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Washington will continue to experience a steady and substantial population growth in the next several years, it was revealed today in a comprehensive report prepared for the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

The report, compiled by the State Census Board under the direction of Executive Secretary Calvin F. Schmidt, showed the state's population will increase from today's figure of slightly over three million to better than four million in 1965.

Washington's growth in that period will be slightly higher than the national rate, the report indicated. The population of the United States is expected to increase from 192 million today to about 250 million in 1980, or approximately 30 per cent. Washington's projected growth figures out at about 33 per cent for the same period.

One year after admission to statehood in 1890, the population of Washington was reported as 357,232. Washington passed the 1,000,000 mark by 1910, the 2,000,000 mark by 1950, and the 3,000,000 mark by 1963.

Throughout its entire history there have been marked differences in the rate of population change from one part of the State to the other. Since 1940, for example, the following counties have decreased in population: Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Pacific, San Juan, Stevens, and Wahkiakum. On the other hand, the most rapidly growing areas are the larger metropolitan counties--King, Pierce, and Spokane-- as well as certain other counties such as Adams, Asotin, Benton, Clark, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Island, Kitsap, Snohomish and Yakima.

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King County alone, with over 1,000,000 inhabitants in 1965, has one-third of the population of the State. By 1985, the population of King County will increase to about 1,500,000. Pierce County has a population of approximately 350,000 at the present time, but will pass the 500,000 mark by 1985. The population of Spokane County is around 300,000, but by 1985 it will approximate 435,000.

The population of the Western part of the State (19 counties west of the Cascades) has a population well over twice as large as that in the Eastern part of the State, although the Eastern part of the State is considerably larger in area. In 1960, the population of the Western part of the State was 2,039,357, and in the Eastern part, 813,857. By 1985, the corresponding figures will approximate 3,222,000 and 1,266,000.

In computing population forecasts, the three major components of population change are births, deaths, and migration. The present project required huge amounts of data, carefully developed into an elaborate statistical design, requiring millions of calculations. The actual computational work was made possible through the application of up-to-date electronic and mechanical equipment.

One of the significant by-products of this analysis was the derivation of life tables for every part of the State. In the State of Washington, the expectation of life at birth for males is 67.7 years and for females, 74.8 years. The corresponding figures for the entire country are 66.8 years for males and 73.2 for females. It was found that mortality experience is almost identical, no matter in what part of the State one may happen to reside.

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In recent years, the total crude birth rate has shown a definite tendency to decline. However, with the pronounced increases in the number of young women in the age-groups with highest fertility, the annual number of births will move upward. By 1970, there will be close to 70,000 births in comparison to less than 60,000 last year.

In studying future trends in population, mere numbers are not the only consideration. In some respects, changes in the structure of the population may be more important. As indicated in the foregoing paragraph, the imminent increase in the number of young women in the childbearing period will have a significant impact on the birth rate. Also, the unprecedented increase in the number of young people generally, will have an extraordinary influence on college and university enrollment. In 1950, in the State of Washington there were 244,784 persons between 18 and 24 years of age, and in 1960, 247,266, but by 1970, there will be over 400,000. As a consequence of the increasing proportion of the population attending college, along with the increases in the number of young people, college and university enrollment in the State of Washington will increase to unprecedented levels by 1980. In 1950, there were 38,192 students in higher institutions in the State; in 1960, 66,009; and in 1964, 92,264. By 1970, enrollments will increase to around 142,000 and by 1980, to 200,000.

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Table 1
Population Trends and Forecasts
Washington: 1870 to 1985

Year		Population	Increase Since Preceding Date	
			Number	Percentage
<u>Census</u>				
1870	. . . . .	23, 955	...	...
1880	. . . . .	75, 116	51, 161	213.6
1890	. . . . .	357, 232	282, 116	375.6
1900	. . . . .	518, 103	160, 871	45.0
1910	. . . . .	1, 141, 990	623, 887	120.4
1920	. . . . .	1, 356, 621	214, 631	18.8
1930	. . . . .	1, 563, 396	206, 775	15.2
1940	. . . . .	1, 736, 191	172, 795	11.1
1950	. . . . .	2, 378, 963	642, 772	37.0
1960	. . . . .	2, 853, 214	474, 251	19.9
<u>Forecast</u>				
1965	Low	3, 061, 409		
	Medium . . .	3, 107, 249	254, 035	8.9
	High	3, 153, 068		
1970	Low	3, 266, 576		
	Medium . . .	3, 386, 613	279, 364	9.0
	High	3, 506, 633		
1975	Low	3, 503, 463		
	Medium . . .	3, 714, 617	328, 004	9.7
	High	3, 925, 756		
1980	Low	3, 773, 455		
	Medium . . .	4, 086, 385	371, 768	10.0
	High	4, 399, 300		
1985	Low	4, 058, 279		
	Medium . . .	4, 488, 945	402, 560	9.9
	High	4, 919, 589		

This tabulation is part of an unpublished manuscript, now in process of preparation by Calvin F. Schmid, Vincent A. Miller, Kiyoshi Tagashira, Richard A. Engels, and F. Jean Watson of the Washington State Census Board.

Seattle, Washington, March 9, 1965.

Table 2

Population Trends and Forecasts by Counties, Economic Areas, and Other County Groupings
Washington: 1930 to 1985

Area	Medium Forecast Population					Enumerated Population			
	1985	1980	1975	1970	1965	1960	1950	1940	1930
State	4,488,945	4,086,385	3,714,617	3,386,613	3,107,249	2,853,214	2,378,963	1,736,191	1,563,396
West	3,222,489	2,930,300	2,661,834	2,425,353	2,223,602	2,039,357	1,679,678	1,216,529	1,103,899
East	1,266,240	1,155,946	1,052,696	961,215	883,627	813,857	699,285	519,662	459,497
Metropolitan	2,784,291	2,517,018	2,273,201	2,060,131	1,877,099	1,707,136	1,342,009	940,467	856,697
Non-Metropolitan . .	1,705,145	1,570,145	1,442,423	1,327,290	1,230,461	1,146,078	1,036,954	795,724	706,699
Puget Basin	2,850,275	2,582,910	2,338,247	2,123,072	1,938,272	1,768,117	1,418,422	1,007,116	909,938
King-Kitsap- Pierce-Snohomish . .	2,468,672	2,231,967	2,016,030	1,826,699	1,663,833	1,512,979	1,196,172	820,202	736,996
Economic Area 1 . . .	175,203	163,383	152,274	142,352	134,585	128,477	127,073	115,749	117,669
Grays Harbor	74,374	69,230	64,455	60,232	56,990	54,465	53,644	53,166	59,982
Clallam	43,680	40,398	37,272	34,415	32,035	30,022	26,396	21,848	20,449
Mason	22,629	21,048	19,568	18,259	17,183	16,251	15,022	11,603	10,060
Pacific	17,956	17,066	16,230	15,481	14,977	14,674	16,558	16,928	14,970
Jefferson	12,247	11,562	10,889	10,302	9,897	9,639	11,618	8,918	8,346
Wahkiakum	4,394	4,141	3,914	3,711	3,550	3,426	3,835	4,286	3,862
Economic Area 2 . . .	214,839	197,742	181,776	167,398	155,057	144,177	124,330	107,260	102,736
Whatcom	95,377	89,347	83,680	78,478	74,048	70,317	66,733	60,355	59,128
Skagit	75,860	69,871	64,260	59,287	55,093	57,350	43,273	37,650	35,142
Island	40,404	35,414	30,814	26,707	23,050	19,638	11,079	6,098	5,369
San Juan	3,244	3,145	3,050	2,954	2,895	2,872	3,245	3,157	3,097
Economic Area 3 . . .	118,316	110,405	102,849	95,682	89,443	84,176	75,724	44,387	30,776
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Area	Medium Forecast Population					Enumerated Population			
	1985	1980	1975	1970	1965	1960	1950	1940	1930
Economic Area 4 . .	364,668	338,161	312,767	289,642	270,406	253,724	232,103	173,318	146,498
Clark	134,376	124,778	115,502	107,011	99,944	93,809	85,307	49,852	40,316
Thurston	86,216	78,763	71,806	65,477	60,003	55,049	44,884	37,285	31,351
Cowlitz	82,716	76,908	71,212	66,002	61,669	57,801	53,369	40,155	31,906
Lewis	53,709	50,669	47,779	45,211	43,267	41,858	43,755	41,393	40,034
Skamania	7,695	7,097	6,512	5,987	5,559	5,207	4,788	4,633	2,891
Economic Area 5 . .	88,781	83,501	78,245	73,392	69,461	66,264	68,432	58,958	50,153
Chelan	55,081	51,730	48,444	45,396	42,863	40,744	39,301	34,412	31,634
Okanogan	33,716	31,779	29,806	28,003	26,606	25,520	29,131	24,546	18,519
Economic Area 6 . .	362,145	332,889	305,074	279,976	259,117	241,104	221,377	142,659	116,333
Yakima	211,829	195,554	180,048	166,047	154,619	145,112	135,723	99,019	77,402
Benton	102,012	92,595	83,474	75,236	68,321	62,070	51,370	12,053	10,952
Kittitas	28,430	26,493	24,849	23,331	21,867	20,467	22,235	20,230	18,154
Klickitat	19,912	18,287	16,738	15,393	14,341	13,455	12,049	11,357	9,825
Economic Area 7a .	219,134	190,941	164,940	142,097	122,801	105,557	66,280	47,196	38,959
Grant	105,388	90,670	77,146	65,411	55,473	46,477	24,346	14,668	5,666
Franklin	49,946	43,503	37,468	32,068	27,461	23,342	13,563	6,307	6,137
Douglas	28,888	25,395	22,211	19,372	16,986	14,890	10,817	8,651	7,561
Adams	19,422	17,058	14,875	12,958	11,347	9,929	6,584	6,209	7,719
Lincoln	15,545	14,369	13,292	12,335	11,567	10,919	10,970	11,361	11,876
Economic Area 7b .	128,508	120,448	112,862	105,971	99,720	93,912	91,546	75,065	73,578
Walla Walla . . .	53,405	50,761	48,235	45,965	43,996	42,195	40,135	30,547	28,441
Whitman	48,876	44,951	41,382	37,984	34,573	31,263	32,469	27,221	28,014
Asotin	17,637	16,437	15,268	14,288	13,544	12,909	10,878	8,365	8,136
Columbia	5,205	5,038	4,867	4,723	4,630	4,569	4,860	5,549	5,325
Garfield	3,445	3,313	3,166	3,055	3,007	2,976	3,204	3,383	3,662

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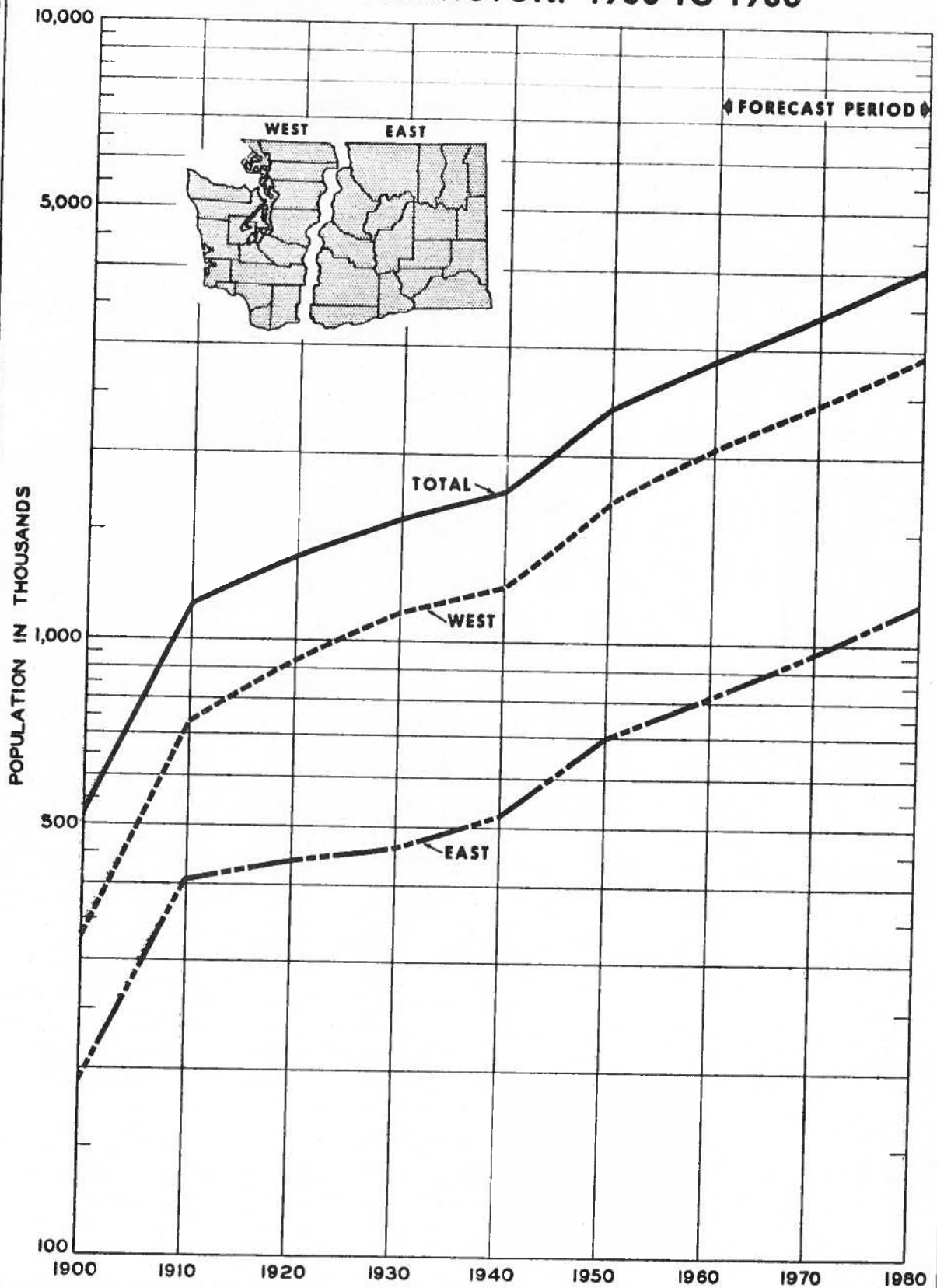
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	1985	1980	1975	1970	1965	1960	1950	1940	1930
Economic Area 8 . .	39,696	36,887	34,285	31,990	30,125	28,687	30,089	31,132	29,997
Stevens	24,822	23,063	21,446	20,002	18,806	17,884	18,580	19,275	18,550
Pend Oreille . . .	9,278	8,666	8,104	7,611	7,213	6,914	7,413	7,156	7,155
Ferry	5,611	5,172	4,750	4,392	4,120	3,889	4,096	4,701	4,292
Economic Area A . .	1,493,626	1,355,544	1,229,194	1,118,891	1,024,048	935,014	732,992	504,980	463,517
King	1,493,626	1,355,544	1,229,194	1,118,891	1,024,048	935,014	732,992	504,980	463,517
Economic Area B . .	516,697	467,683	423,703	385,225	352,105	321,590	275,876	182,081	163,842
Pierce	516,697	467,683	423,703	385,225	352,105	321,590	275,876	182,081	163,842
Economic Area D . .	433,850	395,387	359,915	329,048	302,746	278,333	221,561	164,652	150,477
Spokane	433,850	395,387	359,915	329,048	302,746	278,333	221,561	164,652	150,477
Economic Area E . .	341,471	299,174	260,808	227,184	198,285	172,199	111,580	88,754	78,861
Snohomish	341,471	299,174	260,808	227,184	198,285	172,199	111,580	88,754	78,861

Forecasts for each areal category (counties, economic areas, and other county groupings) were computed independently. Computations have not been rounded because of relatively small frequencies for various categories in many of these areas, and accordingly the totals for the state, as well as for the several subdivisions, do not coincide.

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POPULATION TRENDS - WEST AND EAST STATE OF WASHINGTON: 1900 TO 1980



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Washington has a tourist attraction that thousands of people have seen but don't know what it is; many have wanted to visit but don't know how to get to it, and nobody seems quite sure who has jurisdiction over it.

The attraction is a series of stone columns and slabs set in a circular pattern and situated high atop a bluff overlooking the Columbia River near Maryhill Museum and 10 miles south of Goldendale.

It's called the Stonehenge and is an exact replica of England's famous Stonehenge located on the Salisbury Plains.

It can be seen for miles in virtually all directions. Highway 97, which passes near the Stonehenge, however, has no signs to tell people how to get to the site or just what it is.

Those curious enough to find out what the circular columns represent, have gotten there by taking a blacktop road off Highway 97 and then backtracking a few hundred feet on a dirt road. At the Stonehenge a sign indicates that the edifice was erected in 1918 by pioneer railroad builder, Samuel Hill as a memorial to the World War I dead of Klickitat County.

Just who now has jurisdiction over the Stonehenge is a moot question.

The Tourist Promotion Division of the State Department of Commerce & Economic Development, checking into the matter as part of their business of promoting state attractions, discovered that nobody seems to want to lay claim to it.

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Though located on land owned by Maryhill Museum, which was also erected by Samuel Hill, officials there say that no mention of the Stonehenge was made in Hill's will or the articles of incorporation of the Maryhill Museum. As a result, they feel it does not come under their jurisdiction.

Many have felt that being the Stonehenge was a memorial to the war dead of Klickitat County, it would naturally belong to the county. County officials say no - they have nothing in writing that indicates the Stonehenge belongs to them.

In spite of the fact that no one seems to want the Stonehenge, it has been kept in fair repair - as much as can be done under the circumstances. The Veterans of World War I of Goldendale have seen to it that grass has been cut around the stone slabs and that the place remains neat and orderly. The group states that it will continue to keep an eye on the historical site as long as the club exists.

Efforts have been made, from time to time, to get a sign along Highway 97, pointing out the direction to the Stonehenge. So far, however, efforts have failed.

Contacted by Tourist Promotion Division officials, members of the district Highway offices in Vancouver stated that no sign had been erected because the Stonehenge was not listed as a public attraction or facility. However, in view of the fact that it does have significance as a tourist attraction and that it doesn't seem to be a private facility either, they are now considering putting up a sign so that people will know how to get to the monument.

There has been talk in Goldendale of initiating a project to light the Stonehenge for night viewing and of starting a park around the monument.

But in each instance nothing has been done because nobody is sure just who has the right to permit such projects.

That's the way things are now. The Tourist Promotion Division hopes that various parties can get together soon and put the Stonehenge in the perspective where it belongs - as a major state attraction!

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THIS MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF
Klickitat County War Dead
was erected by Samuel Hill
and dedicated July 4 1918
It is an exact reproduction of
the original Stonehenge on
Salisbury Plains England

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