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New York ( ) , . . The nation's western states increased their population about twice as fast as the country as a whole during the last ten years, according to the National Industrial Conference Board's latest "Road Maps of Industry" chart, released today.

Fastest growing region: the Mountain states -- Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming -- where population leaped about 38 per cent. Next fastest: the Pacific area -- Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington -- which registered a population rise of about 37 per cent.

By contrast, the slowest-growing area has been the region comprising New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Here, population rose just 8 per cent during the last ten years.

The total United States population (as of July 1963) is estimated at 188.5 million, up 30 million or 19 per cent during the last ten years.

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