FLORIDA

POPULATION—FLORIDA

NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF INHABITANTS

Population of the State.—Florida was organized as a Territory in 1822, and was admitted to the Union as the twenty-seventh State in March, 1845. Its population on April 1, 1930, according to the Fifteenth Census, was 1,468,211, which represents an increase of 499,741, or 51.6 per cent, as compared with the population on January 1, 1920. The total land area of the State, as shown in Table 3, is 54,861 square miles. The average number of inhabitants per square mile in 1930 was 26.8, as compared with 17.7 in 1920.

Table 1 shows the population of Florida from 1830, the year in which the Territory of Florida was first separately enumerated, to 1930, together with the increase during each decade.

TABLE 1.—POPULATION OF FLORIDA: 1830 TO 1930

CENSUS YEAR	Population	INCREASE OVER PRECEDING CENSUS	
		Number	Per cent
1930	1,468,211	499,741	51.6
1920	968,470	215,851	28.7
1910	752,619	224,077	42.4
1900	528,542	137,120	35.0
1890	391,422	121,929	45.2
1880	269,493	81,745	43.5
1870	187,748	47,324	33.7
1860	140,424	52,979	60.6
1850	87,445	32,968	60.5
1840	54,477	19,747	56.9
1830	34,730		

Counties and minor civil divisions.—In the tables which follow (Tables 2 to 6) the population of Florida is shown by counties, election precincts, and incorporated cities, towns, and villages, with some comparative figures from previous censuses.

Cities of 10,000 or more.—There are 14 cities in Florida which had a population of 10,000 or more in 1930. Table 2 shows for these cities the population at each census for which figures are available, together with the increase during each decade. Jacksonville, the largest city, has a population of 129,549, which represents an increase of 37,991, or 41.5 per cent, over its population in 1920. Miami, the second city in the State, has a population of 110,637, representing an increase of 81,066, or 274.1 per cent, since 1920. Tampa, with 101,161 inhabitants, is now the third city in Florida. The remaining cities in this group, in the order of their population, are St. Petersburg, Pensacola, Orlando, West Palm Beach, Lakeland, Daytona Beach, Key West, St. Augustine, Tallahassee, Gainesville, and Sanford.

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