

**Table 3. U.S. Population, by Age Group: 1950-2050**

<b>Age/year</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2050</b>
<i>Number (in thousands, rounded)</i>					
Total	152,272	215,972	282,171	357,452	439,010
0-19	51,673	75,646	80,576	94,254	112,940
20-64	88,202	117,630	166,522	199,290	237,523
65-65+	12,397	22,696	35,074	63,907	88,547
<i>Percent in Age Group (rounded)</i>					
0-19	33.9	35.0	28.6	26.4	25.7
20-64	57.9	54.5	59.0	55.8	54.1
65-65+	8.1	10.5	12.4	17.9	20.2

**Source:** CRS computations based on data in the U.S. January 21, 2011 based on the Census Bureau's December 2010 data release. These data do not include results from the 2010 census.

**Figure 4** graphically displays three population pyramids<sup>48</sup> of the United States population at three points in time—in census years 1950 and, 2000, and projected to year 2050. The figure shows the proportion of persons in each five-year age and sex group in these three selected years. Note the increasing numbers on the x-axis, which highlights the increasing size of the U.S. population over time.

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<sup>48</sup> A population pyramid is a bar chart, arranged vertically, that shows the distribution of a population by age and sex. By convention, the younger ages are at the bottom, with males on the left and females on the right.