# **Notes and Brief Reports**

# Regional and State Patterns of Population Change and Benefit Receipt, 1980–84\*

The population of the United States grew by 9.6 million (4.2 percent) from 1980 to 1984. More than 91 percent of this growth was in the South and the West. Among the social security beneficiary population, the growth for this same period was 2.7 percent. More than 71 percent of this increase occurred in the areas served by the Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, San Francisco, and Seattle regional offices of the Social Security Administration. Thus, the geographic areas in which the greatest population increases were noted were the same for the total population and for the beneficiary population.

The Nation's aged population—persons aged 65 or older—increased by 2.5 million persons (9.7 percent) in the 4-year period. Every State in the Union reported an increase in the number of persons in this age group. By the end of 1984, more than 90 percent of those aged 65 or older were receiving social security benefits.

Contrary to the overall population growth and the growth in the social security beneficiary population, the proportion of persons receiving federally administered supplemental security income (SSI) payments has declined (-2.7 percent), as has the proportion of individuals receiving both social security benefits and SSI payments (-5.3 percent).

This note discusses population changes and presents demographic data for each of the 10 Department of Health and Human Services regions of the United States. The text is accompanied by tables that present regional and State data.

# Region I

The total population in the area serviced by the Boston Regional Office grew at roughly half the rate of the total U.S. population in 1980-84. For those aged 65 or older, the rate of growth was close to the average rate for the United States: 8.6 percent, compared with 9.7 percent. Rhode Island, where 18.1 percent of the popu-

lation was receiving benefits under the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) program in 1984, had the largest proportion of aged persons in this region and the second largest proportion in the Nation (14.3 percent), a distinction it shared with the State of Arkansas.

Massachusetts, the largest State in the region, had the largest number of persons aged 65 or older in Region I, but the proportion of OASDI beneficiaries in the State was 16.1 percent—somewhat less than that of Rhode Island but still among the top 10 for the United States. Vermont was number 49 when the States were ranked by the number of residents aged 65 or older.

In Maine and New Hampshire, SSI payments were made to smaller proportions of the population than the average proportion for the Nation. In Maine, 0.8 percent of the total population and 2.3 percent of those aged 65 or older were SSI recipients; in New Hampshire, the proportions were 0.6 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively. For the Nation, the averages were 1.7 percent for the total population and 7.3 percent for those aged 65 or older.

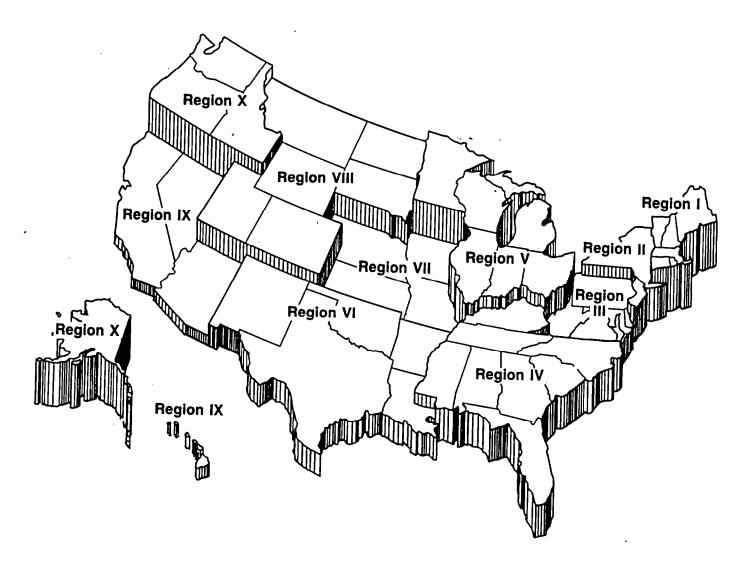
# Region II

The State of New York ranked second in the Nation in both total population and in the number of residents aged 65 or older in both 1980 and 1984. The stability of that position is reflected in the fact that among all the States it also ranked second in having experienced the least change in the proportion of its aged population in 1980-84. In 1984, it had 2.2 million aged persons, an increase of only 4 percent from the 1980 level. The region as a whole had a relatively small population increase, compared with the national average: 1.3 percent, compared with 4.2 percent. This growth rate was affected by the low birth rates in New York and New Jersey (ranked numbers 46 and 49, respectively) and the high death rate in New York (ninth in the Nation) and high number of deaths in New Jersey and New York (ninth and second, respectively, among all the States). It was further affected by emigration from the State of New York: 149,000 more persons moved out of the State than moved into it. New Jersey had a net gain of 25,000 residents.

New York also ranked second nationally in the

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Chart 1.—Areas served by the 10 Social Security regional offices



number of OASDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients. For both New York and New Jersey, the numbers translated into proportions that were close to the national average. In New York, 15.8 percent of the population received OASDI benefits and 2.0 percent were SSI recipients; in New Jersey, the corresponding proportions were 15.7 percent and 1.2 percent. The national averages were 15.1 percent and 1.7 percent, respectively.

# **Region III**

The total population in this region increased by only about 2 percent in 1980-84. This small growth was despite the fact that births outnumbered deaths in every State in the region and were large enough in number to offset the net loss in population caused by the emigration from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The population aged 65 or older grew at five times the rate of the total population in this region, increasing by more than 10 percent in this period. In

Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, the increase equaled or exceeded 13 percent, the highest proportion among all the States in Region I, II, or III.

In Pennsylvania, the fourth most populous State in the Nation and the most populous in the region, the total population remained stable but the elderly population, which accounts for 14.1 percent of the total, increased at close to the national average. The OASDI population in that State was the fourth largest in the Nation, accounted for 13.0 percent of the State's residents, and included 93.1 percent of all residents aged 65 or older. Only in Delaware, which ranked first in the region, did the proportion of the aged receiving OASDI benefits (96.1 percent) exceed the proportion in Pennsylvania.

West Virginia was third nationally in the proportion of persons who were OASDI beneficiaries—18.2 percent. The proportion of the region's population that was receiving SSI payments was 1.4 percent, sixth among all the regions. Maryland had the smallest pro-

Table 1.—Number and percent of persons aged 65 or older receiving old-age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) benefits and federally administered supplemental security income (SSI) payments, by Region and State, 1984

[Numbers in thousands]

|                        |        |        | SDI<br>ciaries   | SSI re | cipients |                     |       |        | SDI<br>iciaries | SSI reci | ipients |
|------------------------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|----------|---------------------|-------|--------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| Region and State       | Total  | Number | Percent          | Number | Percent  | Region and State    | Total | Number | Percent         | Number   | Percent |
| Total, United          |        |        |                  |        |          | Michigan            | 1,007 | 964    | 95.7            | 45       | 4.4     |
| States                 | 28,043 | 25,601 | 91.3             | 2,037  | 7.3      | Minnesota           | 517   | 484    | 93.6            | 14       | 2.8     |
|                        |        |        |                  |        |          | Ohio                | 1,280 | 1,185  | 92.6            | 42       | 3.3     |
| Total, Region I        | 1,651  | 1,537  | 93.1             | 94     | 5.7      | Wisconsin           | 611   | 587    | 96.0            | 31       | . 5.0   |
| Connecticut            | 407    | 381    | 93.7             | 9.     | 2.3      |                     |       |        |                 |          |         |
| Maine                  | 152    | 145    | 95.4             | 11     | 7.1      | Total, Region VI    | 2,821 | 2,486  | 88.1            | 311      | 11.0    |
| Massachusetts          | • 777  | 714    | 91.9             | 60     | 7.8      | Arkansas            | 336   | 302    | 89.8            | 45       | - 13.5  |
| New Hampshire          | 114    | 109    | 95.7             | 2      | 2.1      | Louisiana           | 435   | 373    | 85.6            | 67       | 15.3    |
| Rhode Island           | 138    | 129    | 93.4             | 7      | 5.4      | New Mexico          | 135   | 120    | 89.1            | 13       | 9.9     |
| Vermont                | 63     | 60     | 94.5             | 4      | 6.6      | Oklahoma            | 401   | 357    | 89.0            | 35       | 8.7     |
|                        |        |        |                  | •      |          | Texas               | 1,514 | 1,335  | 88.2            | 151      | 9.9     |
| Total, Region II       | 3.189  | 2,937  | 92.1             | 201    | 6.3      |                     |       |        |                 |          |         |
| New Jersey             | 942    | 875    | 92.9             | 40     | 4.3      | Total, Region VII   | 1,631 | 1,518  | 93.1            | 65       | 4.0     |
| New York               | 2,247  | 2,062  | 91.8             | 160    | 7.1      | lowa                | 410   | 388    | 94.7            | 11       | 2.7     |
|                        |        | - •    |                  |        |          | Kansas              | 323   | 299    | 92.6            | 8        | 2.6     |
| Total, Region III      | 3,092  | 2,826  | 91.4             | 155    | 5.0      | Missouri            | 682   | 630    | 92.3            | 39       | 5.8     |
| Delaware               | 67     | 64     | 96.1             | 3      | 4.3      | Nebraska            | 216   | 201    | 93.1            | 6        | 2.6     |
| Maryland               | 447    | 397    | 88.9             | 21     | 4.7      |                     |       |        |                 |          |         |
| Pennsylvania           | 1,676  | 1,561  | 93.1             | 67     | 4.0      | Total, Region VIII. | 729   | 673    | 92.3            | 27       | 3.6     |
| Virginia               | 572    | 513    | 89.7             | 41     | 7.2      | Colorado            | 280   | 254    | 90.8            | 13       | 4.6     |
| West Virginia          | 255    | 230    | 90.3             | 17     | 6.5      | Montana             | 96    | 89     | 93.1            | 3        | 2.8     |
| District of Columbia 1 | 75     | 60     | 80.4             | 7      | 8.8      | North Dakota        | 87    | 82     | 94.2            | 3        | 3.8     |
| District of Columbia   | ,,,    | 00     | UU. <del>4</del> | •      | 0.0      | South Dakota        | 96    | 92     | 96.3            | 4        | 4.0     |
| Total, Region IV       | 5,313  | 4,757  | 89.5             | 571    | 10.7     | Utah                | 128   | 117    | 91.0            | 3        | 2.3     |
| Alabama                | 476    | 429    | 90.1             | 80     | 16.8     | Wyoming             | 42    | 38     | 91.5            | 1        | 2.2     |
| Florida                | 1,931  | 1,701  | 88.1             | 104    | 5.4      |                     |       |        | ao =            | 205      |         |
| Georgia                | 577    | 514    | 89.1             | 83     | 14.4     | Total, Region IX    | 3,249 | 2,914  | 89.7            | 385      | 11.8    |
| Kentucky               | 438    | 396    | 90.4             | 45     | 10.4     | Arizona             | 375   | 340    | 90.7            | 14       | 3.9     |
| Mississippi            | 306    | 271    | 88.4             | 67     | 22.0     | California          | 2,693 | 2,408  | 89.4            | 361      | 13.4    |
| North Carolina         | 688    | 635    | 92.3             | 76     | 11.1     | Hawaii              | 94    | 85     | 90.7            | 6        | 6.0     |
| South Carolina         | 331    | 301    | 90.9             | 46     | 14.0     | Nevada              | 87    | 80     | 92.2            | 4        | 4.3     |
| Tennessee              | 566    | 511    | 90.3             | 68     | 12.1     |                     | 0.00  |        | 03.0            |          |         |
|                        | 200    | 211    | 30.3             | vo     | 12.1     | Total, Region X     | 959   | 900    | 93.9            | 32       | 3.3     |
| Taral Basian V         | £ 400  |        | 03.4             | 107    | ا ، ،    | Alaska              | 15    | 14     | 91.1            | 2        | 10.3    |
| Total, Region V        | 5,409  | 5,051  | 93.4             | 197    | 3.6      | Idaho               | 108   | 102    | 94.5            | 3        | 2.9     |
| Illinois               | 1,356  | 1,231  | 90.8             | 49     | 3.6      | Oregon              | 344   | 325    | 94.4            | 9        | 2.7     |
| Indiana                | 638    | 600    | 94.1             | 16     | 2.6      | Washington          | 492   | 460    | 93.5            | 18       | 3.6     |

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this analysis, the District of Columbia is included with the States.

Source: Social Security Administration administrative records.

portion (1.1 percent) of SSI recipients within the region. It also had the smallest proportion (0.4 percent) of individuals receiving both an OASDI benefit and an SSI payment.

# Region IV

The total population of the region grew at a somewhat faster pace (6.4 percent) than that of the Nation from 1980 to 1984, and it ranked second among all the regions in total population and in the number of persons aged 65 or older (5.3 million, of whom 89.5 percent were OASDI beneficiaries). The State of Florida had the third largest number of OASDI beneficiaries (2.2 million) and the largest proportion of OASDI beneficiaries (20.4 percent) in the Nation. Florida had the largest number of births and deaths in the region, as well as the largest net population increase from migration. In 1984, 17.6 percent of its population was aged 65 or older, giving it the largest concentration of aged residents in the

region and the Nation. However, among all the States, it was ninth in the growth of its aged population from 1980 to 1984. North Carolina and South Carolina also ranked in the top 10 States nationally in growth of the population aged 65 or older.

This region had the largest number of SSI recipients in the Nation. In six of the eight States in the region, at least 2.6 percent of the population received SSI payments. Among those aged 65 or older, 5.4 percent of those in Florida were SSI recipients and 88.1 percent were OASDI beneficiaries, the lowest proportions in both categories among all the States in this region. Mississippi had the largest proportion of elderly SSI recipients (22.0 percent) in the Nation and Alabama (with 16.8 percent) ranked second nationally.

#### Region V

Three of the six States that comprise this region rank in the 10 most populated States in the Nation: Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan. The region, with its more than

Table 2.—Number and percent of population receiving old-age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) benefits, federally administered supplemental security income (SSI) payments, or income from either or both sources, by Region and State, 1984

[Numbers in thousands]

|                        |                 |                   | Number          | eceiving—        |                 |                   | Percent re      | ceiving—         |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                        | ŀ               |                   |                 |                  |                 |                   |                 |                  |                 |
| Region and State       | Total           | OASDI<br>benefits | SSI<br>payments | OASDI<br>and SSI | OASDI<br>or SSI | OASDI<br>benefits | SSI<br>payments | OASDI<br>and SSI | OASDI<br>or SSI |
| Total, United States   | 236,161         | 35,603            | 4,029           | 1,999            | 37,633          | 15.1              | 1.7             | 0.8              | 15.9            |
| Total, Region I        | 12,577          | 2,031             | 188             | 101              | ~2,118          | 16.2              | 1.5             | .8               | 16.8            |
| Connecticut            | 3,154           | 495               | 25              | 8                | 512             | 15.7              | .8              | .3               | 16.2            |
| Maine                  | 1,156           |                   | . 22            | 14               | 209             | 17.3              | 1.9             | 1.2              | 18.0            |
| Massachusetts          | 5,798           | 934               | 111             | 63               | 981             | 16.1<br>15.0      | 1.9             | 1.1              | 16.9<br>15.4    |
| New Hampshire          | 977<br>962      | 147<br>174        | 6<br>15         | 3<br>8           | 150<br>181      |                   | .6<br>1.6       | .3<br>.8         | 18.8            |
| Vermont                | 530             | 82                | 9               | 5                | 85              | 15.4              | 1.7             | 1.0              | 16.1            |
| Total, Region II       | 25,250          | 3,978             | 436             | 172              | 4,241           | 15.8              | 1.7             | .7               | 16.8            |
| New Jersey.            | 7,515           | 1,178             | 90              | 36               | 1,232           | 15.7              | 1.2             | .5               | 16.4            |
| New York               | 17,735          | 2,800             | 346             | 137              | 3,009           | 15.8              | 2.0             | .8               | 17.0            |
| Total, Region III      | 25,074          | 3,954             | 356             | 160              | 4,149           | 15.8              | 1.4             | .6               | 16.5            |
| Delaware               | 613             | 92                | 7               | 3                | 96              | 15.0              | 1.2             | .5               | 15.6            |
| Maryland               | 4,349           | 558<br>2,120      | 50<br>150       | 19<br>70         | 588<br>2 200    | 12.8<br>17.8      | 1.1<br>1.3      | .4<br>.6         | 13.5<br>18.6    |
| Pennsylvania           | 11,901<br>5,636 | 2,120<br>748      | 159<br>83       | 70<br>43         | 2,209<br>788    | 17.8              | 1.5             | .0<br>.8         | 14.0            |
| West Virginia          | 1,952           | 355               | 41              | 18               | 379             | 18.2              | 2.1             | .9               | 19.4            |
| District of Columbia 1 | 623             | 81                | 16              | 6                | 91              | 13.0              | 2.5             | 1.0              | 14.5            |
| Total, Region IV       | 41,306          | 6,869             | 1,014           | 545              | 7,338           | 16.6              | 2.5             | 1.3              | 17.8            |
| Alabama                | 3,990           | 650               | 130             | 77               | 703             | 16.3              | 3.3             | 1.9              | 17.6            |
| Florida                | 10,976          | 2,241             | 178             | 74<br>84         | 2,345           | 20.4<br>13.5      | 1.6<br>2.6      | .7<br>1.4        | 21.4<br>14.7    |
| Georgia                | 5,837<br>3,723  | 790<br>603        | 152<br>95       | 48               | 858<br>650      | 16.2              | 2.6             | 1.4              | 17.5            |
| Mississippi            | 2,598           | 426               | 111             | 66               | 470             | 16.4              | 4.3             | 2.6              | 18.1            |
| North Carolina         | 6,165           | 937               | 137             | 79               | 995             | 15.2              | 2.2             | 1.3              | 16.1            |
| South Carolina         | 3,300           | 470               | 84              | 48               | 507             | 14.3              | 2.6             | 1.4              | 15.4            |
| Tennessee.             | 4,717           | 752               | 128             | 70               | 809             | 15.9              | 2.7             | 1.5              | 17.2            |
| Total, Region V        | 45,764          | 6,983             | 510             | 212              | 7,281           | 15.3<br>14.5      | 1.1             | .5               | 15.9<br>15.2    |
| Illinois               | 11,511<br>5,498 | 1,666<br>844      | 127<br>44       | 40<br>19         | 1,753<br>870    | 15.4              | 1.1<br>.8       | .3<br>.3         | 15.2            |
| Michigan               | 9,075           | 1,391             | 118             | 54               | 1,455           | 15.3              | 1.3             | .6               | 16.0            |
| Minnesota              | 4,162           | 627               | 31              | 13               | 645             | 15.1              | .8              | .3               | 15.5            |
| Ohio                   | 10,752          | 1,672             | 123             | 46               | 1,749           | 15.5              | 1.1             | .4               | 16.3            |
| Wisconsin              | 4,766           | 783               | 66              | 39               | 810             | 16.4              | 1.4             | .8               | 17.0            |
| Total, Region VI       | 27,522          | 3,597             | 531             | 282              | 3,846           | 13.1              | 1.9             | 1.0              | 14.0            |
| Arkansas               | 2,349           | 439               | 72              | 45               | 467             | 18.7              | 3.1             | 1.9              | 19.9            |
| Louisiana              | 4,462           | 583               | 125             | 60               | 648             | 13.1              | 2.8             | 1.3              | 14.5            |
| New Mexico             | 1,424           | 183               | 26              | 12               | 196             | 12.9              | 1.8             | .9               | 13.8            |
| Oklahoma               | 3,298<br>15,989 | 488<br>1,904      | 59<br>249       | 30<br>136        | 517<br>2,018    | 14.8<br>11.9      | 1.8<br>1.6      | .9<br>.8         | 15.7<br>12.6    |
|                        |                 |                   |                 |                  |                 |                   |                 |                  |                 |
| Total, Region VII      | 11,962<br>2,910 | 2,008<br>503      | 138<br>26       | 69<br>- 13       | 2,076<br>516    | 16.8<br>17.3      | 1.2<br>.9       | .6<br>.5         | 17.4<br>17.7    |
| Kansas                 | 2,438           | 384               | 20              | 9                | 396             | 17.3              | .8              | د.<br>4.         | 16.2            |
| Missouri               | 5,008           | 864               | 78              | 41               | 901             | 17.2              | 1.6             | .8               | 18.0            |
| Nebraska               | 1,606           | 257               | 13              | 6                | 264             | 16.0              | .8              | .4               | 16.4            |
| Total, Region VIII     | 7,557           | 918               | 60              | 27               | 952             | 12.2              | .8              | .4               | 12.6            |
| Colorado               | 3,178           | 353               | 29              | 12               | 370             | 11.1              | .9              | .4               | 11.6            |
| Montana                | 824             | 124               | 7               | 3                | 128             | 15.1              | .9              | .4               | 15.5            |
| North Dakota           | 686             | 106               | 6               | 3                | 109             | 15.5              | .9              | .5               | 15.9            |
| South Dakota           | 706<br>1,652    | 121<br>161        | 8<br>8          | 4                | 125<br>166      | 17.1<br>9.7       | 1.1<br>.5       | .6<br>.2         | 17.7<br>10.0    |
| Wyoming                | 511             | 53                | 2               | 1                | 54              | 10.4              | .4              | .2               | 10.6            |
| Total, Region IX       | 30,625          | 4,037             | 714             | 393              | 4,358           | 13.2              | 2.3             | 1.3              | 14.2            |
| Arizona                | 3,053           | 480               | 32              | 14               | 497             | 15.7              | 1.0             | .5               | 16.3            |
| California             | 25,622          | 3,316             | 665             | 371              | 3,609           | 12.9              | 2.6             | 1.4              | 14.1            |
| Hawaii<br>Nevada       | 1,039<br>911    | 125<br>117        | · 11            | 4                | 132<br>120      | 12.0<br>12.8      | 1.0<br>.8       | .4<br>.4         | 12.7<br>13.2    |
| Total, Region X        | 8,524           | 1,227             | 81              | 36               | 1,272           | 14.4              | 1.0             | .4               | 14.9            |
| Alaska                 | 500             | 24                | 3               | i                | 27              | 4.9               | .7              | .2               | 5.3             |
| Idaho                  | 1,001           | 140               | 8               | 4                | 144             | 14.0              | .8              | .4               | 14.4            |
| Oregon                 | 2,674           | 438               | 24              | 11               | 451             | 16.4              | 9               | .4               | 16.9            |
| Washington             | 4,349           | 625               | 46              | 20               | 650             | 14.4              | 1.1             | · .5             | 15.0            |

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Source: Social Security Administration administrative records.

45.7 million residents, has the largest total population in the country, although it experienced a near-zero population growth in 1980-84. In that period, the area's 3.0 million births were offset by 1.7 million deaths and the loss of 1.3 million residents who moved elsewhere. The region had the largest population aged 65 or older—5.4 million—and 93.4 percent of that group received OASDI benefits.

Nationally, the region ranked fourth in both the number of SSI recipients and in the number of persons receiving both SSI payments and OASDI benefits, and second in the number of persons receiving either SSI payments or OASDI benefits. Persons aged 65 or older accounted for 11.8 percent of the total population in this area in 1984.

#### **Region VI**

This region ranked third in the Nation in two categories of benefit receipt: Among all persons receiving OASDI benefits and SSI payments, the region was third in both the number and proportion of its population receiving OASDI benefits and SSI payments. Among its aged population, 88.1 percent were OASDI beneficiaries. The region has the fourth largest population in the country, with Texas having the most residents in the region and ranking third nationally in population in 1984. Texas led the region in the number of births, deaths, and new residents, and it took second place in the Nation, behind Florida, in net migration in 1980-84.

Within the region, New Mexico registered the greatest percentage increase in its aged population—16.6 percent in 1980-84. In that period, Arkansas ranked first in the proportion of its population who received SSI payments and second for the proportion of OASDI beneficiaries. Nationally, it tied for second with Rhode Island in the proportion of population aged 65 or older. Louisiana ranked second nationally in the proportion of its total population who were SSI recipients and third in the proportion of SSI recipients among its aged population, exceeding the national average by 8.0 percent. At the other end of the scale, Nevada, Texas, and New Mexico shared sixth place nationally for the smallest proportion of persons aged 65 or older.

# **Region VII**

This region had the third smallest population growth in the Nation (1.7 percent). In all four States in the region, births outnumbered deaths, but emigration outpaced immigration, resulting in a net loss of 128,000 individuals. The proportion of each State's population that was aged 65 or older kept all four among the top 10 States nationally and among the group of States that experienced the least change in the size of its aged population in 1980-84. Iowa and Pennsylvania tied for third

place nationally, each with 14.1 percent of its population aged 65 or older.

Although they are geographically removed from each other, Region VII and Region I shared a number of characteristics: The total aged population in each region was 1.6 million. Among those aged 65 or older, 1.5 million were receiving OASDI benefits and they were 93.1 percent of the aged population in both areas and more than 12 percent of the total population. Persons receiving both OASDI benefits and SSI payments accounted for less than 1.0 percent of the population in each region, and persons receiving payment from either of these sources accounted for about 17 percent of the population in both regions. In both areas, the proportion of SSI recipients aged 65 or older was below the national average.

#### **Region VIII**

This six-State region is the least populated area in the United States in terms of both total population and those aged 65 or older. Four of the States in this region are among the 10 least populated States in the Nation. Thus, the number of OASDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients would be expected to be low, as it, in fact, is. The region had 918,000 OASDI beneficiaries (12.2 percent of the total population) and 60,000 SSI recipients (0.8 percent of the population). Wyoming had the second smallest aged population and the second lowest number of OASDI beneficiaries in the Nation. Its SSI recipient population was the smallest in number and proportion. Utah's aged population was the second lowest proportionally (7.7 percent in 1984), but it had grown 16.9 percent from 1980 to 1984. In contrast, the birth rate in Utah in 1980-84 was 118 per 1,000 residents—the highest in the Nation—and the death rate was 22 per 1,000 residents, considerably below the national average of 36 per 1,000 residents.

The largest concentration of elderly residents in the region was found in South Dakota (13.6 percent), followed by North Dakota (12.6 percent) and Montana (11.6 percent). That proportion translates into a low number in each case: 96,000 persons each for South Dakota and Montana and 87,000 for North Dakota. Both North Dakota and South Dakota were among the 10 least populated States in 1980 and 1984, and South Dakota was the only State in the region to have lost population—11,000 persons—in net migration.

#### **Region IX**

This region is the third in the Nation in total population, population aged 65 or older, and number of births annually. In large part, this high ranking nationally is based on the demographics of the State of California, which in 1984 had the highest number of births among

Table 3.—Number of persons receiving old-age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) benefits, federally administered supplemental security income (SSI) payments, or income from either or both sources, 1980, and percentage change in number from 1980 to 1984, by Region and State

[Numbers in thousands]

|                        |                   | Number re       | ceiving—         |                 | Percentage change, 1980-84,<br>in number receiving— |                 |                  |                |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Region and State       | OASDI<br>benefits | SSI<br>payments | OASDI<br>and SSI | OASDI<br>or SSI | OASDI<br>benefits                                   | SSI<br>payments | OASD1<br>and SS1 | OASD<br>or SS  |
| Total, United States   | 34,682            | 4,141           | 2,200            | 36,724          | 2.7   | - 2.7           | -5.3             | 4.             |
| Total, Region I        | 1,996             | 198             | 112              | 2,091           | 1.8   | -5.1            | 10.2             | 1.3            |
| Connecticut            | 479<br>198        | 23<br>22        | 7<br>14          | 495<br>206      | 3.4<br>1.1  | 7.5<br>.5       | 13.2<br>7        | 3.4<br>1.2     |
| Massachusetts          | 927               | 124             | 76               | 984 -           | .7  | - 10.4          | - 16.8           | :              |
| New Hampshire          | 141               | 5               | 2                | 144             | 4.1   | 9.9             | 11.1             | 4.             |
| Rhode Island           | 170               | 15              | 8                | 177             | 2.3   | 1.6             | .5               | 2.:            |
| Vermont                | 81                | 9               | 5                | 85              | .7  | 1.4             | 2.4              | •              |
| Total, Region II       | 4,011             | 451             | 187              | 4,275           | 8   | -3.5            | -8.0             | ,:             |
| New Jersey             | 1,138             | 86              | 34               | 1,190           | 3.5   | 4.4             | 3.9              | 3.0            |
| New York               | 2,873             | 365             | 153              | 3,085           | - 2.5   | -5.3            | - 10.7           | -2.            |
| Total, Region III      | 3,857             | 356             | 161              | 4,052           | 2.5   | .1              | 6                | 2.             |
| Delaware               | 87                | 7               | .3               | 91              | 6.0   | .9              | -1.3             | 5.5            |
| Maryland Pennsylvania  | 531<br>2,072      | 48<br>163       | 19.<br>74        | 561<br>2,161    | 4.9<br>2.3  | 2.7<br>-2.5     | 4.6<br>4.6       | 4.5            |
| Virginia               | 721               | 81              | 42               | 759             | 3.8   | 3.0             | 3.4              | 2.:<br>3.:     |
| West Virginia          | 360               | 41              | 18               | 383             | -1.4  | .5              | 1                | - 1.3          |
| District of Columbia 1 | 87                | 15              | 6                | 96              | -6.7  | 2.4             | 3.2              | - 5.           |
| Total, Region IV       | 6,618             | 1,022           | 545              | 7,096           | 3.8   | 8               | .t               | 3.4            |
| Alabama                | 642               | 134             | 79               | 698             | 1.3   | -3.1            | -2.4             |                |
| Florida                | 2,080             | 174             | 72               | 2,182           | 7.7   | 2.6             | 2.4              | 7.5            |
| Georgia                | 771               | 155             | 83               | 843             | 2.5   | -2.0            | 1.3              | 1.8            |
| Kentucky               | 602               | 94              | 48               | 648             | .2  | 1.9             | .7               |                |
| Mississippi            | 433<br>900        | 112<br>141      | 66<br>79         | 478<br>961      | -1.6<br>4.1   | 9<br>-2.7       | 1<br>-1.0        | -1.0<br>3.5    |
| South Carolina         | 450               | 83              | 46               | 487             | 4.5   | 1.1             | 3.2              | 4.0            |
| Tennessee              | 740               | 131             | 71               | 800             | 1.5   | - 2.2           | -1.7             | 1.             |
| Total, Region V        | 6,832             | 498             | 215              | 7,115           | 2.2   | 2.3             | -1.5             | 2.3            |
| Illinois               | 1,639             | 124             | 40               | 1,723           | 1.6   | 3.1             | - 1.3            | 1.3            |
| Indiana                | 822               | 41              | 19               | 845             | 2.7   | 6.9             | -1.3             | 3.0            |
| Michigan               | 1,359             | 114             | 54               | 1,419           | 2.4   | 3.6             | 1.2              | 2.:            |
| Minnesota              | 617               | 32              | 14               | 634             | 1.7   | -2.1            | 6.2              | 1.3            |
| Ohio                   | 1,625<br>770      | 119<br>68       | 46<br>43         | 1,698<br>795    | 2.9<br>1.8  | 2.7<br>-2.7     | .2<br>-7.3       | 2.9<br>1.9     |
|                        |                   |                 |                  |                 |   |                 |                  |                |
| Total, Region VI       | 3,521<br>444      | 569<br>78       | 300<br>47        | 3,790<br>475    | 2.1   | -6.6            | - 5.9            | 1.:            |
| ArkansasLouisiana      | 588               | 137             | 65               | 659             | -1.2<br>9   | -6.8<br>-8.7    | -5.7<br>-8.3     | - 1.3<br>- 1.8 |
| New Mexico.            | 176               | 25              | 12               | 189             | 4.0   | .4              | 1.7              | 3.7            |
| Oklahoma               | 482               | 67              | 33               | 517             | 1.2   | - 12.0          | -7.8             |                |
| Texas                  | 1,831             | 262             | 143              | 1,950           | 4.0   | -4.7            | -5.0             | 3.5            |
| Total, Region VII      | 1,990             | 144             | 75               | 2,060           | .9  | -4.1            | -7.0             | .8             |
| Iowa                   | 494               | 26              | 13               | <b>50</b> 6     | 1.8   | 3.0             | 3                | 1.9            |
| Kansas                 | 378               | 20              | 9                | 389             | 1.7   | 3               | -3.7             | 1.5            |
| Missouri               | 863<br>256        | 84<br>14        | 45<br>7          | 902<br>263      | .!  | -7.5<br>-2.2    | -10.1            | !              |
|                        |                   |                 |                  |                 | .4  |                 | -3.9             | .4             |
| Total, Region VIII     | 876               | 61              | 28               | 910             | 4.8   | -1.3            | -2.5             | 4.6            |
| Colorado               | 332<br>119        | 30<br>7         | 13<br>3          | 349<br>123      | 6.4<br>3.8  | -5.0<br>3.1     | -6.8<br>4.5      | 5.9<br>3.8     |
| North Dakota           | 105               | 6               | 3                | 108             | .8  | 6               | -2.3             | ،.د<br>ئ.      |
| South Dakota           | 120               | 8               | 4                | 124             | .7  | 9               | -2.1             |                |
| Utah                   | 149               | 8               | 3                | 154             | 7.8   | 6.3             | 5.4              | 7.8            |
| Wyoming                | 50                | 2               | 1                | 51              | 6.2   | 9.4             | 9.2              | 6.2            |
| Total, Region IX       | 3,834             | 764             | 452              | 4,146           | 5.3   | -6.5            | 13.0             | 5.1            |
| Arizona                | 426               | 30              | 13               | 443             | 12.5  | 6.3             | 8.0              | 12.2           |
| California             | 3,198             | 717             | 432              | 3,484           | 3.7   | -7.4            | - 13.9           | 3.0            |
| Hawaii                 | 114<br>96         | 10<br>7         | 4                | 119<br>99       | 10.1<br>21.5  | 6.0<br>10.7     | -1.1<br>3.3      | 10.2<br>21.4   |
|                        |                   |                 |                  |                 |   |                 |                  |                |
| Total, Region X        | 1,146             | 78              | 35               | 1,189           | 7.1   | 4.0             | 2.0              | 7.0            |
| AlaskaIdaho            | 21<br>133         | 3<br>8          | 1<br>4           | 23<br>136       | 14.3<br>5.3   | 7.9<br>6.9      | 13.6<br>7.5      | 13.8<br>5.8    |
|                        |                   | 22              | 10               | 424             | 5.3<br>6.4  | 9.0             | 10.4             | 6.4            |
| Oregon                 | 412               |                 |                  |                 |   |                 |                  |                |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm I}$  For purposes of this analysis, the District of Columbia is included with the States.

Source: Social Security Administration administrative records.

Table 4.—Total U.S. population, July 1, 1984, percentage change in population, April 1980-June 1984, and number of births and deaths and net migration, 1980-84, by Region and State

[Numbers in thousands]

|   |   | tilousaliusj   | Number of—  |   |   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| Region and State  | Total,<br>July 1,<br>1984   | Percentage<br>change,<br>1980-84                             |   | Deaths  | Net<br>migration  |
| Total, United<br>States   | 236,158   | 4.2  | 15,461  | 8,480   | 2,638   |
| Total, Region I Connecticut Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire Rhode Island Vermont                    | 12,577<br>3,154<br>1,156<br>5,798<br>977<br>962<br>530                          | 1.9<br>1.3<br>2.8<br>1.1<br>6.1<br>1.6<br>3.6                | 704<br>171<br>70<br>318<br>58<br>53<br>34                     | 480<br>115<br>45<br>229<br>33<br>39<br>19                     | 5<br>-9<br>7<br>-28<br>31<br>1                          |
| Total, Region II New Jersey New York  | 25,250  | 1.3  | 1,455   | 1,004   | - 124   |
|   | 7,515   | 2.0  | 415   | 290   | 25  |
|   | 17,735  | 1.0  | 1,040   | 714   | - 149   |
| Total, Region III Delaware Maryland Pennsylvania Virginia West Viriginia District of Columbia 1       | 25,074  | 1.9  | 1,476   | 973   | -40   |
|   | 613   | 3.1  | 37  | 20  | 1   |
|   | 4,349   | 3.1  | 266   | 146   | 13  |
|   | 11,901  | .3   | 677   | 514   | -126  |
|   | 5,636   | 5.4  | 340   | 182   | 131   |
|   | 1,952   | .1   | 116   | 82  | -32   |
|   | 623   | -2.4   | 40  | 29  | -27   |
| Total, Region IV Alabama Florida Georgia Kentucky Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee | 41,306<br>3,990<br>10,976<br>5,837<br>3,723<br>2,598<br>6,165<br>3,300<br>4,717 | 6.4<br>2.5<br>12.6<br>6.8<br>1.7<br>3.1<br>4.8<br>5.7<br>2.7 | 2,541<br>258<br>605<br>382<br>241<br>194<br>359<br>218<br>284 | 1,543<br>150<br>467<br>191<br>142<br>100<br>210<br>109<br>174 | 1,431<br>-11<br>1,092<br>182<br>-36<br>-16<br>135<br>69 |
| Total, Region V Illinois Indiana Michigan Minnesota Ohio Wisconsin                                    | 45,764  | .02  | 3,017   | 1,687   | -1,326  |
|   | 11,511  | .7   | 779   | 434   | -261  |
|   | 5,498   | .1   | 356   | 202   | -147  |
|   | 9,075   | -2.0   | 587   | 324   | -451  |
|   | 4,162   | 2.1  | 286   | 142   | -58   |
|   | 10,752  | 4  | 696   | 412   | -329  |
|   | 4,766   | 1.3  | 313   | 173   | -80   |
| Total, Region VI Arkansas Louisiana New Mexico Oklahoma Texas   | 27,522  | 10.0   | 2,081   | 887   | 1,279   |
|   | 2,349   | 2.7  | 151   | 97  | 8   |
|   | 4,462   | 6.1  | 352   | 153   | 58  |
|   | 1,424   | 9.3  | 114   | 37  | 44  |
|   | 3,298   | 9.0  | 237   | 124   | 160   |
|   | 15,989  | 12.4   | 1,227   | 476   | 1,009   |
| Total, Region VII Iowa Kansas Missouri Nebraska   | 11,962  | 1.7  | 804   | 480   | -128  |
|   | 2,910   | 1  | 191   | 116   | -80   |
|   | 2,438   | 3.1  | 173   | 93  | -6  |
|   | 5,008   | 1.9  | 326   | 209   | -26   |
|   | 1,606   | 2.3  | 114   | 62  | -16   |
| Total, Region VIII Colorado   | 7,557   | 8.8  | 611   | 211   | 207   |
|   | 3,178   | 10.0   | 225   | 82  | 145   |
|   | 824   | 4.7  | 61  | 28  | 5   |
|   | 686   | 5.2  | 53  | 23  | 5   |
|   | 706   | 2.2  | 54  | 28  | -11   |
|   | 1,652   | 13.0   | 173   | 36  | 53  |
|   | 511   | 8.9  | 45  | 14  | 10  |
| Total, Region IX  | 30,625  | 8.8  | 2,172   | 947   | 1,251   |
| Arizona   | 3,053   | 12.3   | 221   | 93  | 207   |
| California  | 25,622  | 8.3  | 1,812   | 806   | 950   |
| Hawaii  | 1,039   | 7.7  | 79  | 22  | 17  |
| Nevada  | 911   | 13.8   | 60  | 26  | 77  |
| Total, Region X Alaska Idaho Oregon Washington  | 8,524   | 5.3  | 597   | 267   | 81  |
|   | 500   | 24.4   | 46  | 8   | 59  |
|   | 1,001   | 6.0  | 82  | 30  | 4   |
|   | 2,674   | 1.6  | 175   | 91  | -43   |
|   | 4,349   | 5.2  | 294   | 138   | 61  |

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this analysis, the District of Columbia is included with the

Table 5.—Number and percent of U.S. population aged 65 or older, July 1, 1984, and percentage change in aged population, 1980-84, by Region and State

[Numbers in thousands]

| [Numbers in thousands]                |                  |              |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                                       | Aged 65 or older |              |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                       |                  |              | Percentage         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Region and State                      | Number           | Percent      | change,<br>1980-84 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, United States                  | 28,040           | 11.9         | 9.7                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, Region I                       | 1,651            | 13.1         | 8.6                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Connecticut                           | 407<br>152       | 12.9<br>13.1 | 11.6<br>7.6        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Massachusetts                         | 777              | 13.4         | 6.9                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Hampshire                         | 114              | 11.7         | 10.6               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rhode Island                          | 138<br>63        | 14.3<br>11.8 | 8.7<br>7.8         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, Region II                      | 3,189            | 12.6         | 5.6                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Jersey                            | 942              | 12.5         | 9.6                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New York                              | 2,247            | 12.7         | 4.0                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, Region III Delaware            | 3,092<br>67      | 12.6<br>11.0 | 10.3<br>13.8       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maryland                              | 447              | 10.3         | 13.0               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvania                          | 1,676            | 14.1         | 9.5                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Virginia                              | 572              | 10.2<br>13.0 | 13.2<br>7.1        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West Virginia  District of Columbia 1 | 255<br>75        | 12.1         | 1.5                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, Region IV                      | 5,313            | 13.5         | 11.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama                               | 476              | 11.9         | 8.3                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Florida                               | 1,931<br>577     | 17.6<br>9.9  | 14.4<br>11.7       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Georgia                               | 438              | 11.8         | 6.8                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mississippi                           | 306              | 11.8         | 5.9                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Carolina                        | 688<br>331       | 11.2<br>10.0 | 14.1<br>15.1       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Carolina                        | 566              | 12.0         | 9.4                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, Region V                       | 5,409            | 11.8         | 8.8                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Illinois                              | 1,356            | 11.8         | 7.5                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indiana                               | 638<br>1,007     | 11.6<br>11.1 | 8.9<br>10.3        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minnesota                             | 517              | 12.4         | 7.7                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ohio                                  | 1,280            | 11.9         | 9.5                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wisconsin                             | 611              | 12.8         | 8.4                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, Region VI                      | 2,821<br>336     | 10.5<br>14.3 | 9.3<br>7.4         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Louisiana                             | 435              | 9.7          | 7.5                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Mexico                            | 135              | 9.5          | 16.6               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oklahoma                              | 401<br>1,514     | 12.1<br>9.5  | 6.5<br>10.4        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, Region VII                     | 1,631            | 13.6         | 5.4                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iowa                                  | 410              | 14.1         | 5.9                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kansas                                | 323<br>682       | 13.3<br>13.6 | 5.6<br>5.3         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Missouri                              | 216              | 13.4         | 4.8                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, Region VIII                    | 729              | 10.0         | 12.2               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Colorado                              | 280              | 8.8          | 13.4               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montana                               | 96<br>87         | 11.6<br>12.6 | 13.2<br>7.6        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Dakota                          | 96               | 13.6         | 5.8                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Utah                                  | 128              | 7.7          | 16.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wyoming                               | 42               | 8.2          | 12.3               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, Region IX                      | 3,249<br>375     | 10.6<br>12.3 | 13.6<br>21.9       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| California                            | 2,693            | 10.5         | 11.5               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hawaii                                | 94               | 9.0          | 22.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nevada                                | 87<br>959        | 9.5<br>11.7  | 32.2<br>14.2       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alaska                                | 15               | 3.0          | 32.6               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Idaho                                 | 108              | 10.8         | 14.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oregon                                | 344<br>492       | 12.9<br>11.3 | 13.4<br>14.0       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| vi asmilgion                          | 474              | 11.3         | 14.0               |  |  |  |  |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For purposes of this analysis, the District of Columbia is included with the

States.

Source: Bureau of the Census, "State Population Estimates, by Age and Components of Change: 1980 to 1984," Current Population Reports (Series P-25, No. 970), June 1985, table 1.

Source: Bureau of the Census, "State Population Estimates, by Age and Components of Change: 1980 to 1984," Current Population Reports (Series P-25, No. 970), June 1985, tables 3, 8, and 9.

**Table 6.**—Most populous States, by rank and population, 1984 and 1980

[Populations in thousands]

| 198            | 4    |                 | 1980           |      |                 |  |  |
|----------------|------|-----------------|----------------|------|-----------------|--|--|
| State          | Rank | Popula-<br>tion | State          | Rank | Popula-<br>tion |  |  |
| California     | 1    | 25,622          | California     | 1    | 23,668          |  |  |
| New York       | 2    | 17,735          | New York       | 2    | 17,558          |  |  |
| Texas          | 3    | 15,735          | Texas          | 3    | 14,229          |  |  |
| Pennsylvania   | 4    | 11,901          | Pennsylvania   | 4    | 11,864          |  |  |
| Illinois       | 5    | 11,511          | Illinois       | 5    | 11,427          |  |  |
| Florida        | 6    | 10,976          | Ohio           | 6    | 10,798          |  |  |
| Ohio           | 7    | 10,752          | Florida        | 7    | 9,746           |  |  |
| Michigan       | 8    | 9,075           | Michigan       | 8    | 9,262           |  |  |
| New Jersey     | 9    | 7,515           | New Jersey     | 9    | 7,365           |  |  |
| North Carolina | 10   | 6,165           | North Carolina | 10   | 5,882           |  |  |

Source: Bureau of the Census, "State Population Estimates, by Age and Components of Change: 1980 to 1984," Current Population Reports (Series P-25, No. 970), June 1985, table 1.

**Table 7.—**Least populous States, by rank and population, 1984 and 1980

[Populations in thousands]

| . 198                 | 4    |                 | 1980          |      |                 |  |  |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------|---------------|------|-----------------|--|--|
| State                 | Rank | Popula-<br>tion | State         | Rank | Popula-<br>tion |  |  |
| Alaska                | 51   | 500             | Alaska        | 51   | 402             |  |  |
| Wyoming               | 50   | 511             | Wyoming       | 50   | 470             |  |  |
| Vermont               | 49   | 530             | Vermont       | 49   | 511             |  |  |
| Delaware              | 48   | 613             | Delaware      | 48   | 594             |  |  |
| District of           |      |                 | District of   |      |                 |  |  |
| Columbia <sup>1</sup> | 47   | 623             | Columbia 1    | 47   | 638             |  |  |
| North Dakota          | 46   | 686             | North Dakota  | 46   | 653             |  |  |
| South Dakota          | 45   | 706             | South Dakota  | 45   | 691             |  |  |
| Montana               | 44   | 824             | Montana       | 44   | 787             |  |  |
| Nevada                | 43   | 911             | Nevada        | 43   | 800             |  |  |
| Rhode Island          | 42   | 962             | New Hampshire | 42   | 921             |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For purposes of this analysis, the District of Columbia is included with the States.

Source: Bureau of the Census, "State Population Estimates, by Age and Components of Change: 1980 to 1984," Current Population Reports (Series P-25, No. 970), June 1985, table 1.

Table 8.—Most populous States ranked by largest number and percent, 1984, and largest percentage change, 1980-84, of population aged 65 or older

[Populations in thousands]

| State   | Rank                                      | Popula-<br>tion  | State   | Percent  | State  | Per-<br>centage<br>change,<br>1980-84                                |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| California New York Florida. Pennsylvania Texas. Illinois. Ohio Michigan New Jersey. North Carolina | 1<br>2<br>6<br>4<br>3<br>5<br>7<br>8<br>9 | 2,693<br>2,247<br>1,931<br>1,676<br>1,514<br>1,356<br>1,280<br>1,007<br>942<br>688 | Florida. Rhode Island. Arkansas Iowa Pennsylvania. South Dakota Missouri Nebraska Massachusetts Kansas. | 17.6<br>14.3<br>14.3<br>14.1<br>14.1<br>13.6<br>13.6<br>13.4<br>13.4 | Alaska Nevada Hawaii Arizona Utah New Mexico South Carolina Idaho Florida North Carolina | 32.6<br>32.2<br>22.9<br>21.9<br>16.9<br>16.6<br>15.1<br>14.9<br>14.4 |

Source: Bureau of the Census, "State Population Estimates, by Age and Components of Change: 1980 to 1984," Current Population Reports (Series

P-25, No. 970), June 1985, tables 3 and 9.

Table 9.—Least populous States ranked by smallest number and percent, 1984, and smallest percentage change, 1980-84, of population aged 65 or older

[Populations in thousands]

| State  | Rank                                       | Popula-<br>tion                                    | State  | Percent   | State                  | Per-<br>centage<br>change,<br>1980-84                       |
|--|--|--|--|---|------------------------|---|
| Alaska. Wyoming. Vermont Delaware District Columbia <sup>1</sup> Nevada North Dakota Hawaii Montana South Dakota | 51<br>50<br>49<br>48<br>47<br>43<br>46<br> | 15<br>42<br>63<br>67<br>75<br>87<br>87<br>94<br>96 | Alaska. Utah Wyoming. Colorado. Hawaii. Nevada New Mexico. Texas Louisianna. Georgia | 3.0<br>7.7<br>8.2<br>8.8<br>9.0<br>9.5<br>9.5<br>9.5<br>9.5 | District of Columbia 1 | 1.5<br>4.0<br>4.8<br>5.3<br>5.6<br>5.8<br>5.9<br>5.9<br>6.5 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For purposes of this analysis, the District of Columbia is included with the States.

Source: Bureau of the Census, "State Population Estimates, by Age and

Components of Change: 1980 to 1984," Current Population Reports (Series P-25, No. 970), June 1985, tables 3 and 9.

all the States, the largest total population, and the largest number of beneficiaries under the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program.

It ranked third (behind Florida and Texas) in net migration, accounting for 950,000 of the more than 1.2 million net gain in the region's population. The majority of the population movement in the United States is seen in migration into these three States and emigration from the Midwestern States that form Region V into other areas.

In contrast to this picture for California, Nevada is one of the least populated States and is among the 10 States with the lowest number of births annually. All four States in this region are among the 10 States with the lowest death rates in 1980-84. Hawaii, however, ranked eighth in the Nation for high birth rates: It had 82 births per 1,000 population during the 4-year period under consideration.

With 13.4 percent of its aged population receiving SSI payments, California was seventh among the States in this category. The proportions for the region's other three States were considerably lower: Arizona, 3.9 percent; Nevada, 4.3 percent; and Hawaii, 6.0 percent. With the exception of California, the proportion of the elderly who were OASDI beneficiaries was 90 percent or more in each of the States. In California, 89.4 percent received such benefits.

#### **Region X**

This four-State region had the second lowest number of OASDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients in the country. It had the fewest births and the second lowest number of deaths in 1980-84. The State of Alaska was distinctive in several ways: It had the second highest birth rate in the Nation, although it ranked forty-seventh in the number of births nationally; it had the lowest death rate and lowest number of deaths, the smallest population in the United States in 1980 and 1984, and the smallest number and proportion of persons aged 65 or older. It outpaced the other three States in the region in total population growth (the range going from 1.6 percent for Oregon to 24.4 percent for Alaska). However, among those aged 65 or older, population growth in Alaska was considerably below growth in the other three States in the region in both number and proportion.

Of the total population in the region, the proportion of SSI recipients in Alaska (0.7 percent) was below the national average (1.7 percent). Of those aged 65 or older, however, 10.3 percent received SSI payments, exceeding the national average by 3.0 percent. In Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, the proportion of SSI recipients aged 65 or older was lower than the national average.

# Benefits and Beneficiaries Under Public Employee Retirement Systems, 1983\*

In calendar year 1983, Federal, State, and local government employee retirement systems paid \$55.5 billion in benefits, or 7.1 percent more than in 1982. The number of persons receiving benefits rose to 6.3 million, representing an increase of 1.3 percent from the previous year.

Table 1 shows the growth in both benefits and beneficiaries under the major public retirement systems from 1973 to 1983. Benefit amounts are shown in 1983 dollars to eliminate the effects of inflation.

Total benefits grew 11 percentage points more than the total number of beneficiaries over the decade. However, the Federal component and the State and local retirement systems had extremely disparate experiences. Federal benefits rose more than 85 percent, while beneficiaries under the Federal systems increased only 56 percent. On the other hand, State and local government retirement systems had a larger growth in their beneficiary population than in real benefit expenditures—78 percent and 62 percent, respectively. In many cases, State and local benefits are not indexed for inflation. Also, many State and local employees retire under systems that are integrated with the social security program. In such integrated systems, rising social security benefits may have reduced the amount of State and local payments.

Table 2 presents data for 1983 on the amount of benefits and number of beneficiaries for each retirement system, arranged according to the category of benefit received. The percentage distribution of these data by category of receipt and level of issuing government can be found in table 3. Federal retirement systems, includ-

Table 1.—Growth in benefits and beneficiaries under public employee retirement systems, 1973 and 1983

| ,                            | Public employee retirement systems |                    |                    |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Calendar year                | Total                              | Federal            | State and local    |  |  |  |  |
| ·                            | Benefits in                        | 1983 dollars (     | in millions)       |  |  |  |  |
| 1973                         | \$31,369<br>55,501                 | \$20,235<br>37,435 | \$11,134<br>18,066 |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage increase, 1973-83 | 77                                 | 85                 | 62                 |  |  |  |  |
|                              | Number of                          | beneficiaries (i   | n thousands)       |  |  |  |  |
| 1973<br>1983                 | 3,796<br>6,285                     | 2,171<br>3,390     | 1,625<br>2,895     |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage increase, 1973-83 | 66                                 | 56                 | 78                 |  |  |  |  |

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