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Table 5.—AREA AND POPULATION OF COUNTIES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1930 TO 1950

Figures in italics are shown only for those counties where change in definition affects urban and rural classification. Minus sign (-) denotes decrease. Percent not shown where less than 0.1 or where base is less than 100]

County	Map reference (see p. 47-2)	Land area in square miles, 1950	Total population						Urban population			Rural population			Percent urban	
			1950		1940	1930	Percent increase		1950	1940	Percent increase	1950	1940	Percent increase	1950	1940
			Total	Per square mile			1940 to 1950	1930 to 1940								
<b>The State</b>		66,786	2,378,963	35.6	1,736,191	1,563,396	37.0	11.1	1,503,166			875,797			63.2	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>1,274,152</i>	<i>931,969</i>	<i>98.2</i>	<i>1,104,811</i>	<i>814,222</i>	<i>35.7</i>	<i>65.6</i>	<i>53.1</i>
Adams	E-11	1,895	6,584	3.5	6,209	7,719	6.0	-19.6				6,584	6,209	6.0		
Asotin	G-13	627	10,378	17.3	8,365	8,136	30.0	2.8	8,617	3,116	80.3	5,261	5,249	0.2	51.6	37.3
Benton	F-10	1,738	51,370	29.6	12,053	10,952	326.2	10.1	37,618			13,752			73.2	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>12,712</i>			<i>38,622</i>	<i>12,053</i>	<i>220.5</i>	<i>21.8</i>	
Chelan	B-8	2,931	39,301	13.4	34,412	31,634	14.2	8.8	15,762			23,539			40.1	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>13,072</i>	<i>11,820</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>20,229</i>	<i>22,792</i>	<i>15.1</i>	<i>33.3</i>	<i>33.3</i>
Clallam	B-3	1,763	26,396	15.1	21,848	20,449	20.8	6.8	11,233	9,409	19.4	16,168	12,439	21.9	42.6	43.1
Clark	G-5	633	85,307	134.8	49,852	40,316	71.1	23.7	47,077			38,230			55.2	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>46,339</i>	<i>23,221</i>	<i>99.8</i>	<i>33,918</i>	<i>29,631</i>	<i>46.1</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>46.6</i>
Columbia	F-12	860	4,860	5.7	5,549	5,325	-12.4	4.2	2,979	3,025	-1.6	1,881	2,523	-25.4	61.3	54.5
Cowlitz	F-5	1,146	53,369	46.6	40,155	31,908	32.9	25.9	27,684	19,134	44.7	26,685	21,021	22.2	51.9	47.7
Douglas	C-10	1,841	10,817	5.9	8,651	7,561	25.0	14.4				10,817	8,051	25.0		
Ferry	A-11	2,197	4,096	1.9	4,701	4,292	-12.9	9.5				4,096	4,701	-12.9		
Franklin	F-11	1,262	13,563	10.7	6,307	6,137	115.0	2.8	10,228	3,913	161.4	3,335	2,394	30.3	75.4	62.0
Garfield	F-13	714	3,204	4.5	3,383	3,662	-5.3	-7.6				3,204	3,383	-5.3		
Grant	D-10	2,691	24,346	9.0	14,668	5,666	66.0	163.9	10,009	3,659	173.5	14,337	11,009	30.2	41.1	24.9
Grays Harbor	D-3	1,905	53,644	28.2	53,166	59,982	0.9	-11.4	30,776	29,081	3.7	22,808	23,488	-2.6	57.4	55.8
Island	B-5	200	11,079	53.8	6,098	5,369	81.7	13.6				11,079	6,098	81.7		
Jefferson	C-3	1,812	11,618	6.4	8,918	8,340	30.3	6.9	6,888	4,683	47.1	4,730	4,235	11.7	69.3	52.5
King	D-6	2,134	732,992	343.5	504,980	463,517	45.2	8.9	630,623			60,369			86.9	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>600,997</i>	<i>522,214</i>	<i>51.1</i>	<i>232,035</i>	<i>122,790</i>	<i>89.0</i>	<i>68.3</i>	<i>75.7</i>
Kitsap	D-5	402	78,724	188.4	44,387	30,776	70.6	44.2	30,708			45,016			40.6	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>27,678</i>	<i>15,134</i>	<i>82.9</i>	<i>28,853</i>	<i>28,853</i>	<i>64.2</i>	<i>35.6</i>	<i>34.1</i>
Kititas	D-7	2,315	22,235	9.6	20,230	18,154	9.9	11.4	8,430	5,944	41.8	13,805	14,296	-3.4	37.9	29.4
Klickitat	G-7	1,912	12,049	6.3	11,357	9,825	6.1	16.6				12,049	11,357	6.1		
Lewis	E-4	2,447	43,755	17.9	41,393	40,034	5.7	3.4	14,296	12,271	16.5	29,459	29,122	1.2	32.7	20.6
Lincoln	C-11	2,300	10,970	4.8	11,361	11,876	-3.4	-4.3				10,970	11,361	-3.4		
Mason	D-4	967	15,022	15.5	11,603	10,060	29.5	15.3	5,045	3,707	36.1	9,977	7,890	26.4	33.6	31.9
Okanogan	A-8	5,294	29,131	5.5	24,546	18,519	18.7	32.5	6,397			22,734			22.0	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>3,791</i>	<i>2,812</i>	<i>29.9</i>	<i>25,540</i>	<i>21,022</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>11.0</i>
Pacific	E-8	925	10,558	17.9	15,928	14,970	4.0	6.4	4,110	4,045	1.6	12,448	11,833	4.8	24.8	25.4
Pend Oreille	A-13	1,408	7,413	5.3	7,156	7,155	3.6					7,413	7,156	3.6		
Pierce	D-5	1,676	276,876	164.6	182,081	163,842	51.5	11.1	183,198			92,078			66.4	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>169,204</i>	<i>117,297</i>	<i>35.7</i>	<i>116,672</i>	<i>64,784</i>	<i>80.1</i>	<i>37.7</i>	<i>64.4</i>
San Juan	A-5	172	3,245	18.9	3,157	3,097	2.8	1.9				3,245	3,157	2.8		
Skagit	B-6	1,735	43,273	24.9	37,650	35,142	14.9	7.1	15,448	13,107	17.9	27,825	24,543	13.4	35.7	34.8
Skamania	F-6	1,676	4,788	2.9	4,633	2,891	3.3	60.3				4,788	4,633	3.3		
Snohomish	B-6	2,100	111,580	53.1	88,754	78,861	25.7	12.5	47,822			63,668			42.9	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>36,243</i>	<i>33,013</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>74,637</i>	<i>55,730</i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>37.9</i>	<i>37.2</i>
Spokane	C-13	1,763	221,561	125.7	164,652	150,477	34.6	9.4	183,289			38,272			82.7	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>162,003</i>	<i>122,001</i>	<i>33.5</i>	<i>52,555</i>	<i>42,651</i>	<i>23.2</i>	<i>76.3</i>	<i>74.1</i>
Stevens	A-12	2,486	18,580	7.5	19,275	18,550	-3.6	3.9	3,033			18,547	19,275	-13.3	16.3	
Thurston	E-5	717	44,884	62.6	37,285	31,351	20.4	18.9	18,544	13,254	39.9	29,340	24,031	9.6	41.3	35.5
Wahkiakum	F-4	269	3,335	14.3	4,286	3,862	-10.5	11.0				3,335	4,286	-10.5		
Walla Walla	G-11	1,288	40,135	31.2	30,547	28,441	31.4	7.4	27,276	18,109	50.6	12,859	12,438	3.4	66.0	59.3
Whatcom	A-5	2,151	60,733	31.0	60,355	59,128	10.6	2.1	34,112	29,314	16.4	32,621	31,041	5.1	61.1	48.6
Whitman	E-13	2,167	32,469	15.0	27,221	28,014	19.3	-2.8	15,079	7,270	107.4	17,390	19,051	-12.8	46.4	29.7
Yakima	E-7	4,278	135,723	31.8	99,019	77,402	37.1	27.9	63,525			71,898			47.0	
<i>Old urban definition</i>									<i>53,633</i>	<i>30,804</i>	<i>75.5</i>	<i>82,090</i>	<i>68,115</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>39.5</i>	<i>31.2</i>