

Appendix 3.4 Population change in cities and towns with defense infrastructure, 1940–1950

	City population			Plants			Company
	1940 ^a	1950 ^a	% Change	1940 plant	1944 plant ^b	1950 plant ^b	
<i>Los Angeles</i>	1,504,277	1,970,358	31.0	Y	Y	Y	Lockheed Aircraft—multiple plants
Burbank	34,337	78,577	128.8	Y—rapid growth	Y—expansion	Y	2 Lockheed Aircraft plants
Bakersfield	29,252	34,784	18.9	N	Y		Lockheed
Santa Barbara	34,958	44,913	28.5	Y	Y		Lockheed
Fresno	60,685	91,669	51.1	N	Y		Lockheed
Maywood	10,731	13,292	23.9	N	Y		Lockheed
Van Nuys (San Fernando Valley)	9,094	12,992	42.9	N	Y		Lockheed
San Bernadino	43,646	63,058	44.5	N	Y	N	Consolidated-Vultee
Santa Ana	31,921	45,533	42.6	N	Y	N	Consolidated-Vultee
Inglewood	30,114	46,185	53.4	Y	Y	Y	North American
Downey	45,913	109,659	138.8	Y—rapid growth	Y	Y	Vultee, North American
El Segundo	3,738	8,011	114.3	Y	Y	Y	Douglas
Hawthorne	8,263	16,316	97.5	Y	Y	Y	Northrop
Santa Monica	53,500	71,595	33.8	Y—rapid growth	Y	Y	Douglas; largest existing plant in 1940
<i>New York City</i>	7,454,995	7,891,957	5.9
Bethpage NY (Oyster Bay)	uninc.	5,215		Y	Y—expansion	Y	Grumman
Babylon NY	4,742	6,015	26.8	N	Y		Grumman
Port Washington NY (Town of North Hempstead)	20,856	29,135	39.7	N	Y		Grumman
Syosset NY	uninc.	1,133		N	Y		Grumman
Lindenhurst NY	4,756	8,644	81.7	N	Y		Grumman
Farmingdale	3,524	4,492	27.5	Y	Y	Y	Republican Aviation
North Tarrytown NY	6,874	8,851	28.8	N	Y		Eastern Aircraft (GM subsidiary, licensed by Grumman)
Valley Stream NY	16,679	26,854	61	N	Y	Y	Columbia Aircraft Corp., site selected postwar
Astoria NY (Queens)	1,297,634	1,550,840	19.5	N	Y	N	Schwiezer Aircraft Corp
Linden NJ	24,115	30,644	27.1	N	Y		Eastern Aircraft (GM subsidiary, licensed by Grumman); adjacent airfield
Caldwell NJ	4,932	6,270	27.1	N	Y	Y	Curtiss Propeller Division
Clifton NJ	48,827	64,511	32.1	Y	Y	N	Curtiss propeller plant closed postwar

Paterson NJ	139,656	139,336	-0.2	Y – major	Y – expansion	N	Wright plant closed
Woodridge NJ	5,739	6,283	9.5	N	Y	N	Wright Aeronautical plant closed postwar
Fairlawn NJ	9,017	23,885	164.9	N	Y		Curtiss branch plant
Bloomfield NJ	41,623	49,307	18.5	N	Y		Eastern Aircraft (GM subsidiary, licensed by Grumman); adjacent airfield
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<u>Buffalo</u>	575,901	580,132	0.7	Y	Y	Y – GO	Curtiss-Wright, Bell
Niagara Falls NY	78,029	90,872	16.5	N	Y	Downsizing	Bell Aircraft
Tonowanda NY	13,008	14,617	12.4	N	Y	Y – reutilization	Chevy
Jamestown NY	42,638	43,354	1.7	N	Y		American Aviation
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<u>Binghamton</u>	78,309	80,674	3.0
Elmira NY	45,106	49,716	10.2	N	Y	Y	new glider buildings
Johnson City NY	18,029	19,249	6.7	N	Y		Remington-Rand
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<u>Philadelphia</u>	1,931,334	2,071,605	7.3	N	Y	Y	Budd; Westinghouse Electric
Johnsville (Warminster)	1,977	7,127	260.5	N	Y	Y	Brewster Aeronautical, adjacent airfield
Willow Grove PA	uninc.	uninc.		N	Y		glider production
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<u>Seattle</u>	368,302	467,591	27.0	Y	Y	Y	Boeing – multiple facilities
Renton	4,488	16,039	257.4	N	Y	Y	Boeing plant, adjacent airfield
Aberdeen	18,846	19,653	4.3	N	Y	N	Boeing plant
Bellingham	29,314	34,112	16.4	N	Y	N	Boeing plant
Hoquiam	10,835	11,123	2.7	N	Y	N	Boeing plant
Everett	30,224	33,849	12.0	N	Y	N	Boeing plant
Chehalis	4,857	5,639	16.1	N	Y	N	Boeing plant
Tacoma	109,408	143,673	31.3	N	Y	N	Boeing plant
South Tacoma	uninc.	uninc.		N	Y	N	Boeing plant
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<u>Chicago</u>	3,396,808	3,620,962	6.6				
St. Charles	5,870	6,709	14.3	N	Y	Y	Howard Aircraft Corp.
De Kalb	9,146	11,708	28.0	N	Y		Interstate
Kenosha WI	48,765	54,368	11.5	N	Y	Y	Nash
Melrose Park IL	10,933	13,366	22.3	N	Y		
Park Ridge IL	12,063	16,602	37.6	N	Y		
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<u>Hartford</u>	166,267	177,397	6.7	Y	Y	Y	United Aircraft Co. – multiple facilities
East Hartford	18,615	29,933	60.8	Y	Y	Y	Pratt & Whitney; Hamilton Standard Propeller
Southington	uninc.	5,955			Y	Y	Pratt & Whitney
Buckland (Manchester)	23,799	34,116	43.4	N	Y		Pratt & Whitney
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<u>New London</u>	30,456	30,551	0.3				
Pawcatuck	.	5,269		N	Y	N	Hamilton Standard Propellers

Norwich	23,652	23,429	-0.9	N	Y	N	Hamilton Standard Propellers
<i>Detroit</i>	1,623,452	1,849,568	13.9	N	Y	Y	Chevrolet, Continental Motors, Nash, Packard, Ford, Chrysler
Wayne	4,223	9,409	122.8	Y	Y – major	Subassemblies	Stinson Aircraft; Consolidated Vultee
Dearborn	63,584	94,994	49.4	N	Y	Y	Fort Motor Co + 1950s military subcontracting
Ypsilanti	12,121	18,302	51.0	N	Y	Y	Ford plant, adjacent airfield & 1950s subcontracting
<i>Cincinnati</i>	455,610	503,998	10.6	Y	Y	Y – GO	Aeronautical Corp of America, General Electric
Hamilton OH	50,592	57,951	14.5	N	Y	N	Ford Motor Co. (smaller unit)
Milford OH	2,139	2,448	12.6	N	Y	N	Ford Motor Co. (smaller unit)
<i>Cleveland</i>	878,336	914,808	4.2	N	Y	Y – GO	Ford
Brooklyn OH	1,108	6,317	470.1	N	Y		Fort Motor Co
<i>Dallas</i>	434,462	294,735	47.4	N	Y – GO	Y – GO	North American
<i>Fort Worth</i>	177,662	278,778	56.9	N	Y – GO	Y – GO	Consolidated, Bell
Grand Prairie, TX	1,595	14,494	815.0	N	Y	Y	North American plant leased to War Dept in 1944; occupied by United Aircraft in 1950
Phoenix, AZ	65,414	106,818	63.3	N	Y – modification center	Y	Goodyear

Note: “Y” (yes) denotes the presence of facilities; “N” (no) denotes the absence of facilities. Entries in boldface highlight the most pronounced cases of residential expansion.

^a uninc. = unincorporated; ^b GO = government-owned