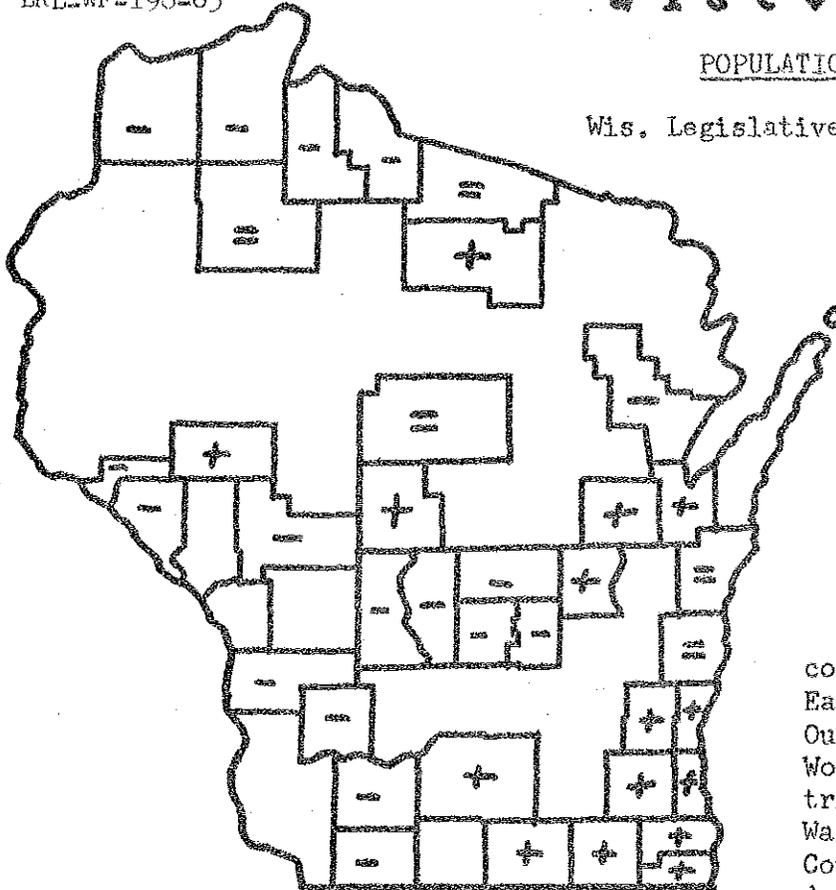


WISCONSIN FACTS

POPULATION CHANGE, 1910 to 1960

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- + Relative gain; growth at a rate higher than state average of 69.4%
- = Constant population; gain near state average
- Absolute loss; 1960 population less than 1910 population

counties of Wisconsin (Brown, Dane, Eau Claire, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Racine, Rock, Winnebago, Wood) and 4 counties on the industrial periphery (Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha). Oneida County also belongs in this group, due perhaps to the tremendous growth of the vacation industry during the past 50 years.

In the 50 years preceding the 1960 Census of Population, Wisconsin's population increased 69.4%, from 2,333,860 in 1910 to 3,952,765 in 1960.

This increase in population was distributed unevenly among the 71 counties (Menominee Co. created 1961); 17 counties actually lost population during that period.

The 17 counties which had a higher population in 1910 than they have in 1960 are, with the exception of Oconto County, all part of 3 small areas: (1) four Lake Superior counties (Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron), (2) eight of the "sand counties" (Adams, Buffalo, Green Lake, Jackson, Juneau, Marquette, Pepin, Waushara), and (3) four of the southwestern counties (Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, Vernon).

Only 15 counties showed a relative gain (a gain of more than 69.4%). These counties are the major industrial

Another group of 6 counties almost, though not quite, kept pace with the state's rate of population growth. In each of these counties the population increased by at least 50% over the last 50 years. Four industrial counties are in this group (LaCrosse, Manitowoc, Marathon, Sheboygan) and 2 counties in Wisconsin's vacationland area (Sawyer, Vilas).

Waushara County had the greatest loss (-28.5%). Marquette County lost population each decade since 1910 (total loss -20.7%). Douglas County was the only industrial county showing an absolute loss (-5.1%).

Waukesha County had the largest percentage gain (326.5%) with 3/5 of its total increase occurring in the last decade. Milwaukee had the largest population increase (602,854); 3/8 of the total state increase 1910 to 1960 (1,618,905) occurred in that county alone.

