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Western states are estimated to gain nine additional members in Congress when reapportionment of the House of Representatives is made on the basis of the 1960 Census, according to William H. Flood, Manager of the Seattle Field Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The State of Washington's representation is expected to remain at seven members. Gains for the eleven Western States are estimated to occur mainly in California, with seven additional members, and one additional member each in Oregon and Arizona. No Western States are expected to lose Congressional representatives. In view of passage of the Alaska Statehood Act, Alaska has been allocated one seat in the apportionment, based upon the 1960 projection.

Nationwide distribution of the 435 Congressional seats projected to 1960 will account for a decrease in Northeastern States from 115 to 106 seats. Southern States would lose one seat. The North Central Region total would remain unchanged. States of New York and Pennsylvania are expected to experience the greatest losses of three seats each, and Massachusetts and Arkansas would lose two seats each.

Commerce Department's Bureau of Census emphasizes that this apportionment is based in part on conjecture as to future population changes and that it is not unlikely that some Congressional delegations may vary in number by one member, when the final 1960 Census returns are in.

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