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## POPULATION : TEXAS

## NUMBER OF INHABITANTS, BY COUNTIES AND MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS

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## TOTAL POPULATION, INCREASE, AND DISTRIBUTION.

Population of the state.—Texas, originally a part of Mexico, won its independence by revolution in 1835 and 1836 and continued as an independent republic until 1845, when it was annexed to the United States and admitted to the Union as the twenty-eighth state. Territory now constituting parts of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and a small part of Wyoming was included within the limits of the state until 1850, when its boundaries were established as at

present. According to the Fourteenth Census, taken as of January 1, 1920, its population is 4,663,228, which represents an increase of 766,686, or 19.7 per cent, since 1910. During the same period the population of the United States increased by 14.9 per cent.

The following summary shows the population of Texas from 1850 to 1920, inclusive, with the number and per cent of increase for each decade, in comparison with the per cent of increase for the United States as a whole:

## POPULATION OF TEXAS: 1850 TO 1920.

CENSUS YEAR.	Population.	INCREASE OVER PRECEDING CENSUS.		Per cent of increase for the United States.
		Number.	Per cent.	
1920.....	4,663,228	766,686	19.7	14.9
1910.....	3,896,542	847,532	27.8	21.0
1900.....	3,048,710	813,183	36.4	20.7
1890.....	2,235,527	643,778	40.4	25.5
1880.....	1,591,749	773,170	94.5	30.1
1870.....	818,579	214,364	35.5	22.6
1860.....	604,215	391,623	184.2	35.6
1850.....	212,592	.....	.....	.....

Counties.—Texas has 253 counties, of which 4 are unorganized. Eight new counties have been formed from parts of 10 others and 2 counties have been organized from unorganized counties of the same names since 1910. Of the 235 counties whose boundaries have remained unchanged, 154 show increases and 80 decreases as compared with 1910, and in one county, Hockley, the population reported in 1920 is the same as that for 1910. (See Table 1.) Because of the changes in boundaries due to the formation of the new counties, it has been necessary, in preparing the maps (pp. 3 and 4) showing rates of increase and decrease in total and rural population of counties between 1910 and 1920, to make the following combinations: Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Starr, Willacy, and Zapata; Culberson, El Paso, and Hudspeth; Jim Wells, Kleberg, and Nueces; Bandera, Edwards, Kerr, and Real.

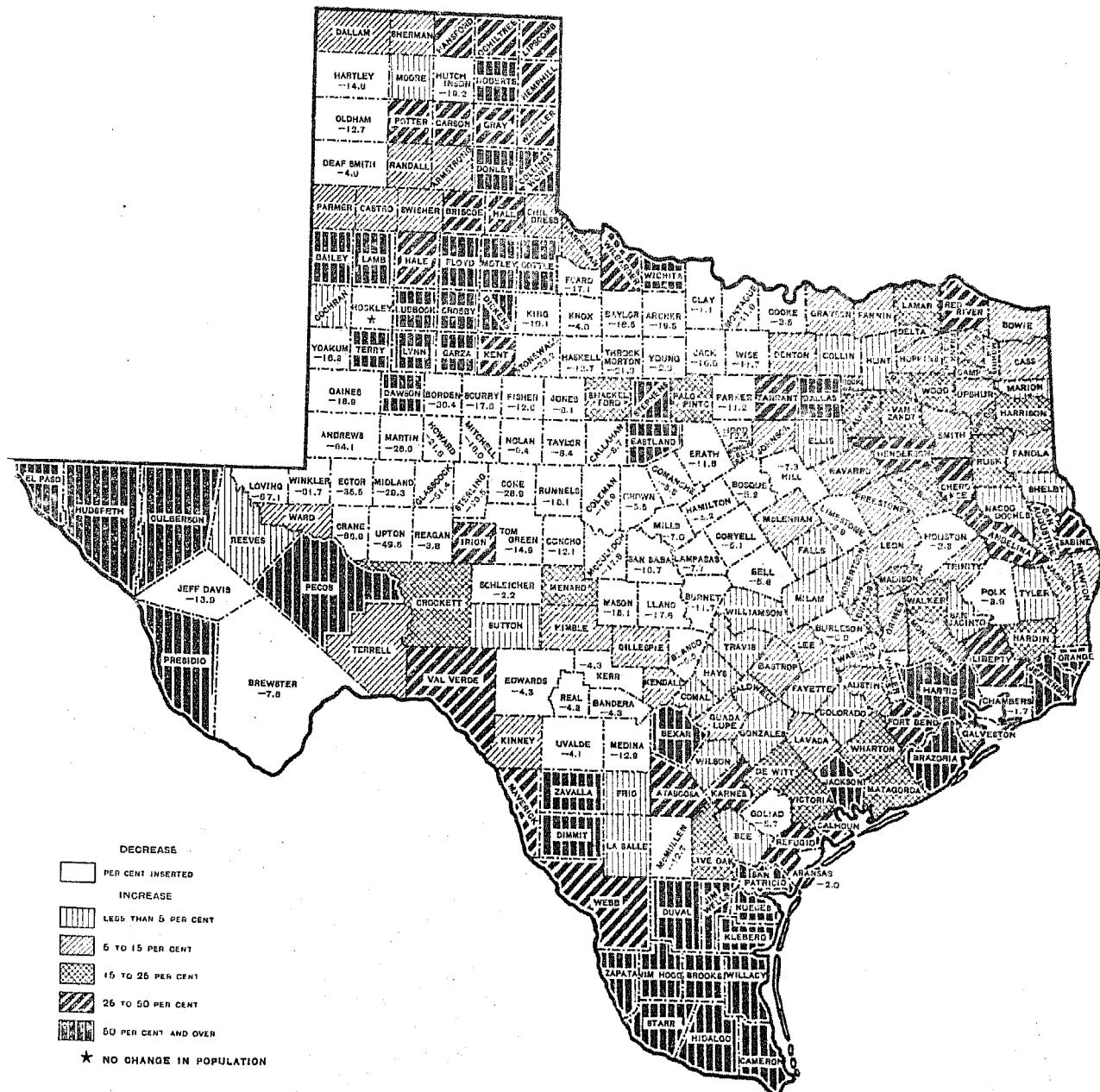
Density of population.—The total land area of the state is 262,398 square miles. The average number of inhabitants to the square mile in 1920 is 17.8 (see Table 1), as against 14.8 in 1910 and 11.6 in 1900.

Minor civil divisions.—The political units into which the counties are divided are collectively termed "minor civil divisions." The 249 organized counties of Texas are made up of 1,582 primary divisions, comprising 1,544 justice precincts, 12 commissioners' precincts, 5 voting precincts, and 21 school districts. The secondary divisions, 455 in number, comprise 171 cities, 276 towns (including 1—Toyah, in Reeves County—not returned separately in 1920), and 8 villages. Two cities and 1 town are coextensive with the precincts in which located, and each of 6 cities and 3 towns comprises 2 or more precincts or parts of precincts. (See Table 2.)



PER CENT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF POPULATION OF TEXAS, BY COUNTIES: 1910-1920.

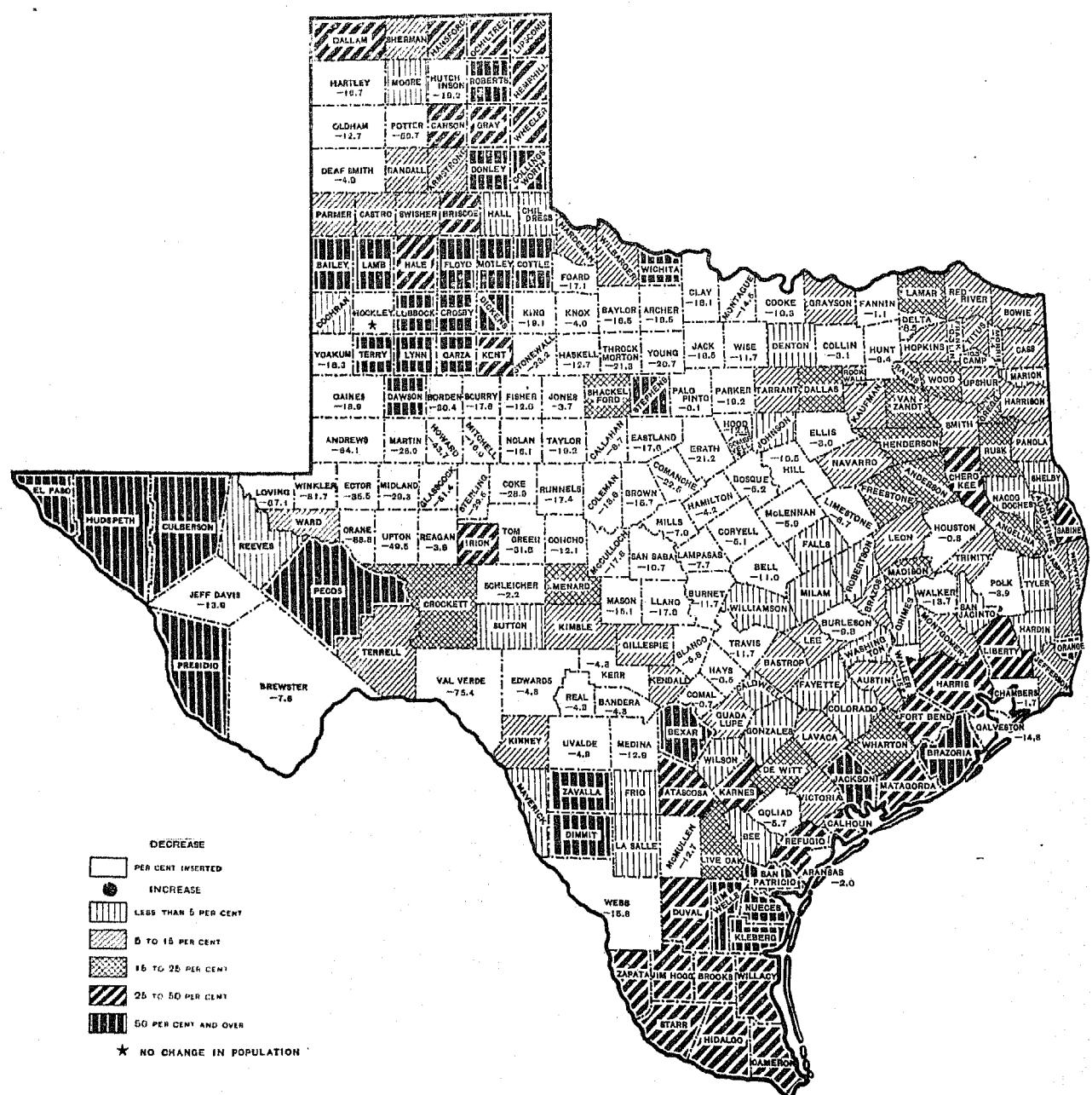
TOTAL POPULATION.



PER CENT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF POPULATION OF TEXAS, BY COUNTIES: 1910-1920.

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RURAL POPULATION.

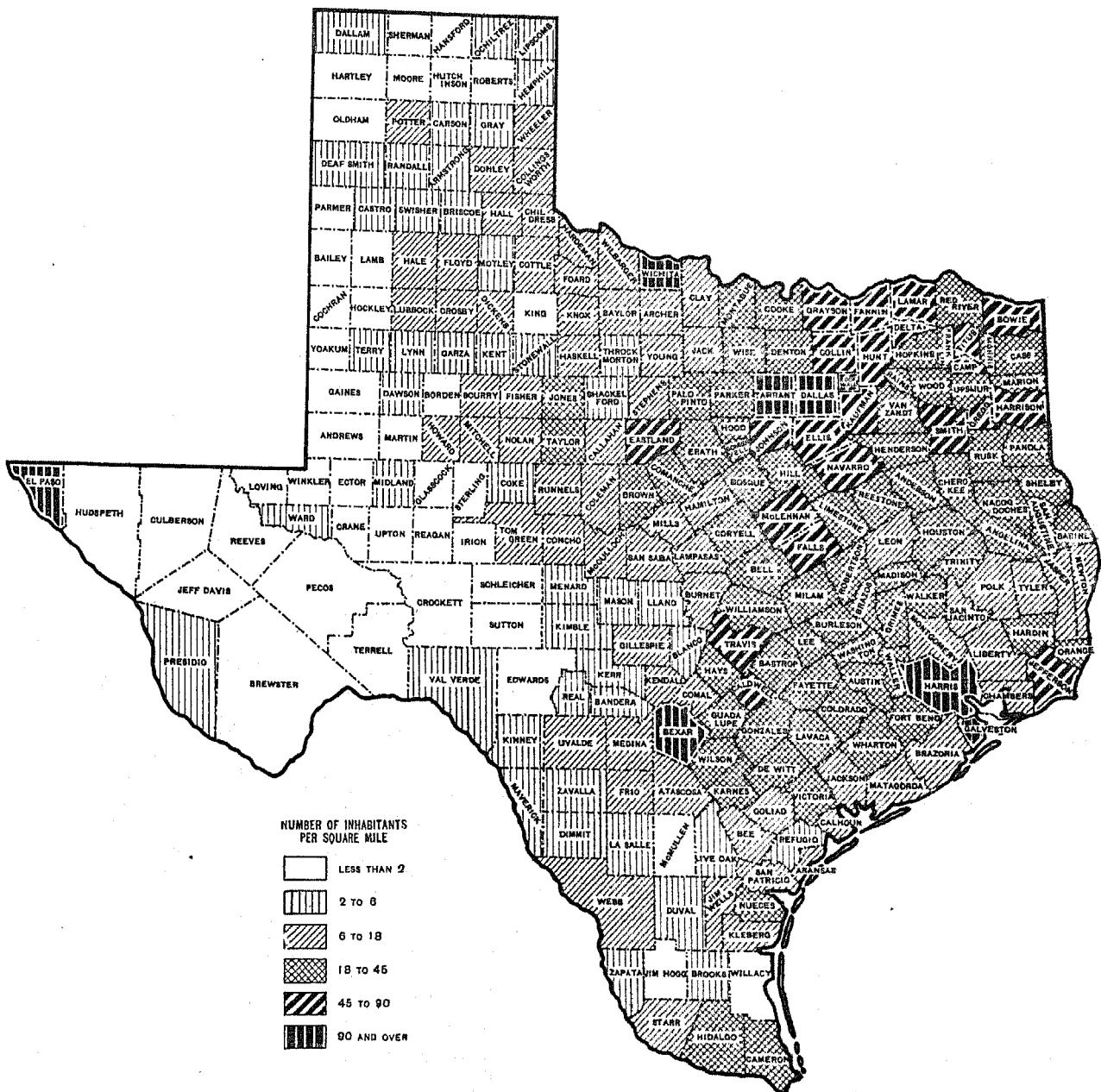


★ NO CHANGE IN POPULATION

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DENSITY OF POPULATION OF TEXAS, BY COUNTIES: 1920.

TOTAL POPULATION.



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