

**Appendix table 1—Age distribution of the population 60 years and older, by metro-nonmetro residence and region, 1980, 1990 and 1998**

Residence, region, and year	Median age	60 years and older	60-64	65-74	75-84	75 and older	85 and older	Share of total who are 60 and older	Share of 60 and older who are 85 and older	
	<i>Years</i>	<i>Number</i>					<i>Percent</i>			
<b>1980:</b>										
U.S. total	30.0	35,637,048	10,087,621	15,580,605	7,728,755	9,968,822	2,240,067	15.7	6.3	
Metro	29.9	25,500,112	7,375,436	11,065,119	5,484,890	7,059,557	1,574,667	15.1	6.2	
Northeast	31.9	7,166,901	2,073,120	3,070,821	1,565,025	2,022,960	457,935	17.2	6.4	
Midwest	29.3	6,034,674	1,764,023	2,562,052	1,313,041	1,708,599	395,558	14.5	6.6	
South	29.5	7,355,813	2,089,127	3,294,866	1,563,894	1,971,820	407,926	14.6	5.5	
West	29.4	4,942,724	1,449,166	2,137,380	1,042,930	1,356,178	313,248	13.9	6.3	
Nonmetro	30.1	10,136,936	2,712,185	4,515,486	2,243,865	2,909,265	665,400	17.7	6.6	
Northeast	31.1	1,341,602	363,544	592,122	297,326	385,936	88,610	18.1	6.6	
Midwest	30.6	3,251,585	830,367	1,394,525	772,876	1,026,693	253,817	19.0	7.8	
South	30.1	4,407,521	1,186,316	2,017,630	947,760	1,203,575	255,815	17.6	5.8	
West	28.7	1,136,228	331,958	511,209	225,903	293,061	67,158	15.0	5.9	
<b>1990:</b>										
U.S. total	32.9	41,857,998	10,616,167	18,106,558	10,055,108	13,135,273	3,080,165	16.8	7.4	
Metro	32.6	31,002,048	7,997,871	13,451,453	7,319,072	9,552,724	2,233,652	16.1	7.2	
Northeast	34.2	8,221,786	2,092,951	3,537,903	1,971,622	2,590,932	619,310	18.4	7.5	
Midwest	32.5	6,855,327	1,791,332	2,935,044	1,609,497	2,128,951	519,454	16.1	7.6	
South	32.4	9,555,304	2,466,229	4,179,371	2,261,757	2,909,704	647,947	15.8	6.8	
West	31.6	6,369,631	1,647,359	2,799,135	1,476,196	1,923,137	446,941	14.3	7.0	
Nonmetro	33.8	10,855,950	2,618,296	4,655,105	2,736,036	3,582,549	846,513	19.4	7.8	
Northeast	34.1	1,146,591	280,270	492,466	283,356	373,855	90,499	19.1	7.9	
Midwest	34.3	3,491,086	805,951	1,451,226	913,500	1,233,909	320,409	20.6	9.2	
South	33.8	4,813,873	1,178,766	2,084,106	1,206,926	1,551,001	344,075	19.4	7.1	
West	32.9	1,404,400	353,309	627,307	332,254	423,784	91,530	17.3	6.5	
<b>1998:</b>										
U.S. total	34.0	42,145,000	10,064,000	17,873,000	11,280,000	14,208,000	2,928,000	15.7	6.9	
Metro	34.0	32,465,000	7,794,000	13,740,000	8,679,000	10,931,000	2,252,000	15.0	6.9	
Northeast	35.0	7,825,000	1,943,000	3,203,000	2,082,000	2,679,000	597,000	17.1	7.6	
Midwest	34.0	6,871,000	1,575,000	2,933,000	1,840,000	2,363,000	523,000	14.7	7.6	
South	34.0	10,766,000	2,579,000	4,615,000	2,902,000	3,572,000	670,000	15.1	6.2	
West	33.0	7,004,000	1,698,000	2,989,000	1,855,000	2,317,000	462,000	13.2	6.6	
Nonmetro	36.0	9,680,000	2,270,000	4,133,000	2,601,000	3,277,000	676,000	18.4	7.0	
Northeast	38.0	1,099,000	272,000	495,000	264,000	332,000	68,000	19.7	6.2	
Midwest	35.0	3,106,000	727,000	1,253,000	921,000	1,126,000	205,000	19.4	6.6	
South	35.0	4,186,000	954,000	1,833,000	1,089,000	1,399,000	310,000	18.0	7.4	
West	34.0	1,289,000	318,000	552,000	326,000	419,000	93,000	16.7	7.2	

Source: Calculated by ERS from March 1998 Current Population Survey (CPS) data file, and 1980 and 1990 Census of Population, General Population Characteristics, U.S. Summary.

**Appendix table 2—Change in the population 60 years and older, by gender and rural-urban continuum code, 1980- 90**

Rural-urban continuum code	All persons 60 years and older			Women 60 years and older			Men 60 years and older		
	1980	1990	Change, 1980-90	1980	1990	Change, 1980-90	1980	1990	Change, 1980-90
	Number		Percent	Number		Percent	Number		Percent
U.S. total	35,633,190	41,831,037	17.4	20,675,901	24,363,367	17.8	14,957,289	17,467,670	16.8
Metro:									
1 million or more population—									
Central	15,522,520	17,997,510	15.9	9,131,870	10,589,483	16.0	6,390,650	7,408,027	15.9
Fringe	1,079,968	1,372,292	27.1	611,850	781,901	27.8	468,118	590,391	26.1
250,000 to 1 million population	7,387,220	9,174,773	24.2	4,291,690	5,343,601	24.5	3,095,530	3,831,172	23.8
Less than 250,000 population	2,775,078	3,387,093	22.1	1,610,461	1,971,377	22.4	1,164,617	1,415,716	21.6
Nonmetro:									
Urban population of 20,000 or more—									
Adjacent	1,485,491	1,759,778	18.5	852,419	1,014,460	19.0	633,072	745,318	17.7
Nonadjacent	918,478	1,073,309	16.9	526,528	618,812	17.5	391,950	454,497	16.0
Urban population of 2,500-19,999—									
Adjacent	2,848,179	3,184,948	11.8	1,621,802	1,830,553	12.9	1,226,377	1,354,395	10.4
Nonadjacent	2,384,237	2,572,324	7.9	1,352,981	1,481,230	9.5	1,031,256	1,091,094	5.8
Completely rural—									
Adjacent	473,115	513,948	8.6	260,783	288,091	10.5	212,332	225,857	6.4
Nonadjacent	758,904	795,062	4.8	415,517	443,859	6.9	343,387	351,203	2.3

Source: Calculated by ERS from data from the Bureau of the Census, 1980 and 1990 Census STF4 files.

**Appendix table 3—Change in the population 85 years and older, by gender and rural-urban continuum code, 1980- 90**

Rural-urban continuum code	Persons 85 years and older			Women 85 years and older			Men 85 years and older		
	1980	1990	Change, 1980-90	1980	1990	Change, 1980-90	1980	1990	Change, 1980-90
	—Number—		Percent	—Number—		Percent	—Number—		Percent
U.S. total	2,192,679	3,003,328	37.0	1,524,701	2,172,927	42.5	667,978	830,401	24.3
Metro:									
1 million population or more—									
Central	930,154	1,267,309	36.2	654,416	924,704	41.3	275,738	342,605	24.3
Fringe	67,822	95,591	40.9	46,906	68,517	46.1	20,916	27,074	29.4
250,000 to 1 million population	440,065	630,159	43.2	309,189	459,514	48.6	130,876	170,645	30.4
Less than 250,000 population	173,593	244,933	41.1	121,651	179,090	47.2	51,942	65,843	26.8
Nonmetro:									
Urban population of 20,000 or more—									
Adjacent	91,627	125,760	37.3	63,579	90,386	42.2	28,048	35,374	26.1
Nonadjacent	60,814	80,358	32.1	41,731	57,527	37.9	19,083	22,831	19.6
Urban population of 2,500-19,999—									
Adjacent	188,358	245,776	30.5	127,866	174,495	36.5	60,492	71,281	17.8
Nonadjacent	158,657	208,656	31.5	106,690	147,578	38.3	51,967	61,078	17.5
Completely rural—									
Adjacent	30,213	39,678	31.3	19,846	26,975	35.9	10,367	12,703	22.5
Nonadjacent	51,376	65,108	26.7	32,827	44,141	34.5	18,549	20,967	13.0

Source: Calculated by ERS data from the Bureau of the Census, 1980 and 1990 Census STF4 files.