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*Youth Population Trends, 1995-2000*

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## Executive Summary

This report highlights trends in projected youth population from 1995 to 2000. The tables give information for each state and for selected counties. A set of maps shows the data for youth population across all U.S. counties. For this report, youth population is defined as all persons under age 18.

### *Findings*

- **More than one-quarter (26.1%) of the United States population consists of persons under age 18. This represents 68.5 million persons (see table 1).**
- **States where youth comprise the highest proportion of total population are mostly in the West, South, and, to a lesser degree, in the North Central area.** The states and counties with the largest youth populations are, naturally, in the most populous, metropolitan areas of the country (see table 1 and figures 1 and 2).
- **Seven of the top 10 counties with the highest concentrations of youth population are located in Utah** Table 2 reports the top 50 counties for youth population as a percent of the total (among counties with an estimated total 1995 population of 10,000 or more).
- **The youth population is estimated to increase by 3.3 million from 1995 to 2000, a 4.8 percent rate of growth.** This compares to a projected 5.4 percent growth rate for the total U.S. population. In terms of net growth, the youth population in eight states is projected to grow at least 100,000 from 1995 to 2000: California, Texas, Florida, Georgia, Arizona, Washington, North Carolina, and Virginia. See table 3 for net and percent growth data by state.
- **The rate of growth for youth population is most rapid in the states of the West and South (as is the total U.S. population).** The youth population of Nevada is expected to grow 20.8 percent from 1995 to 2000. Other states with rapid projected growth rates for youth population include: Arizona (11.1%); Colorado (9.9%); Florida (9.3%); and Idaho (9.0%). In addition to the state growth data in table 3, figure 3 and table 4 show county data for projected net youth population growth.
- **Seven of the top 20 fastest growing counties for youth population are located in Georgia (see table 5; and also figure 4 for a U.S. map of the fastest growing youth counties).** Three counties are expected to grow more than 30 percent in youth population from 1995 to 2000: (Douglas, Colorado, 35.3%; Camden, Georgia, 31.1%; and Paulding, Georgia, 30.7%). See table 5 for the top 50 fastest growing counties for youth population, among counties with an estimated 1995 total population of 10,000 or more.

Table 1

**Youth as a Percent of Total Population by State,  
1995 Estimated**  
(ranked by population under 18 as a percent of total)

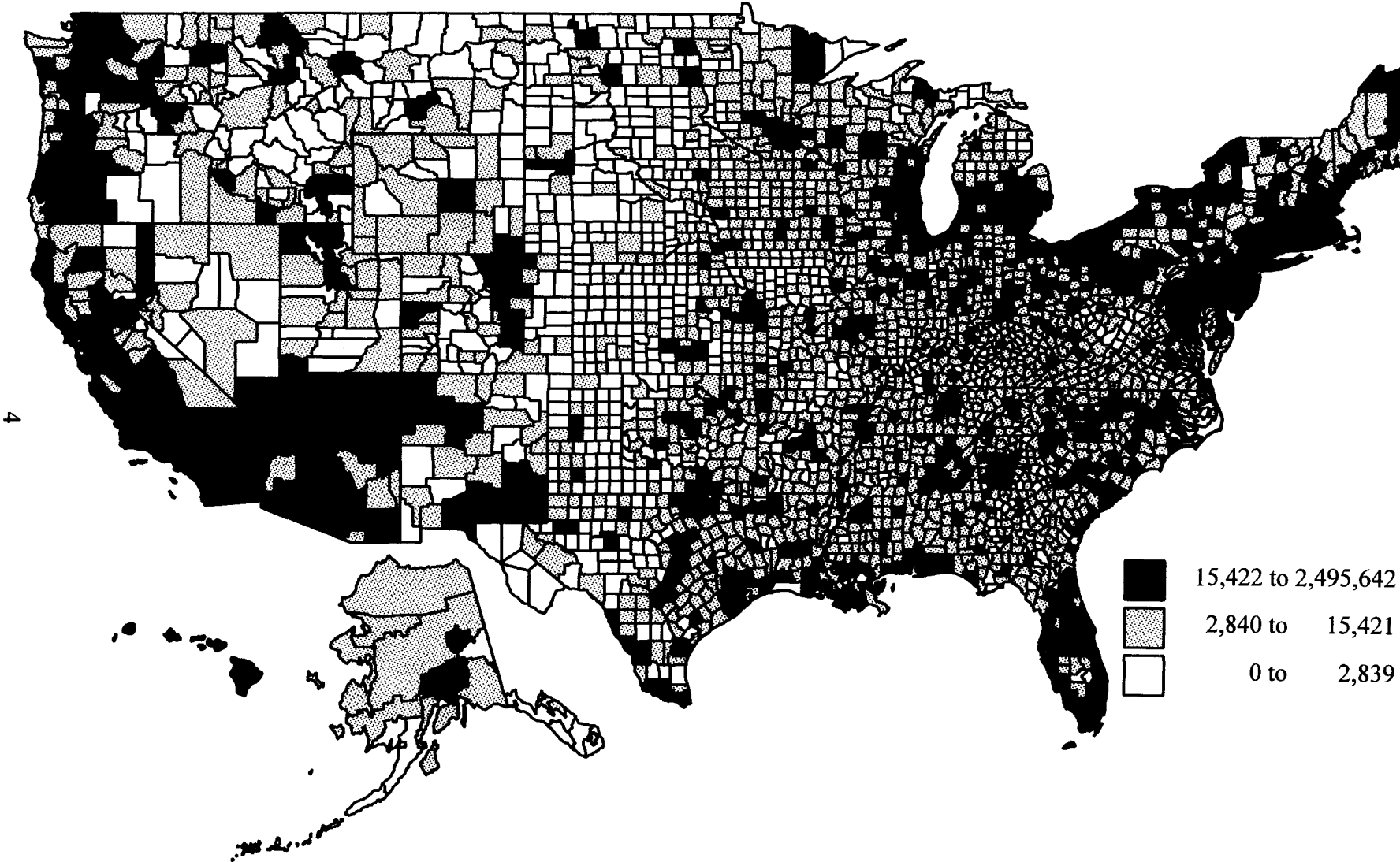
Rank	State	1995 Population, Estimated		Youth as a Pct of Total
		Total	under 18	
	<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>263,006,246</b>	<b>68,514,954</b>	<b>26.1%</b>
1	Utah	1,953,273	709,874	36.3
2	Alaska	617,028	201,768	32.7
3	Idaho	1,163,977	354,805	30.5
4	New Mexico	1,687,858	502,735	29.8
5	Wyoming	481,109	142,021	29.5
6	South Dakota	726,553	212,049	29.2
7	Louisiana	4,334,389	1,255,401	29.0
8	Texas	18,718,487	5,391,766	28.8
9	Mississippi	2,693,963	763,620	28.3
10	North Dakota	638,353	178,513	28.0
11	Montana	870,332	243,332	28.0
12	Nebraska	1,632,481	455,729	27.9
13	Minnesota	4,612,748	1,276,231	27.7
14	Kansas	2,572,420	707,806	27.5
15	Arizona	4,186,213	1,144,505	27.3
16	California	31,754,305	8,602,405	27.1
17	Colorado	3,743,833	1,009,511	27.0
18	Wisconsin	5,124,096	1,373,061	26.8
19	Washington	5,447,054	1,457,048	26.7
20	Oklahoma	3,282,913	877,354	26.7
21	Georgia	7,196,741	1,922,334	26.7
22	Michigan	9,538,635	2,539,481	26.6
23	South Carolina	3,700,486	970,966	26.2
24	Indiana	5,799,509	1,520,514	26.2
25	Illinois	11,820,796	3,097,976	26.2
26	New Hampshire	1,146,765	300,126	26.2
27	Missouri	5,318,062	1,391,218	26.2
28	Iowa	2,839,968	742,921	26.2
29	Vermont	584,672	152,242	26.0
30	Arkansas	2,478,577	644,356	26.0
31	Ohio	11,151,720	2,894,917	26.0
32	Oregon	3,141,979	814,103	25.9

**Table 1 (cont.)**

Rank	State	1995 Population, Estimated		Youth as a Pct of Total
		Total	under 18	
33	Hawaii	1,193,038	308,609	25.9%
34	Nevada	1,522,661	392,896	25.8
35	Alabama	4,258,965	1,096,023	25.7
36	Maine	1,242,370	315,147	25.4
37	Kentucky	3,860,579	977,703	25.3
38	Maryland	5,056,951	1,279,364	25.3
39	Delaware	715,015	180,424	25.2
40	Virginia	6,635,329	1,654,187	24.9
41	Tennessee	5,248,516	1,299,298	24.8
42	New York	18,201,622	4,410,145	24.2
43	North Carolina	7,179,473	1,736,725	24.2
44	Pennsylvania	12,083,907	2,895,222	24.0
45	New Jersey	7,945,938	1,899,909	23.9
46	Connecticut	3,272,680	779,401	23.8
47	West Virginia	1,826,923	428,934	23.5
48	Massachusetts	6,056,637	1,418,812	23.4
49	Rhode Island	994,721	230,754	23.2
50	Florida	14,190,396	3,248,353	22.9
51	District of Columbia	561,230	112,360	20.0

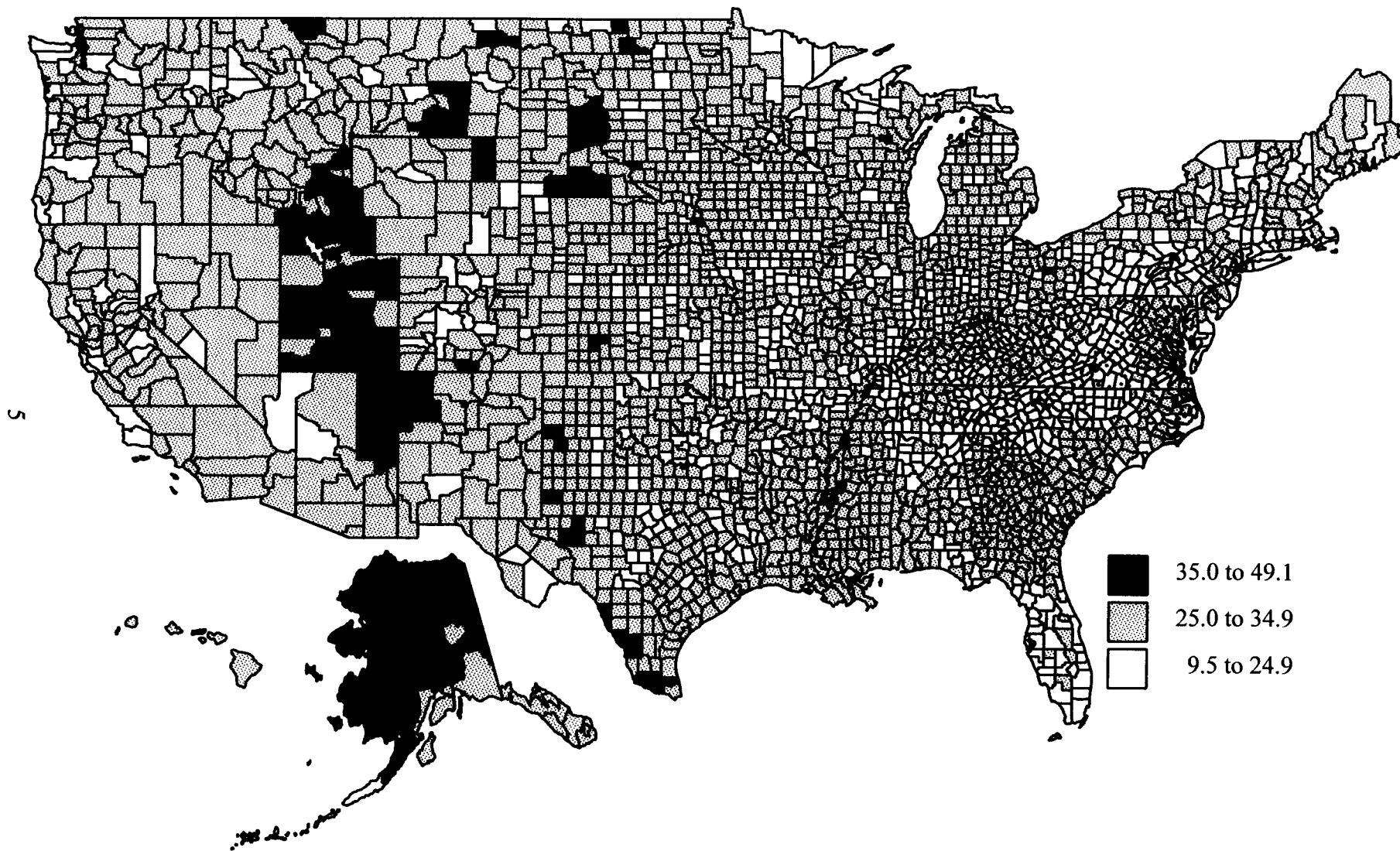
Source: CACI Marketing Systems; compiled by Research Division, HMB

**Figure 1**  
**Youth Population, 1995 Estimated**



Note: Youth population is comprised of persons under 18  
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**Figure 2**  
**Youth as a Percent of Total Population, 1995 Estimated**



Note: Youth population is comprised of persons under 18

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**Table 2**  
**Counties with the Highest Concentrations of Youth,**  
**1995 Estimated**

Rank	County	State	Percent of Total Population Under 18
1	Shannon	South Dakota	44.8%
2	Millard	Utah	43.1
3	San Juan	Utah	42.5
4	Duchesne	Utah	41.9
5	Apache	Arizona	41.8
6	Bethel	Alaska	41.5
7	Emery	Utah	41.0
8	Box Elder	Utah	40.8
9	Uintah	Utah	40.6
10	Davis	Utah	39.6
11	Jefferson	Idaho	39.4
12	McKinley	New Mexico	39.2
13	Franklin	Idaho	39.1
14	Rolette	North Dakota	38.8
15	Navajo	Arizona	38.6
16	Wasatch	Utah	38.5
17	Glacier	Montana	38.4
18	Sevier	Utah	38.4
19	Uinta	Wyoming	38.3
20	Utah	Utah	38.2
21	Bingham	Idaho	37.8
22	Big Horn	Montana	37.5
23	Starr	Texas	37.4
24	Lincoln	Wyoming	37.2
25	Cache	Utah	37.1
26	Gaines	Texas	36.9
27	Holmes	Ohio	36.8
28	Roosevelt	Montana	36.7
29	Maverick	Texas	36.5
30	Sanpete	Utah	36.3
31	Cassia	Idaho	36.3
32	Fremont	Idaho	36.1
33	San Juan	New Mexico	36.1
34	Webb	Texas	36.0
35	Washington	Utah	35.9

**Table 2 (cont.)**

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Rank	County	State	Percent of Total Population Under 18
36	Matanuska-Susitna	Alaska	35.7%
37	Humphreys	Mississippi	35.6
38	Deaf Smith	Texas	35.4
39	Finney	Kansas	35.2
40	Hidalgo	Texas	35.1
41	Bonneville	Idaho	35.1
42	Campbell	Wyoming	35.1
43	Willacy	Texas	35.1
44	Rosebud	Montana	35.0
45	Merced	California	34.9
46	Salt Lake	Utah	34.9
47	Tooele	Utah	34.8
48	Franklin	Washington	34.7
49	Zapata	Texas	34.7
50	St. John the Baptist	Louisiana	34.6

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Note: These data only include counties with 1995 estimated population of 10,000 or more.

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**Table 3**

**Youth Population Trends by State, 1995 to 2000**  
 (ranked by projected percent change in population under 18, 1995 to 2000)

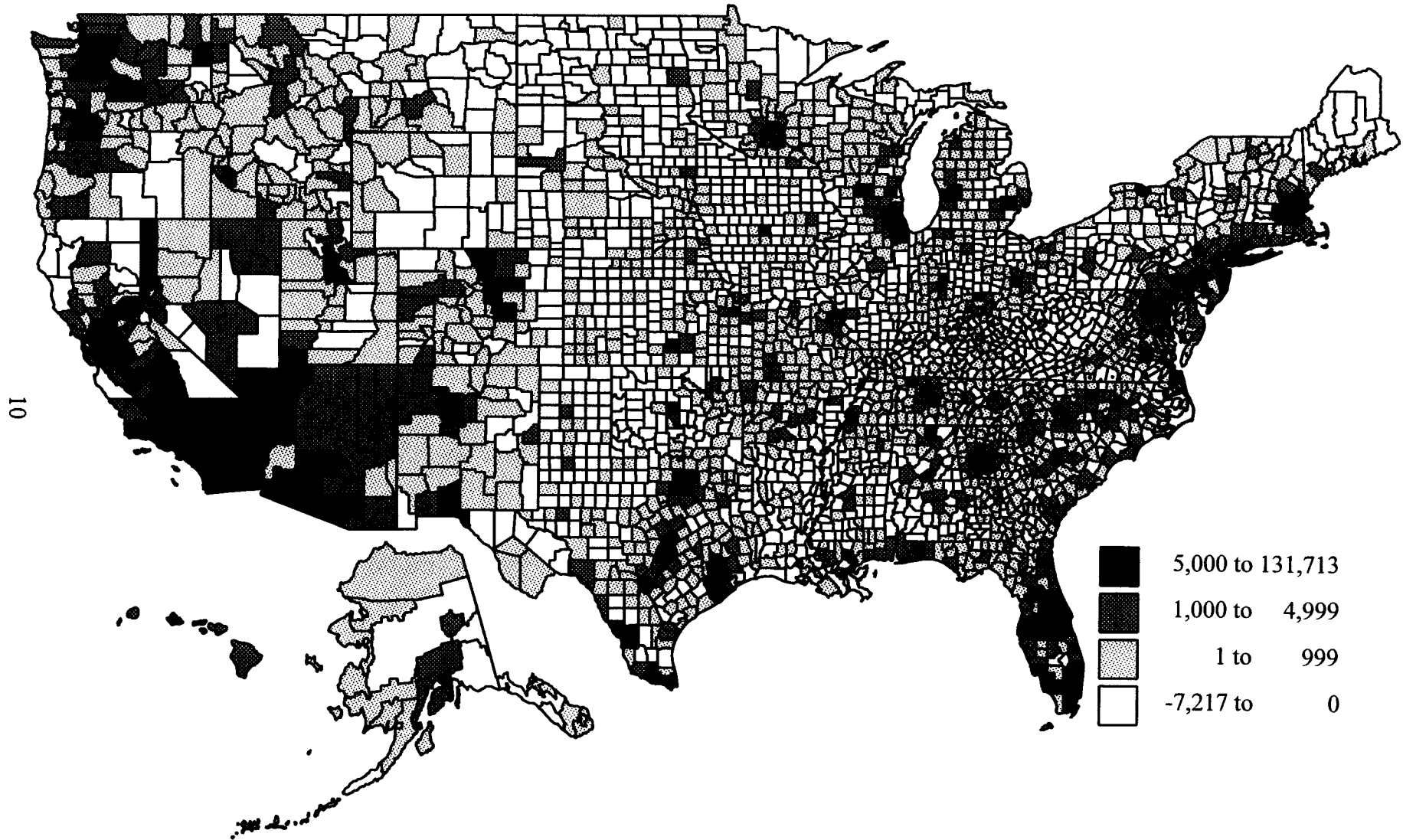
Rank	State	Population under 18		Change, 1995 to 2000	
		1995 Estimated	2000 Projected	Net	Percent
	<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>68,514,954</b>	<b>71,830,002</b>	<b>3,315,048</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
1	Nevada	392,896	474,756	81,860	20.8
2	Arizona	1,144,505	1,271,816	127,311	11.1
3	Colorado	1,009,511	1,109,387	99,876	9.9
4	Florida	3,248,353	3,550,987	302,634	9.3
5	Idaho	354,805	386,865	32,060	9.0
6	Washington	1,457,048	1,583,109	126,061	8.7
7	Georgia	1,922,334	2,088,124	165,790	8.6
8	Alaska	201,768	218,066	16,298	8.1
9	Texas	5,391,766	5,811,466	419,700	7.8
10	New Mexico	502,735	540,626	37,891	7.5
11	Utah	709,874	763,040	53,166	7.5
12	California	8,602,405	9,203,185	600,780	7.0
13	Maryland	1,279,364	1,364,424	85,060	6.6
14	Oregon	814,103	868,198	54,095	6.6
15	Delaware	180,424	192,387	11,963	6.6
16	Virginia	1,654,187	1,758,388	104,201	6.3
17	North Carolina	1,736,725	1,845,125	108,400	6.2
18	Tennessee	1,299,298	1,363,035	63,737	4.9
19	New Hampshire	300,126	314,730	14,604	4.9
20	Hawaii	308,609	323,513	14,904	4.8
21	Minnesota	1,276,231	1,335,060	58,829	4.6
22	Montana	243,332	254,325	10,993	4.5
23	New Jersey	1,899,909	1,976,750	76,841	4.0
24	South Carolina	970,966	1,006,943	35,977	3.7
25	Missouri	1,391,218	1,434,636	43,418	3.1
26	Massachusetts	1,418,812	1,462,486	43,674	3.1
27	Kansas	707,806	728,596	20,790	2.9
28	Wisconsin	1,373,061	1,413,088	40,027	2.9
29	Illinois	3,097,976	3,187,599	89,623	2.9
30	Alabama	1,096,023	1,127,015	30,992	2.8
31	Arkansas	644,356	662,449	18,093	2.8
32	South Dakota	212,049	217,984	5,935	2.8

**Table 3 (cont.)**

Rank	State	Population under 18		Change, 1995 to 2000	
		1995 Estimated	2000 Projected	Net	Percent
33	Vermont	152,242	155,894	3,652	24.0%
34	Indiana	1,520,514	1,555,851	35,337	2.3
35	Connecticut	779,401	796,484	17,083	2.2
36	Pennsylvania	2,895,222	2,956,127	60,905	2.1
37	New York	4,410,145	4,494,365	84,220	1.9
38	Nebraska	455,729	463,776	8,047	1.8
39	Michigan	2,539,481	2,582,802	43,321	1.7
40	Mississippi	763,620	776,263	12,643	1.7
41	Oklahoma	877,354	890,545	13,191	1.5
42	Ohio	2,894,917	2,935,883	40,966	1.4
43	Kentucky	977,703	988,351	10,648	1.1
44	Rhode Island	230,754	233,082	2,328	1.0
45	Louisiana	1,255,401	1,259,192	3,791	0.3
46	Wyoming	142,021	142,331	310	0.2
47	Iowa	742,921	744,334	1,413	0.2
48	Maine	315,147	312,719	-2,428	-0.8
49	North Dakota	178,513	176,682	-1,831	-1.0
50	District of Columbia	112,360	111,082	-1,278	-1.1
51	West Virginia	428,934	416,081	-12,853	-3.0

Source: CACI Marketing Systems; compiled by Research Division, HMB

**Figure 3**  
**Projected Net Change in Youth Population, 1995 to 2000**



Note: Youth population is comprised of persons under 18  
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**Table 4****Counties with the Largest Projected Net Growth  
in Youth Population, 1995 to 2000**

Rank	County	State	Projected Net Growth in Population under 18
1	Los Angeles	California	131,713
2	Maricopa	Arizona	74,837
3	Riverside	California	72,821
4	Harris	Texas	67,949
5	Clark	Nevada	63,312
6	Orange	California	55,316
7	San Bernardino	California	46,131
8	San Diego	California	45,862
9	Broward	Florida	39,145
10	Tarrant	Texas	33,854
11	Dallas	Texas	31,780
12	Dade	Florida	30,469
13	Palm Beach	Florida	28,421
14	Gwinnett	Georgia	28,282
15	Bexar	Texas	27,741
16	King	Washington	25,155
17	Hidalgo	Texas	24,497
18	Santa Clara	California	24,448
19	DuPage	Illinois	23,018
20	Kern	California	22,637
21	Travis	Texas	21,627
22	El Paso	Texas	21,277
23	Collin	Texas	21,110
24	Orange	Florida	21,031
25	Wake	North Carolina	19,773
26	Montgomery	Maryland	19,531
27	Fort Bend	Texas	19,255
28	Fresno	California	19,090
29	Snohomish	Washington	18,873
30	Pima	Arizona	18,567
31	Contra Costa	California	18,329
32	Cobb	Georgia	18,126
33	Oakland	Michigan	17,461
34	Salt Lake	Utah	17,457
35	Denton	Texas	17,420

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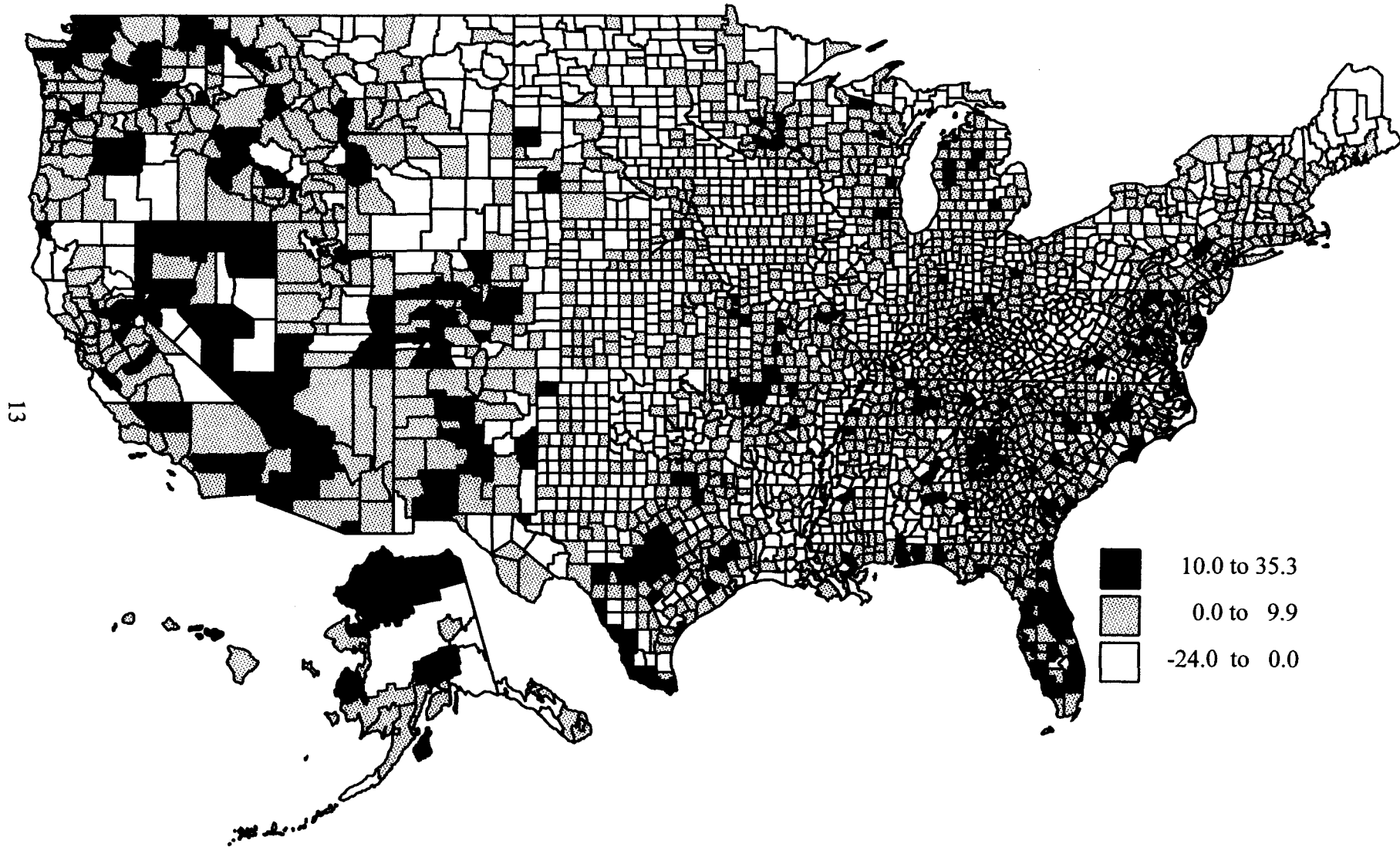
Rank	County	State	Projected Net Growth in Population under 18
36	Fairfax	Virginia	17,313
37	Mecklenburg	North Carolina	16,920
38	Sacramento	California	16,291
39	El Paso	Colorado	15,961
40	Lake	Illinois	15,893
41	Alameda	California	15,179
42	Cook	Illinois	14,847
43	Brevard	Florida	14,235
44	Franklin	Ohio	13,838
45	Washington	Oregon	13,539
46	Arapahoe	Colorado	13,279
47	San Joaquin	California	13,016
48	Hillsborough	Florida	12,873
49	Middlesex	Massachusetts	12,856
50	Dakota	Minnesota	12,724

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**Figure 4**  
**Fastest Growing Counties for Youth Population, 1995 to 2000**



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**Table 5****Fastest Growing Counties for Youth Population, 1995 to 2000**

Rank	County	State	Projected Percent Growth in Population under 18
1	Douglas	Colorado	35.3%
2	Camden	Georgia	31.1
3	Paulding	Georgia	30.7
4	Henry	Georgia	28.9
5	Washington	Utah	27.6
6	Kendall	Texas	27.3
7	Fredericksburg City	Virginia	26.8
8	Flagler	Florida	26.5
9	Loudoun	Virginia	26.5
10	Summit	Utah	26.3
11	Forsyth	Georgia	25.9
12	Clark	Nevada	25.0
13	Summit	Colorado	24.9
14	Pike	Pennsylvania	24.4
15	Eagle	Colorado	24.1
16	Coweta	Georgia	24.1
17	King George	Virginia	22.9
18	Cherokee	Georgia	22.4
19	Elbert	Colorado	22.1
20	Gwinnett	Georgia	21.7
21	Nye	Nevada	21.4
22	Mohave	Arizona	21.2
23	Collin	Texas	21.0
24	Lyon	Nevada	20.9
25	Hoke	North Carolina	20.7
26	Stone	Missouri	20.7
27	Bryan	Georgia	20.6
28	Stafford	Virginia	20.4
29	Hamilton	Indiana	20.3
30	Williamson	Texas	20.2
31	Bandera	Texas	19.9
32	Sandoval	New Mexico	19.9
33	Kootenai	Idaho	19.8
34	Fluvanna	Virginia	19.7%
35	Fort Bend	Texas	19.6

**Table 5 (cont.)**

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Rank	County	State	Projected Percent Growth in Population under 18
36	Greene	Virginia	19.5
37	Polk	Texas	19.4
38	Coryell	Texas	19.3
39	Madison	Mississippi	18.9
40	Comal	Texas	18.9
41	Christian	Missouri	18.8
42	Denton	Texas	18.6
43	Santa Rosa	Florida	18.5
44	Park	Colorado	18.5
45	Powhatan	Virginia	18.4
46	Webb	Texas	18.4
47	Collier	Florida	18.4
48	Teller	Colorado	18.4
49	Montgomery	Tennessee	18.3
50	Carver	Minnesota	18.3

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