 2030..... | 100.0 | 7.6 | 13.1 | 5.7 | 9.6 | 12.1 | 12.0 | 20.3 | 19.6 | 3.0 | 0.3 |
| 2040..... | 100.0 | 7.8 | 13.2 | 5.7 | 9.6 | 12.5 | 11.3 | 19.8 | 20.1 | 4.6 | 0.4 |
| 2050..... | 100.0 | 7.9 | 13.5 | 5.8 | 9.6 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 19.3 | 19.9 | 6.0 | 0.8 |

Source: Derived from table F.

The population age 25 to 34 would drop from 40.9 million in 1995 to 37.2 million in 2000 as the last of the Baby Boom turns 35.

The total population under age 45 is projected to increase from 177 million in 1995 to 179 million in 2000 and 190 million in 2020. Even so, this age group's share of the total population may be smaller through 2050 (table G). It is projected to decline from 67 percent in 1995 to 65 percent in 2000, and 59 percent in 2020.

The post-World War II Baby Boomers will begin to turn 50 in the latter part of 1996. Consequently, those in their 50's would increase 12 million (50 percent) from 1996 to 2006 (table 2). This growth also represents over half of the Nation's expected total growth of 23 million during this period.

The elderly. In general, the oldest age groups are projected to increase during the next 55 years, both in number and as a share of the population. In 1995, there will be 33.5 million people age 65 and over, about 12.8 percent of the

population. By 2000, this group would grow to 34.7 million, but decline to 12.6 percent of the population. By 2050, however, the elderly would number almost 79 million and represent 20 percent of the population (tables F and G).

As shown in figure 7, until 2010 the elderly population (age 65 and older) is projected to grow more slowly than ever before in U.S. history. From 1990 to 2010, it would grow only 1.3 percent a year, compared with its average annual growth of 2.3 percent from 1950 to 1990 (table H).

After 2010, when the survivors of the Baby Boom start to enter this age group, the share of the population age 65 and over would increase dramatically from 13.2 percent in 2010 to 20 percent by 2030—from 39.4 million elderly persons to 69.4 million. However, the average annual rate of increase for this age group during those 20 years would be just 2.8 percent—less than the rate of growth in the elderly population from 1920 to 1960 (table H, figure 7).

Large increases in the oldest of the elderly population because of longer life expectancy and the large number of people reaching the oldest ages is a major factor in the

Table H. Average Annual Percent Change in Elderly Population: 1900 to 2050

[Middle series. Resident population]

| Period (July 1 to July 1) | 65 years and over | 85 years and over | 100 years and over |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| ESTIMATES | | | |
| 1900 to 1910 | 2.52 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1910 to 1920 | 2.12 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1920 to 1930 | 3.08 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1930 to 1940 | 2.98 | (NA) | (NA) |
| 1940 to 1950 | 3.17 | 4.66 | (NA) |
| 1950 to 1960 | 2.96 | 4.66 | 4.05 |
| 1960 to 1970 | 1.87 | 4.20 | 5.11 |
| 1970 to 1980 | 2.46 | 4.63 | 10.99 |
| 1980 to 1990 | 1.94 | 2.94 | 9.03 |
| PROJECTIONS | | | |
| 1990 to 2000 | 1.05 | 3.32 | 6.56 |
| 2000 to 2010 | 1.27 | 2.86 | 6.02 |
| 2010 to 2020 | 3.00 | 1.30 | 4.93 |
| 2020 to 2030 | 2.65 | 2.69 | 4.15 |
| 2030 to 2040 | 0.81 | 4.72 | 3.22 |
| 2040 to 2050 | 0.47 | 2.96 | 6.23 |

NA Not available.

Sources: Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 519, 917, 1095; and PPL-21; Siegel, Jacob S. and Jeffrey S. Passel, "New Estimates of the Number of Centenarians in the United States," *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, Volume 71, No. 355 (September 1976); table 2.

higher numbers of elderly. In fact, all of the increase in the 65 and over age group after 2030 can be attributed to increases in the number of people 75 years and older (figure 8).

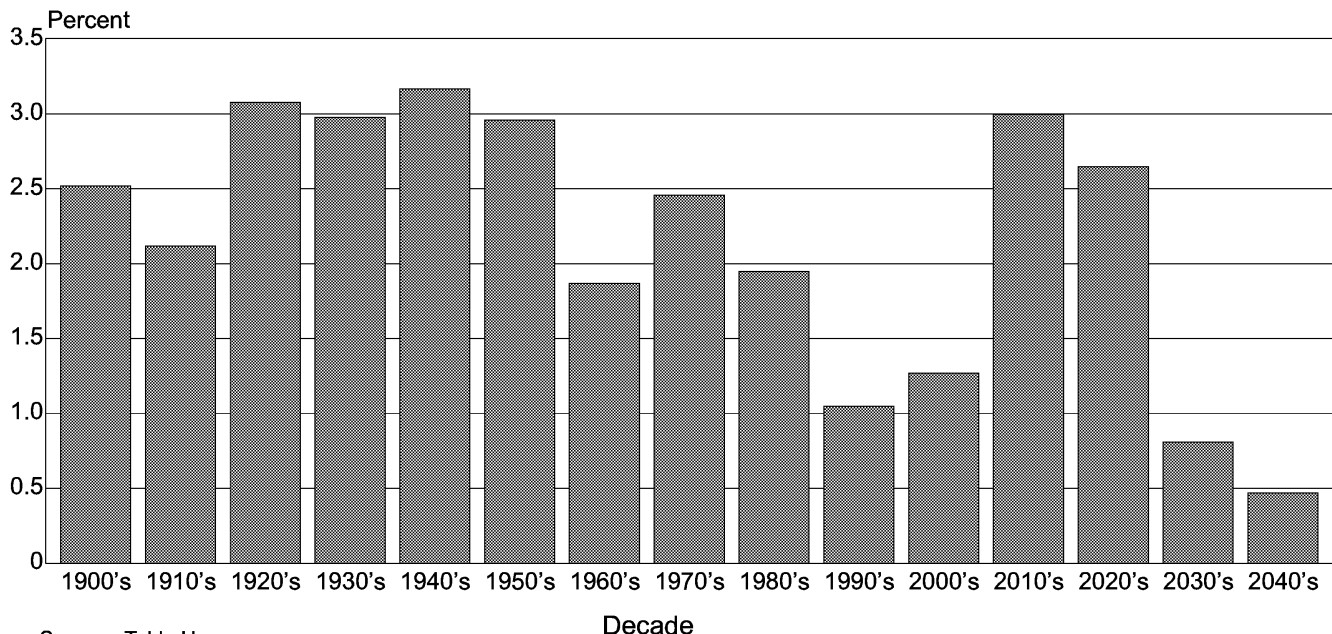
The population age 85 and over would be the fastest-growing large age group, doubling in size from 1995 to the year 2030, and increasing fivefold by the year 2050. In 1995, 3.6 million people were projected to be 85 years and over. By 2050, this figure would increase to 18.2 million. Both increased life expectancy and the increased number of people entering these age groups contribute to the population explosion in these older ages.

The population 100 years and over, though numerically small, is also projected to grow substantially. In 1995, the centenarian population is projected to be 54,000. This would grow to 81,000 by 2000; to 214,000 in 2020; and to over 800,000 by 2050 (table F).

Race and Hispanic-Origin Distribution

Table I and table J show the future changes in race/ethnic composition of the population according to the middle series. The race and Hispanic-origin distribution of the U.S. population is projected to change. As the Black, Asian, American Indian, and Hispanic populations increase their proportions of the total population, the White population

Figure 7. Average Annual Percent Change in Population Age 65 and Over: 1900 to 2050
(Middle series for 1990's and beyond)



Source: Table H.

Figure 8.
Population of Persons Age 65 and Over: 1990 to 2050
 (Middle series beyond 1990)

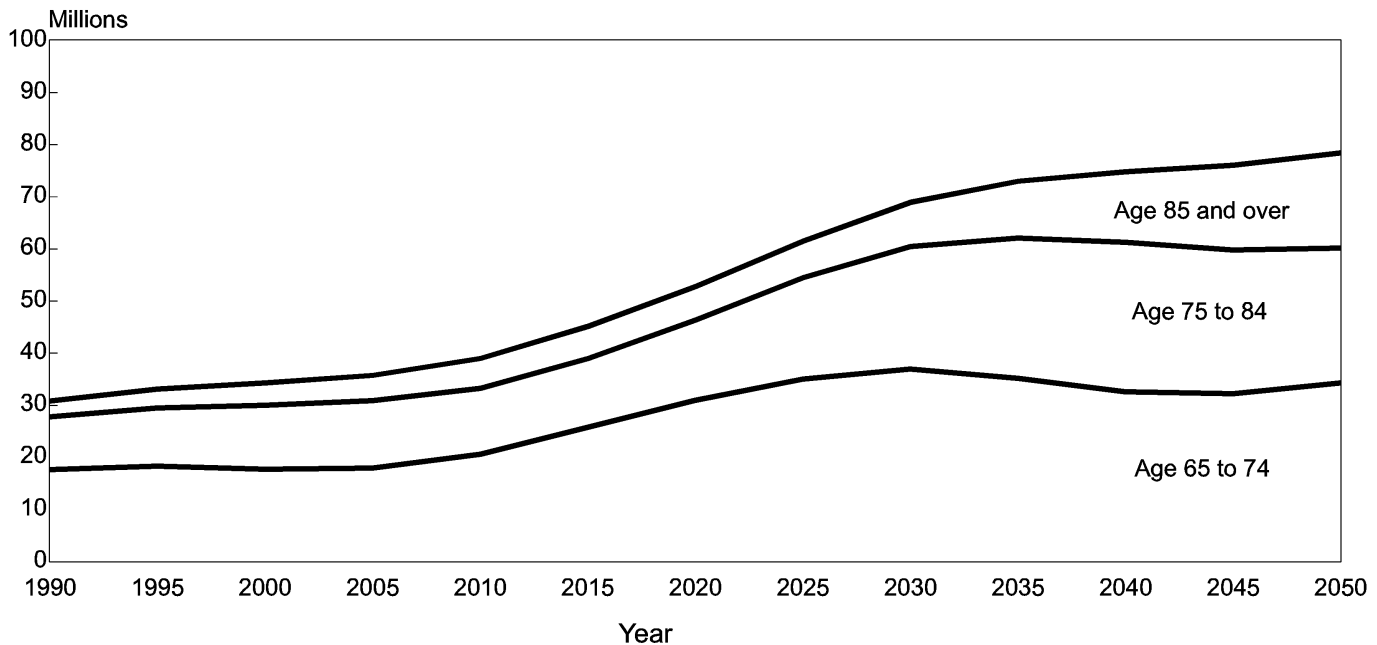


Table I. **Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2050**

[In thousands. As of July 1. Resident population]

| Year | Total | Race | | | | Hispanic origin ³ | Not of Hispanic origin | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | White | Black | American Indian ¹ | Asian ² | | White | Black | American Indian ¹ | Asian ² |
| ESTIMATE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | 249,402 | 209,180 | 30,599 | 2,073 | 7,550 | 22,549 | 188,601 | 29,374 | 1,802 | 7,076 |
| PROJECTIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middle Series | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | 262,820 | 218,078 | 33,144 | 2,241 | 9,357 | 26,936 | 193,566 | 31,598 | 1,931 | 8,788 |
| 2000 | 274,634 | 225,532 | 35,454 | 2,402 | 11,245 | 31,366 | 197,061 | 33,568 | 2,054 | 10,584 |
| 2005 | 285,981 | 232,463 | 37,734 | 2,572 | 13,212 | 36,057 | 199,802 | 35,485 | 2,183 | 12,454 |
| 2010 | 297,716 | 239,588 | 40,109 | 2,754 | 15,265 | 41,139 | 202,390 | 37,466 | 2,320 | 14,402 |
| 2020 | 322,742 | 254,887 | 45,075 | 3,129 | 19,651 | 52,652 | 207,393 | 41,538 | 2,601 | 18,557 |
| 2030 | 346,899 | 269,046 | 50,001 | 3,515 | 24,337 | 65,570 | 209,998 | 45,448 | 2,891 | 22,993 |
| 2040 | 369,980 | 281,720 | 55,094 | 3,932 | 29,235 | 80,164 | 209,621 | 49,379 | 3,203 | 27,614 |
| 2050 | 393,931 | 294,615 | 60,592 | 4,371 | 34,352 | 96,508 | 207,901 | 53,555 | 3,534 | 32,432 |
| Lowest Series | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2050 | 282,524 | 213,782 | 44,477 | 3,383 | 20,882 | 62,230 | 157,701 | 40,118 | 2,793 | 19,683 |
| Highest Series | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2050 | 518,903 | 381,505 | 81,815 | 5,384 | 50,199 | 133,106 | 262,140 | 71,863 | 4,295 | 47,498 |

¹American Indian represents American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut.

²Asian represents Asian and Pacific Islander.

³Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The information on the total and Hispanic population shown in this report was collected in the 50 States and the District of Columbia and, therefore, does not include residents of Puerto Rico.

Sources: Tables 2 and 3, and P25-1127.

proportion would decrease. The decrease is even more pronounced for non-Hispanic Whites.⁴

A combination of three factors contribute to this shift in population distribution over the next six decades:

1. Differential fertility
2. Differential net immigration
3. Differential age distributions among the race and Hispanic-origin groups

Higher fertility rates and net immigration levels would elevate the increased proportions of the expanding groups. At the same time, the non-Hispanic population would experience an increase in the number of deaths as more and more of this population enters older age groups where the risk of mortality is highest.

By the turn of the century, the White percentage of the population would decrease from its current value of 83 percent to 82 percent of the population. About 13 percent of the population would be Black, 4 percent of the population would be Asian and Pacific Islander, and the remaining 1

percent of the population would consist of American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts. People of Hispanic origin would be 11 percent of the total population. The non-Hispanic White population would decrease to 72 percent of the total population.

By 2050, 75 percent of the population would be White; 15 percent Black; 1 percent American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut; and 9 percent Asian and Pacific Islander. The Hispanic-origin population would increase to 25 percent, and the non-Hispanic White population would decline to 53 percent.

Similar distributional changes would occur in both the highest and lowest series, though less so in the lowest series and more so in the highest series. However, compared to the middle series, the Black population actually would have a larger share in either alternative series. In the lowest series, both the White population and the American Indian population would have a larger share of the total population than in the middle series, while Asians and Hispanics would have a smaller share. In the highest series, the Asian and Hispanic populations would have larger shares of the total population than in the middle series.

Trends and population growth. The White population would be the slowest-growing race group, increasing in the middle series only 35 percent by 2050 (table K). The

⁴In this text, the group "non-Hispanic White" is used to compare with the Black, American Indian, Asian, and Hispanic populations. U.S. Census Bureau research suggests that non-Hispanic White is an appropriate choice for a comparison group. See del Pinal, Jorge. *Exploring Alternative Race-Ethnic Comparison Groups in Current Population Surveys*, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, P23-182, 1992.

Table J. Percent Distribution of the Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2050

[As of July 1. Resident population]

| Year | Total | Race | | | | Hispanic origin ³ | Not of Hispanic origin | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | White | Black | American Indian ¹ | Asian ² | | White | Black | American Indian ¹ | Asian ² |
| ESTIMATE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | 100.0 | 83.9 | 12.3 | 0.8 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 75.6 | 11.8 | 0.7 | 2.8 |
| PROJECTIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middle Series | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | 100.0 | 83.0 | 12.6 | 0.9 | 3.6 | 10.2 | 73.6 | 12.0 | 0.7 | 3.3 |
| 2000 | 100.0 | 82.1 | 12.9 | 0.9 | 4.1 | 11.4 | 71.8 | 12.2 | 0.7 | 3.9 |
| 2005 | 100.0 | 81.3 | 13.2 | 0.9 | 4.6 | 12.6 | 69.9 | 12.4 | 0.8 | 4.4 |
| 2010 | 100.0 | 80.5 | 13.5 | 0.9 | 5.1 | 13.8 | 68.0 | 12.6 | 0.8 | 4.8 |
| 2020 | 100.0 | 79.0 | 14.0 | 1.0 | 6.1 | 16.3 | 64.3 | 12.9 | 0.8 | 5.7 |
| 2030 | 100.0 | 77.6 | 14.4 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 18.9 | 60.5 | 13.1 | 0.8 | 6.6 |
| 2040 | 100.0 | 76.1 | 14.9 | 1.1 | 7.9 | 21.7 | 56.7 | 13.3 | 0.9 | 7.5 |
| 2050 | 100.0 | 74.8 | 15.4 | 1.1 | 8.7 | 24.5 | 52.8 | 13.6 | 0.9 | 8.2 |
| Lowest Series | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2050 | 100.0 | 75.7 | 15.7 | 1.2 | 7.4 | 22.0 | 55.8 | 14.2 | 1.0 | 7.0 |
| Highest Series | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2050 | 100.0 | 73.5 | 15.8 | 1.0 | 9.7 | 25.7 | 50.5 | 13.8 | 0.8 | 9.2 |

¹American Indian represents American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut.

²Asian represents Asian and Pacific Islander.

³Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The information on the total and Hispanic population shown in this report was collected in the 50 States and the District of Columbia and, therefore, does not include residents of Puerto Rico.

Source: Derived from table I.

Table K. Population Change by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1995 to 2050

[Middle series. As of July 1. Resident population]

| Year | Total | Race | | | | Hispanic origin ³ | Not of Hispanic origin | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | White | Black | American Indian ¹ | Asian ² | | White | Black | American Indian ¹ | Asian ² |
| PERCENT CHANGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 to 2050 | 49.9 | 35.1 | 82.8 | 95.0 | 267.1 | 258.3 | 7.4 | 69.5 | 83.0 | 269.1 |
| AVERAGE ANNUAL CHANGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 to 2000 | 0.88 | 0.67 | 1.35 | 1.38 | 3.68 | 3.04 | 0.36 | 1.21 | 1.23 | 3.72 |
| 2000 to 2005 | 0.81 | 0.61 | 1.25 | 1.37 | 3.22 | 2.79 | 0.28 | 1.11 | 1.22 | 3.25 |
| 2005 to 2010 | 0.80 | 0.60 | 1.22 | 1.37 | 2.89 | 2.64 | 0.26 | 1.09 | 1.22 | 2.91 |
| 2010 to 2020 | 0.81 | 0.62 | 1.17 | 1.28 | 2.53 | 2.47 | 0.24 | 1.03 | 1.14 | 2.53 |
| 2020 to 2030 | 0.72 | 0.54 | 1.04 | 1.16 | 2.14 | 2.19 | 0.12 | 0.90 | 1.05 | 2.14 |
| 2030 to 2040 | 0.64 | 0.46 | 0.97 | 1.12 | 1.83 | 2.01 | -0.02 | 0.83 | 1.03 | 1.83 |
| 2040 to 2050 | 0.63 | 0.45 | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.61 | 1.86 | -0.08 | 0.81 | 0.98 | 1.61 |

¹American Indian represents American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut.²Asian represents Asian and Pacific Islander.³Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The information on the total and Hispanic population shown in this report was collected in the 50 States and the District of Columbia and, therefore, does not include residents of Puerto Rico.

Source: Table I.

Table L. Percent of Total Population Growth by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2050

[Middle series. As of July 1. Resident population]

| Year | Total | Race | | | | Hispanic origin ³ | Not of Hispanic origin | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | White | Black | American Indian ¹ | Asian ² | | White | Black | American Indian ¹ | Asian ² |
| PROJECTIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990 to 1995 | 100.0 | 66.3 | 19.0 | 1.3 | 13.5 | 32.7 | 37.0 | 16.6 | 1.0 | 12.8 |
| 1995 to 2000 | 100.0 | 63.1 | 19.6 | 1.4 | 16.0 | 37.5 | 29.6 | 16.7 | 1.0 | 15.2 |
| 2000 to 2005 | 100.0 | 61.1 | 20.1 | 1.5 | 17.3 | 41.3 | 24.2 | 16.9 | 1.1 | 16.5 |
| 2005 to 2010 | 100.0 | 60.7 | 20.2 | 1.5 | 17.5 | 43.3 | 22.0 | 16.9 | 1.2 | 16.6 |
| 2010 to 2020 | 100.0 | 61.1 | 19.8 | 1.5 | 17.5 | 46.0 | 20.0 | 16.3 | 1.1 | 16.6 |
| 2020 to 2030 | 100.0 | 58.6 | 20.4 | 1.6 | 19.4 | 53.5 | 10.8 | 16.2 | 1.2 | 18.4 |
| 2030 to 2040 | 100.0 | 54.9 | 22.1 | 1.8 | 21.2 | ⁴ 63.2 | (X) | ⁴ 17.0 | ⁴ 1.4 | ⁴ 20.0 |
| 2040 to 2050 | 100.0 | 53.8 | 23.0 | 1.8 | 21.4 | ⁴ 68.2 | (X) | ⁴ 17.4 | ⁴ 1.4 | ⁴ 20.1 |

¹American Indian represents American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut.²Asian represents Asian and Pacific Islander.³Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The information on the total and Hispanic population shown in this report was collected in the 50 States and the District of Columbia and, therefore, does not include residents of Puerto Rico.⁴Percentages do not add to 100 percent because of the declining size of the White, not Hispanic population.

X Not applicable.

Source: Table I.

non-Hispanic segment of the White population would stop growing by 2034, largely by virtue of the cessation of net increase, at a peak of 210 million and then slowly decrease. Yet by 2050, the total White population would number about 77 million more people than in 1995. Additional increases in the total White population after 2034 would be due entirely to growth in the number of White Hispanics.

Non-Hispanic Whites are likely to contribute less and less to the total population growth in this country. Although nearly three-quarters of the population was non-Hispanic White in 1995, they would contribute only one-quarter of

the total population growth during the next 10 years (table L). This percentage of growth would decrease to 15 percent from 2010 to 2030. The non-Hispanic White population would contribute nothing to population growth after 2030 because it would be declining in size (table K, figure 9).

The Black population would grow more than twice the White population's annual rate of change between 1995 and 2050. The Black population would increase 2 million by 2000, 7 million by 2010, and 17 million by 2030 (table I). By the middle of the next century, the Black population would

nearly double its present size to 61 million. After 2016, more Blacks would be added to the U.S. population each year than non-Hispanic Whites (table 1). The Black share of the total U.S. population is expected to increase from 12.6 percent in 1995 to 12.9 percent in 2000, 14 percent in 2020, and 15 percent in 2050.

Through 2020, the Asian and Pacific Islander population is projected to continue to be the fastest-growing race/ethnic group with growth rates that would exceed 2.5 percent a year (table K, figure 9). By the turn of the century, the Asian population would expand to over 11 million, double its current size by 2020, and triple by 2040 (table I). By the middle of the next century, this population group would have expanded to nearly 4 times its current size, to 34 million.

In the middle series, the Asian population's share of the U.S. population would increase from 3.6 percent in 1995 to 4.1 percent in 2000, 6 percent in 2020, and 9 percent in 2050 (table J). This population would account for 16 percent of the Nation's growth from 1995 to 2000, 17 percent from 2000 to 2020, and 21 percent from 2020 to 2050 (table L). Each year after 2018, the Asian and Pacific Islander population would add more people to the population of the United States than would the White non-Hispanic group (table 1).

Net immigration is an integral part of the growth of the Asian population. Asian net immigration would be higher

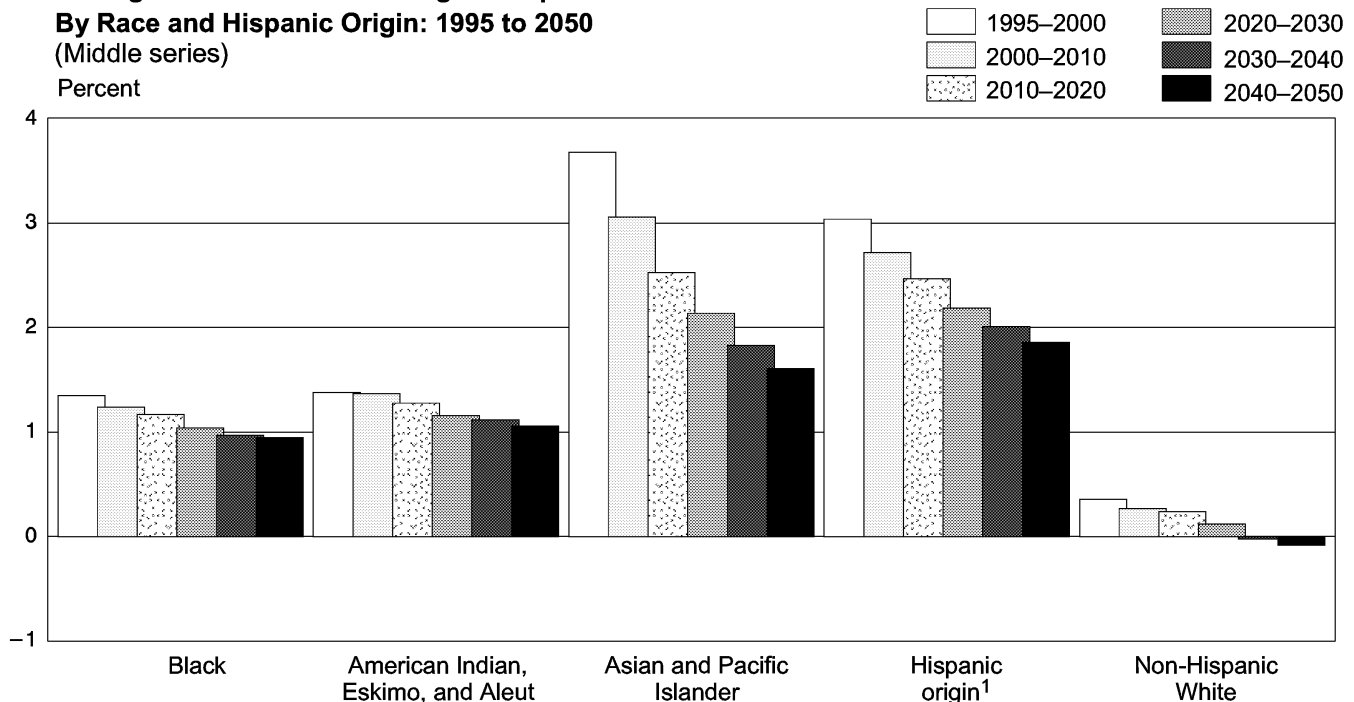
than Asian natural increase until 2025. The number of Asian immigrants would exceed the number of Asian births for the next 15 years (table 1E). In total, almost 3 million surviving net Asian immigrants and their surviving descendants would be added to the U.S. population during the next 10 years, and 20 million post-1994 surviving Asian net immigrants and their surviving descendants would be added to the population by 2050.

In contrast to the growth trends of the Asian population, the American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut population would experience nearly all of its growth by natural increase. The American Indian population is projected to grow steadily, from 2.2 million in 1995 to 2.4 million in 2000, 3.1 million in 2020, and 4.4 million in 2050 (table I). The percent of the population that is American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut would rise from 0.9 percent in 1995 to 1.1 percent by 2050 (table J).

Growth of the Hispanic-origin population will probably be a major element of the total population growth. The Hispanic population would contribute 37 percent of the Nation's population growth from 1995 to 2000, 44 percent from 2000 to 2020, and 62 percent from 2020 to 2050 (table L). This growth of the Hispanic population may be influenced more by natural increase than immigration.

By 2000, the Hispanic-origin population may increase to 31 million (table I). By 2020, the Hispanic population would double its 1995 size to 53 million, triple its 1995 size to 80

Figure 9.
Average Annual Percent Change in Population
By Race and Hispanic Origin: 1995 to 2050
(Middle series)
Percent



¹Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The information on the total and Hispanic population shown in this report was collected in the 50 States and the District of Columbia and, therefore, does not include residents of Puerto Rico.

Sources: Table K.

Table M. Population by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2050

[In thousands. Middle series. As of July 1. Resident population]

| Year | Total | Under 5 years | 5 to 13 years | 14 to 17 years | 18 to 24 years | 25 to 34 years | 35 to 44 years | 45 to 64 years | 65 years and over | 85 years and over | 100 years and over | Median age |
|---|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| WHITE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990..... | 209,180 | 15,025 | 25,683 | 10,638 | 21,825 | 35,788 | 31,913 | 40,155 | 28,154 | 2,793 | 30 | 33.8 |
| Projections | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 218,078 | 15,442 | 27,299 | 11,715 | 19,936 | 33,381 | 35,398 | 44,850 | 30,057 | 3,308 | 45 | 35.3 |
| 2000..... | 225,532 | 14,724 | 28,254 | 12,412 | 20,852 | 29,837 | 36,762 | 51,848 | 30,843 | 3,866 | 60 | 36.9 |
| 2005..... | 232,463 | 14,618 | 27,716 | 13,177 | 22,306 | 28,705 | 34,201 | 59,908 | 31,831 | 4,434 | 82 | 38.1 |
| 2010..... | 239,588 | 15,142 | 27,087 | 12,951 | 23,489 | 30,099 | 30,646 | 65,757 | 34,416 | 5,108 | 105 | 38.9 |
| 2020..... | 254,887 | 16,419 | 28,842 | 12,605 | 22,667 | 33,118 | 30,937 | 64,588 | 45,712 | 5,677 | 168 | 39.3 |
| 2030..... | 269,046 | 16,860 | 30,528 | 13,762 | 23,588 | 32,045 | 33,973 | 59,523 | 58,768 | 7,327 | 244 | 40.2 |
| 2040..... | 281,720 | 18,011 | 31,614 | 14,239 | 25,276 | 33,793 | 32,957 | 63,179 | 62,651 | 11,650 | 323 | 40.5 |
| 2050..... | 294,615 | 19,342 | 33,959 | 14,940 | 26,010 | 35,801 | 34,755 | 65,381 | 64,427 | 15,443 | 607 | 39.9 |
| BLACK | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990..... | 30,599 | 2,956 | 4,863 | 2,051 | 3,808 | 5,504 | 4,290 | 4,621 | 2,505 | 226 | 6 | 27.9 |
| Projections | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 33,144 | 3,107 | 5,321 | 2,300 | 3,727 | 5,423 | 5,184 | 5,365 | 2,718 | 275 | 7 | 29.2 |
| 2000..... | 35,454 | 3,127 | 5,727 | 2,414 | 3,966 | 5,172 | 5,649 | 6,517 | 2,883 | 317 | 9 | 29.9 |
| 2005..... | 37,734 | 3,244 | 5,813 | 2,735 | 4,233 | 5,212 | 5,499 | 7,904 | 3,094 | 354 | 15 | 30.4 |
| 2010..... | 40,109 | 3,454 | 5,962 | 2,737 | 4,674 | 5,489 | 5,236 | 9,127 | 3,430 | 396 | 19 | 30.7 |
| 2020..... | 45,075 | 3,818 | 6,667 | 2,910 | 4,855 | 6,367 | 5,553 | 9,923 | 4,981 | 482 | 29 | 31.6 |
| 2030..... | 50,001 | 4,143 | 7,267 | 3,266 | 5,370 | 6,648 | 6,429 | 9,958 | 6,919 | 638 | 44 | 32.4 |
| 2040..... | 55,094 | 4,574 | 7,953 | 3,534 | 5,897 | 7,389 | 6,742 | 11,196 | 7,808 | 1,069 | 63 | 32.5 |
| 2050..... | 60,592 | 5,007 | 8,747 | 3,887 | 6,411 | 8,058 | 7,487 | 12,383 | 8,613 | 1,562 | 116 | 32.7 |
| AMERICAN INDIAN, ESKIMO, AND ALEUT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990..... | 2,073 | 220 | 371 | 151 | 257 | 369 | 291 | 297 | 117 | 9 | - | 26.0 |
| Projections | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 2,241 | 207 | 414 | 174 | 257 | 365 | 332 | 349 | 142 | 15 | 1 | 26.8 |
| 2000..... | 2,402 | 210 | 418 | 196 | 283 | 361 | 354 | 415 | 165 | 22 | 1 | 27.6 |
| 2005..... | 2,572 | 226 | 409 | 210 | 323 | 376 | 351 | 486 | 191 | 28 | 2 | 27.9 |
| 2010..... | 2,754 | 245 | 429 | 197 | 342 | 421 | 349 | 546 | 223 | 36 | 3 | 28.5 |
| 2020..... | 3,129 | 266 | 497 | 222 | 340 | 482 | 407 | 595 | 321 | 51 | 6 | 30.1 |
| 2030..... | 3,515 | 290 | 533 | 250 | 397 | 498 | 467 | 651 | 430 | 70 | 9 | 30.6 |
| 2040..... | 3,932 | 322 | 588 | 268 | 429 | 577 | 484 | 758 | 505 | 108 | 13 | 31.0 |
| 2050..... | 4,371 | 351 | 649 | 299 | 471 | 622 | 560 | 825 | 595 | 147 | 20 | 31.6 |
| ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990..... | 7,550 | 647 | 1,079 | 471 | 937 | 1,478 | 1,271 | 1,208 | 458 | 29 | 1 | 29.5 |
| Projections | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 9,357 | 834 | 1,344 | 583 | 1,007 | 1,694 | 1,600 | 1,667 | 627 | 37 | 1 | 30.6 |
| 2000..... | 11,245 | 926 | 1,644 | 729 | 1,158 | 1,863 | 1,894 | 2,212 | 819 | 55 | 2 | 31.4 |
| 2005..... | 13,212 | 1,040 | 1,912 | 864 | 1,405 | 2,012 | 2,114 | 2,815 | 1,050 | 83 | 3 | 32.1 |
| 2010..... | 15,265 | 1,170 | 2,126 | 1,008 | 1,633 | 2,283 | 2,290 | 3,418 | 1,338 | 130 | 4 | 32.3 |
| 2020..... | 19,651 | 1,476 | 2,655 | 1,228 | 2,057 | 2,967 | 2,715 | 4,348 | 2,206 | 250 | 11 | 33.1 |
| 2030..... | 24,337 | 1,773 | 3,261 | 1,510 | 2,471 | 3,552 | 3,394 | 5,113 | 3,262 | 419 | 27 | 33.9 |
| 2040..... | 29,235 | 2,073 | 3,839 | 1,803 | 2,967 | 4,173 | 3,976 | 6,135 | 4,268 | 726 | 48 | 34.4 |
| 2050..... | 34,352 | 2,406 | 4,449 | 2,082 | 3,442 | 4,885 | 4,591 | 7,273 | 5,224 | 1,071 | 91 | 34.8 |

Table M. **Population by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2050—Con.**

[In thousands. Middle series. As of July 1. Resident population]

| Year | Total | Under 5 years | 5 to 13 years | 14 to 17 years | 18 to 24 years | 25 to 34 years | 35 to 44 years | 45 to 64 years | 65 years and over | 85 years and over | 100 years and over | Median age |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| HISPANIC ORIGIN¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990..... | 22,549 | 2,498 | 3,814 | 1,576 | 3,215 | 4,421 | 2,966 | 2,897 | 1,162 | 93 | 2 | 25.4 |
| Projections | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 26,936 | 3,136 | 4,605 | 1,856 | 3,245 | 5,031 | 3,886 | 3,673 | 1,505 | 131 | 2 | 26.3 |
| 2000..... | 31,366 | 3,203 | 5,651 | 2,179 | 3,679 | 5,181 | 4,836 | 4,765 | 1,872 | 183 | 4 | 27.0 |
| 2005..... | 36,057 | 3,580 | 6,215 | 2,672 | 4,270 | 5,414 | 5,421 | 6,187 | 2,298 | 242 | 7 | 27.3 |
| 2010..... | 41,139 | 4,080 | 6,654 | 3,007 | 5,101 | 6,059 | 5,562 | 7,830 | 2,847 | 345 | 10 | 27.7 |
| 2020..... | 52,652 | 5,185 | 8,490 | 3,490 | 5,981 | 8,046 | 6,455 | 10,271 | 4,735 | 605 | 21 | 28.8 |
| 2030..... | 65,570 | 6,183 | 10,362 | 4,419 | 7,330 | 9,191 | 8,446 | 11,858 | 7,782 | 988 | 47 | 29.8 |
| 2040..... | 80,164 | 7,452 | 12,318 | 5,225 | 8,895 | 11,149 | 9,614 | 14,706 | 10,804 | 1,859 | 79 | 30.4 |
| 2050..... | 96,508 | 8,817 | 14,704 | 6,202 | 10,394 | 13,226 | 11,597 | 17,798 | 13,770 | 3,245 | 160 | 31.0 |
| WHITE, NOT HISPANIC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990..... | 188,601 | 12,758 | 22,205 | 9,197 | 18,893 | 31,764 | 29,217 | 37,495 | 27,072 | 2,706 | 29 | 34.8 |
| Projections | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995..... | 193,566 | 12,577 | 23,126 | 10,031 | 16,977 | 28,813 | 31,877 | 41,501 | 28,665 | 3,184 | 42 | 36.6 |
| 2000..... | 197,061 | 11,807 | 23,125 | 10,444 | 17,510 | 25,144 | 32,382 | 47,524 | 29,126 | 3,694 | 56 | 38.4 |
| 2005..... | 199,802 | 11,367 | 22,072 | 10,769 | 18,443 | 23,806 | 29,299 | 54,309 | 29,737 | 4,209 | 76 | 40.0 |
| 2010..... | 202,390 | 11,445 | 21,063 | 10,230 | 18,880 | 24,631 | 25,628 | 58,678 | 31,835 | 4,788 | 95 | 41.0 |
| 2020..... | 207,393 | 11,724 | 21,179 | 9,465 | 17,261 | 25,867 | 25,130 | 55,322 | 41,445 | 5,123 | 148 | 42.1 |
| 2030..... | 209,998 | 11,274 | 21,186 | 9,791 | 16,984 | 23,769 | 26,379 | 48,855 | 51,760 | 6,430 | 202 | 43.3 |
| 2040..... | 209,621 | 11,290 | 20,531 | 9,551 | 17,269 | 23,774 | 24,318 | 49,963 | 52,924 | 9,965 | 251 | 44.3 |
| 2050..... | 207,901 | 11,401 | 20,749 | 9,386 | 16,671 | 23,920 | 24,350 | 49,388 | 52,036 | 12,496 | 462 | 44.0 |

¹Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The information on the total and Hispanic population shown in this report was collected in the 50 States and the District of Columbia and, therefore, does not include residents of Puerto Rico.

– Represents zero.

Sources: Table 2 and PPL-21.

million by 2040, and reach nearly 97 million by 2050. Each year from now to 2050, the Hispanic population is projected to add more people to the United States every year than would the non-Hispanic White population (or any other group) (tables 1F and 1G). By 2010, Hispanics might become the second-largest race/ethnic group.

Age structure. Hispanics were projected to be the youngest population group in 1995, with about half its population younger than 26 years (table M). As the total U.S. population ages, the Hispanic population is projected to age more quickly than either the Asian or Black populations. At 31, the median age of the Hispanic population would still be the lowest in 2050.

The non-Hispanic White population is projected to continue to be the oldest segment of the population. In 1995, the non-Hispanic White median age was projected to be 37, and could increase to 44 by 2050.

As specific age groups increase or decrease more rapidly than the entire population, they signal possible

future trends. For instance, due to lower birth and immigration rates, the non-Hispanic White population under age 18 would be less than half of the U.S. population under age 18 by the year 2030 (figure 10, table M). Conversely, the non-Hispanic White population would still represent 75 percent of the 65 and over U.S. population in 2030 and 66 percent in 2050 (figure 11, table M). Another interesting example is that Hispanic-origin children under age 14 are projected to become the second most numerous race/ethnic group in that age group by 2000.

COMPONENTS OF CHANGE

Births

The number of births in the United States is projected to decrease slightly as the century ends, then increase progressively throughout the projection period according to