

POPULATION,  
Total and by Race,  
Of  
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON, ST. BERNARD, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES,  
the STATE OF LOUISIANA, and  
FIVE SOUTHERN CITIES Comparable to New Orleans  
1810 - 1980

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TOTAL POPULATION: 1810-1980

ORLEANS, JEFFERSON, ST. BERNARD, ST. TAMMANY PARISHES

	ORLEANS <sup>j,k</sup>	JEFFERSON <sup>j</sup>	ST. BERNARD	ST. TAMMANY
1810	24,552		1,020	<sup>m</sup>
1820	41,351		2,635	1,723
1830	49,826	6,846	3,356	2,864
1840	102,193	10,470	3,237	4,598
1850	119,460	25,098 <sup>n</sup>	3,802	6,364
1860	174,491	15,372	4,076	5,406
1870	191,418 <sup>p</sup>	17,767 <sup>q</sup>	3,553	5,586
1880	216,090	12,166	4,405	6,887
1890	242,039	13,221	4,326	10,160
1900	287,104	15,321	5,031	13,335
1910	339,075	18,247	5,277	18,917
1920	387,219	21,563	4,968	20,645
1930	458,762	40,032	6,512	20,929
1940	494,537	50,427	7,280	23,624
1950	570,445	103,873	11,087	26,988
1960	627,525	208,769	32,186	38,643
1970	593,471	<sup>r</sup> 338,229	51,185	63,585
1980 <sup>s</sup>	557,482	454,592	64,097	110,554

SOURCES:

1810-1960: Louisiana Almanac, 1979-1980.... (Gretna Pelican Publishing Co., 1979).

1970, 1980 U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1980 Census of Population and Housing, Advance Reports, PHC80-V-20, Louisiana, March, 1981.

<sup>j</sup>Jefferson Parish was formed from Orleans Parish in 1825. From then until the mid 1870s, the common boundaries of the two parishes underwent a series of changes, most notably in 1852, 1870, and 1874 in connection with the successive annexations of the City of Lafayette, Jefferson City, and Carrollton by the City of New Orleans. (cf. Historical Records Survey, ... W.P.A., County-Parish Boundaries in Louisiana, New Orleans, Dept. of Archives, L.S.U., 1939).

<sup>k</sup>From 1870, the figures for Orleans Parish represent also those for the City of New Orleans.

<sup>m</sup>Not in possession of the U.S. at time of 1810 census (cf. U.S. Census of 1870, p. 573-574, and County-Parish Boundaries in Louisiana).

<sup>n</sup>14,190 of these are listed as being in Lafayette (see U.S. Census, 1870).

<sup>p</sup>10,836 of these were in the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth wards, formed from the City of Jefferson incorporated into Orleans Parish in 1870 (U.S. Census, 1870).

<sup>q</sup>6,495 of these were in Carrollton (U.S. Census, 1870).

<sup>r</sup>Revised after publication of 1970 census reports.

<sup>s</sup>Final count but subject to revision pending outcome of challenges in court.

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TOTAL POPULATION BY RACE: 1810-1980  
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON, ST. BERNARD, ST. TAMMANY PARISHES

	Orleans				Jefferson				St. Bernard				St. Tammany			
	White	Free Colored <sup>a</sup>	Slave	Other	White	Free Colored <sup>a</sup>	Slave	Other	White	Free Colored <sup>a</sup>	Slave	Other	White	Free Colored <sup>a</sup>	Slave	Other
1810	8,001	5,727	10,824						628	10	382					
1820	19,244	7,161	14,946						667	45	1,923		1,053	39	631	
1830	21,281	11,906	16,639		1,596	343	4,907		780	57	2,519		1,318	186	1,360	
1840	59,519	19,226	23,448		4,866	618	4,986		1,035	65	2,137		2,353	305	1,940	
1850	91,431	9,961	18,068		18,046	851	6,196	5 <sup>b</sup>	1,406	73	2,323		3,642	359	2,363	
1860	149,063	10,939	14,484	5	9,964	287	5,120	4	1,771	65	2,240		3,153	412	1,841	
1870	140,923	50,456		39	6,709	11,054		1	1,640	1,913			3,411	2,175		
		Negro <sup>a</sup>				Negro <sup>a</sup>				Negro <sup>a</sup>				Negro <sup>a</sup>		
1880	158,367	57,617		106	4,864	7,290		12	2,104	2,288		13	4,258	2,595		34
1890	177,376	64,491		172 <sup>b</sup>	6,716	6,484		21 <sup>b</sup>	2,347	1,977		2 <sup>b</sup>	6,398	3,702		60 <sup>b</sup>
1900	208,946	77,714		444 <sup>b</sup>	8,979	6,279		63 <sup>b</sup>	2,832	2,197		2 <sup>b</sup>	8,415	4,889		31 <sup>b</sup>
1910	249,403	89,262		410	11,375	6,785		87	3,343	1,933		1	12,174	6,731		12
1920	285,916	100,930		373	15,578	5,880		105	3,370	1,597		1	12,980	7,648		17
1930	328,446	129,632		684	31,873	7,900		259	5,156	1,337		19	13,848	7,066		15
1940	344,775	149,034		728	41,834	8,475		118	5,854	1,405		21	16,316	7,303		5
1950	387,814	181,775		856	87,604	16,138		131	9,464	1,614		9	19,060	7,922		6
1960	392,594	233,514		1,417	176,845	31,625		299	29,761	2,339		86	28,031	10,532		80
1970	323,420	267,308		2,743	<sup>c</sup> 294,480	<sup>c</sup> 41,950		<sup>c</sup> 1,138	48,357	2,631		197	51,482	11,887		216
1980	236,967	308,136		12,379	380,645	63,001		10,946	60,868	2,411		818	95,624	13,845		1,085

SOURCES:

U.S. Bureau of the Census, Censuses of Population, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1940-1970 and the 1980 Census of Population and Housing, Advance Reports, PHC80-V-20, March, 1981.

U.S. Bureau of the Census, Negro Population 1790-1915 (1918) and Negroes in the United States, 1920-32 (1935).

In a number of cases figures were obtained by addition of those presented or, for other, by subtraction.

<sup>a</sup>. The terms used here are those predominant in the census reports used.

<sup>b</sup>. By subtraction.

<sup>c</sup>. These figures are from the 1970 census report and do not reflect the 661 persons added in the subsequent revision of the total.

Population: 1810-1870  
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
 By Comparison with Orleans Parish  
 and  
 By Rank with All U.S. Cities by Size of Population

	<u>City of New Orleans</u>		<u>Orleans Parish</u>
	Population	Rank by Pop. Size, All U.S. Cities	Population
1810	17,242	6	24,552
1820	27,176	5	41,351
1830	29,737	6	49,826
1840	102,193	3	102,193
1850	116,375	5	119,460
1860	168,675	6	174,491
1870	191,418	9	191,418

SOURCES:

For City of New Orleans population and rank by size: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of the U.S., 1890.

For Orleans Parish, Louisiana Almanac, 1979-1980,... (Gretna: Pelican Publishing Co., 1979).

NOTE: Since 1870, the City of New Orleans and Orleans Parish have been co-extensive.

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TOTAL POPULATION: 1870-1980  
of  
FIVE SOUTHERN CITIES  
For Comparison with New Orleans

	Birmingham, Ala.	Atlanta, Ga.	Memphis, Tenn.	Dallas, Tex.	Houston, Tex.
1870	N.A.	21,789	40,226	3,000 <sup>q</sup>	9,382
1880	3,086	37,409	33,592	10,358	16,513
1890	26,178	65,533	64,495	38,067	27,557
1900	38,415	89,872	102,320	42,638	44,633
1910	132,685	154,839	131,105	92,104	78,800
1920	178,806	200,616	162,351	158,976	138,276
1930	259,678	270,366	253,143	260,475	292,352
1940	267,583	302,288	292,942	294,734	384,514
1950	326,037	331,314	396,000	434,462	596,163
1960	340,887	487,455	497,524	679,684	938,219
1970	300,910	<sup>r</sup> 495,039	<sup>r</sup> 623,988	844,401	<sup>r</sup> 1,233,535
1980 <sup>s</sup>	284,413	425,022	646,356	904,078	1,594,086

SOURCES:

For Dallas and Houston, 1870-1960: The Dallas Morning News, Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guide, 1974-1975.

For all other: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Censuses of the U.S. Population for successive decades from 1870-1920, 1940-1970 and 1980 Census of Population and Housing, Advance Reports, PHC80-V-2, V-12, V-44, and V-45, March, 1981.

In some cases addition of figures was necessary.

<sup>q</sup>"An estimate of that date" (Texas Almanac, 1974-1975, pp 188,192)

<sup>r</sup>Revised after publication of 1970 census reports

<sup>s</sup>Final count but subject to revisions pending challenges in court

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POPULATION BY RACE: 1870-1980  
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FIVE SOUTHERN CITIES

For Comparison with New Orleans

	Birmingham, Alabama			Atlanta, Georgia			Memphis, Tennessee		
	White	Negro	Other	White	Negro	Other	White	Negro	Other
1870				11,860	9,929	0	24,755	15,471	0
1880				21,079	16,330	0	18,677	14,896	19
1890	14,909	11,254	15	37,416	28,098	19	35,766	28,706	23
1900	21,832	16,575	8	54,090	35,727	55	52,380	49,910	30
1910	80,369	52,305	11	102,861	51,902	76	78,590	52,441	74
1920	108,550	70,230	26	137,785	62,796	35	101,113	61,181	57
1930	160,571	99,077	30	180,248	90,075	43	156,535	96,550	58
1940	158,622	108,938	23	197,686	104,533	69	171,406	121,498	38
1950	195,922	130,025	90	209,898	121,285	131	248,713	147,141	146
1960	205,620	135,113	154	300,635	186,464	356	312,799	184,320	405
1970	173,911	126,388	611	<sup>a</sup> 240,503	<sup>a</sup> 255,051	<sup>a</sup> 1,419	<sup>a</sup> 379,224	<sup>a</sup> 242,513	<sup>a</sup> 1,793
1980 <sup>b</sup>	124,730	158,223	1,460	137,878	282,912	4,232	333,789	307,702	4,865

SOURCES:

U.S. Bureau of the Census, Censuses of the Population, Successive Decades, 1880-1920, 1940-1970 and 1980 Census of Population cases figures were obtained by addition or subtraction of figures presented.

<sup>a</sup> Figures as presented in the 1970 Census publications; they do not reflect the revisions subsequently made in totals of the

<sup>b</sup> Figures are final count but are subject to revision as the result of challenges in court.

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## Dallas, Texas

## Houston, Texas

Dallas, Texas			Houston, Texas		
White	Negro	Other	White	Negro	Other
			5,691	3,691	0
8,431	1,921	6	10,026	6,479	8
30,006	7,993	68	17,178	10,370	9
33,575	9,035	28	29,979	14,608	46
74,043	18,024	37	54,832	23,929	39
134,888	24,023	65	104,268	33,960	48
221,621	38,742	112	228,836	63,337	179
244,246	50,407	81	297,959	86,302	253
377,199	56,958	305	470,503	124,766	894
548,473	129,242	1,969	720,547	215,037	2,635
626,247	210,238	7,916	<sup>a</sup> 904,889	<sup>a</sup> 316,551	<sup>a</sup> 11,362
555,270	265,594	83,214	977,530	440,257	176,299

ation and Housing, Advance Reports, for respective states, March, 1981. In some

of these three cities and presented together with the 1980 census results.

, 1981.

POPULATION OF LOUISIANA  
Total and by Race  
1810-1980

	Total <sup>m</sup>	White	Free Colored <sup>n</sup>	Slave <sup>n</sup>	Other
1810	76,556	34,311	7,585	34,660	
1820	153,407 <sup>p</sup>	73,383	10,476	69,064	484 <sup>q</sup>
1830	215,739	89,441	16,710	109,588	
1840	352,411	158,457	25,502	168,452	
1850	517,762	255,491	17,462	244,809	
1860	708,002	357,456	18,647	331,726	173
1870	726,915	362,065	364,210		640
			Negro <sup>n</sup>		
1880	939,946	454,954	483,655		1,337
1890	1,118,587	558,395	559,193		999
1900	1,381,625	729,612	650,804		1,209
1910	1,656,388	941,086	713,874		1,428
1920	1,798,509	1,096,611	700,257		1,641
1930	2,101,593	1,322,712	776,326		2,555
1940	2,363,880	1,511,739	849,303		2,838
1950	2,683,516	1,796,683	882,428		4,405
1960	3,257,022	2,211,715	1,039,207		6,100
1970	<sup>r</sup> 3,644,637	<sup>s</sup> 2,541,498	<sup>s</sup> 1,086,832		<sup>s</sup> 12,976
1980 <sup>t</sup>	4,203,972	2,911,243	1,237,263		55,466



SOURCES:

U.S. Bureau of the Census, Censuses of Population, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1970, and 1980 Census of Population and Housing, Advance Reports, PHC80-V-20, Louisiana, March, 1981.

<sup>m</sup>•At lease one of the earlier totals does not include Indians not paying taxes.

<sup>n</sup>•The terms used reflect the predominant usage in the census sources employed.

<sup>p</sup>•Presented in the 1870 census as two figures, 152,923 and 484, the latter placed above the former, with a footnote indicating that the 484 represents "all other persons, except Indians not taxed." Since the sum of white, free colored, and slave equals 152,923, the 484 is added here and placed under other. However, in the breakout in the same source under Chinese and Indian, no count is reflected.

<sup>q</sup>•Cf. footnote p above.

<sup>r</sup>•Revised after publication of the 1970 census reports, as reported in the 1980 Census of Population and Housing, Advance Reports.

<sup>s</sup>•Figures are from the 1970 census reports as published and do not include the persons added in revised total.

<sup>t</sup>•Final count but subject to revision pending the outcome of challenges in the courts.

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