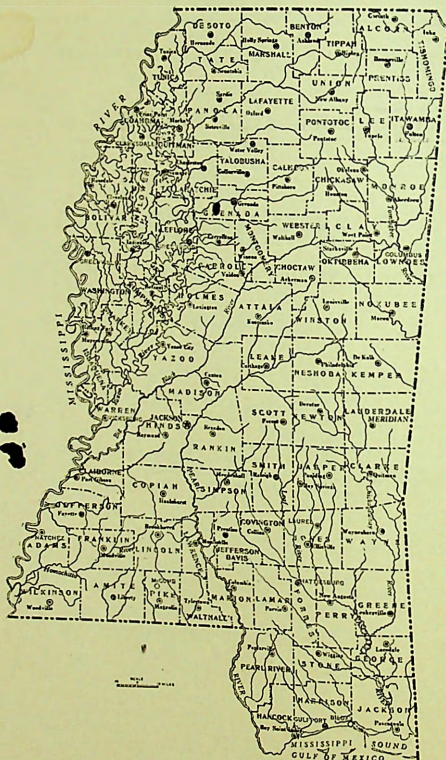


MISSISSIPPI



POPULATION—MISSISSIPPI

NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF INHABITANTS

Population of the State.—Mississippi was admitted to the Union as the twentieth State in December, 1817. The Territory of Mississippi was organized in 1798. In 1804, and again in 1812, its boundaries were extended. In March, 1817, a part of its area was taken to form the new Territory of Alabama, leaving the boundaries of the Territory of Mississippi substantially the same as those of the present State.

The population of the State on April 1, 1930, according to the Fifteenth Census, was 2,009,821, which represents an increase of 219,203, or 12.2 per cent, as compared with the population on January 1, 1920. The total land area of the State, as shown in Table 3, is 46,362 square miles. The average number of inhabitants per square mile in 1930 was 43.4, as compared with 38.6 in 1920.

Table 1 shows the population of Mississippi from 1800, the year in which the Territory of Mississippi was first enumerated, to 1930, together with the increase during each decade.

TABLE 1.—POPULATION OF MISSISSIPPI: 1800 TO 1930

[A minus sign (—) denotes decrease]

CENSUS YEAR	Population	INCREASE OVER PRECEDING CENSUS	
		Number	Percent
1930.....	2,009,821	219,203	12.2
1920.....	1,790,618	—6,496	—0.4
1910.....	1,797,114	245,844	15.8
1900.....	1,551,270	201,670	20.3
1890.....	1,289,600	158,003	14.0
1880.....	1,131,597	303,675	36.7
1870.....	827,922	36,617	4.6
1860.....	791,305	184,779	30.5
1850.....	606,526	230,875	61.5
1840.....	375,651	239,030	175.0
1830.....	136,621	61,173	81.1
1820.....	75,448	35,096	87.0
1810.....	40,352	31,502	356.0
1800.....	* 8,850

¹ Population shown for 1810 includes 9,046 returned for portion taken to form Alabama Territory in 1817.

² Population shown for 1800 includes 1,250 returned for area now in Alabama.

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

Cities of 10,000 or more.—There are 13 cities in Mississippi which had a population of 10,000 or more in 1930. Table 2 shows for these places the population at each census for which figures are available, together with the increase during each decade. Jackson, the capital and largest city, has a population of 48,282, which represents an increase of 25,465, or 111.6 per cent, since 1920. Meridian is the second largest city, with a population of 31,954, and Vicksburg, third, with 22,943 inhabitants. The other cities in this group, in the order of population, are Hattiesburg, Laurel, Biloxi, Greenville, Natchez, Gulfport, Greenwood, Columbus, McComb, and Clarksdale.