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### **Oregon's Population Gain**

Based on estimates compiled by the State Board of Health the population of Oregon has increased 14 per cent since the 1950 census, and stood at 1,734,650 last July 1. Total gain was 1990 census, and stood at 1,734,530 fast July 1. Total gain was 218,300 over the 1950 population of 1,521,341. The estimates include a natural increase of 147,995 persons and a gain through migration of 63,304. This is a let down from the population growth in the '40s, when Oregon gained half a million persons.

county, the most backward and least developed in Curry Gregon, led in percentage of of population gain with 1029 per cent, from 6048 to 12.270, some 925 added by migration, due to timber industry. Wasco county increased 54.9 per cent, from 15,552 to 24,090, largely due to The Dalles dam and Harvey Aluminum construction. The population is now 20,090. The trend toward suburban development was reflected with Increases of 32.9 per cent in Washington county, 27.3 per cent In Multnomah outside Portland, and 19 per cent in Clackamas

county, Portland gained only 9.6 percent to 409,420. Douglas county's gain of 37.7 per cent population and Lane's 20.1 per cent are due to the lumber boom. Marion county's gain was 11.8 per cent, with a population of 113,420, Linn

county with 580,070 gained 6.9 per cent. Eight counties lost population during the 5½-year period. They were Wheeler down 15.5 per cent, Polk down 9.3 per



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