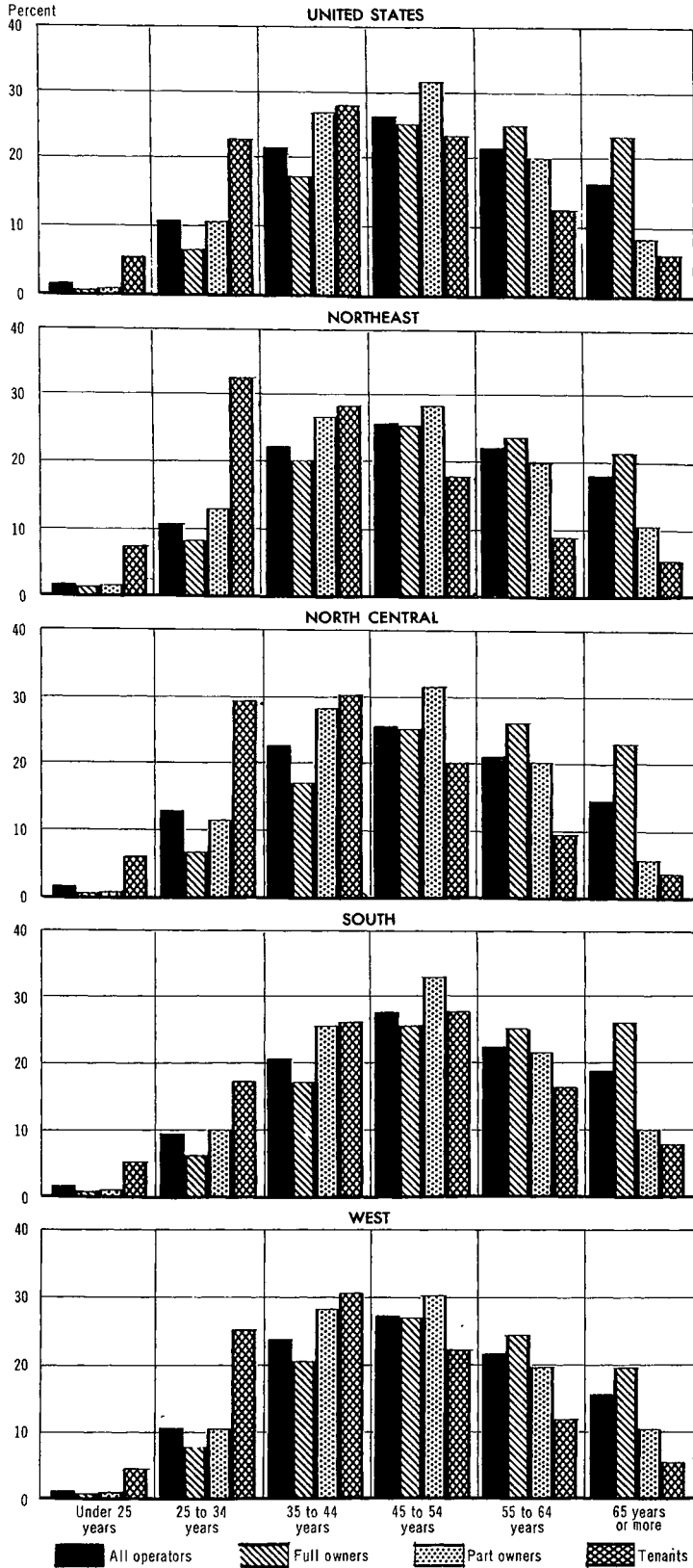
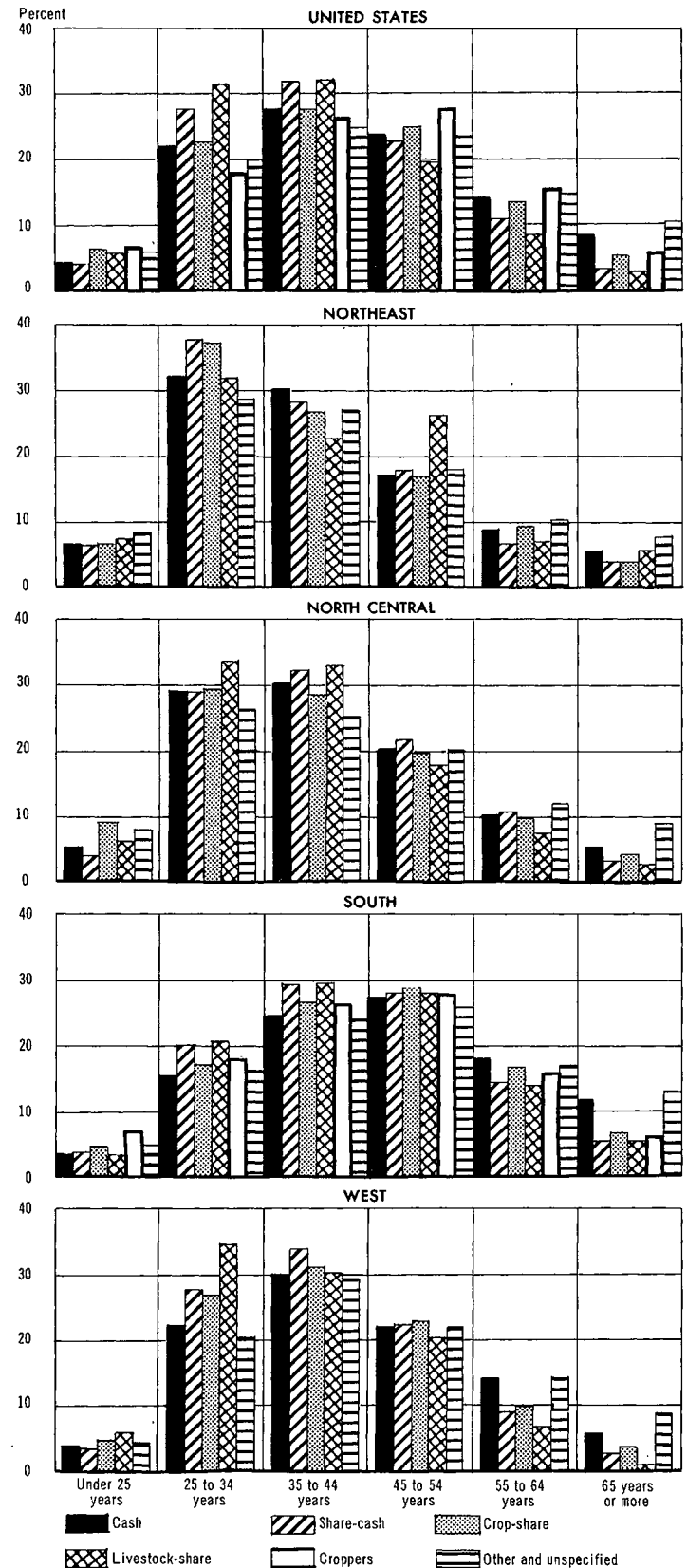


PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FARM OPERATORS IN EACH TENURE GROUP, BY AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: 1959



PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE OF TENANT IN EACH TENURE GROUP, FOR THE UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: 1959



**Distribution of farm operators by age groups.**—Since 1910 the proportion of younger farmers has declined continuously, while the proportion of older farmers has increased. In 1910, 28.9 percent of the farm operators were under 35 years of age and only 23.6 percent were 55 or over. However, by 1959 only 12.7 percent of all farm operators were less than 35, while 48.7 percent were between 35 and 54 and 38.7 percent were 55 or over.

The age distributions for all regions were similar to that for the United States. The shifting age distribution is a result of the low entry rate of young farmers into farming and the large number of younger farm operators leaving farming as the number of farms continues to decline.