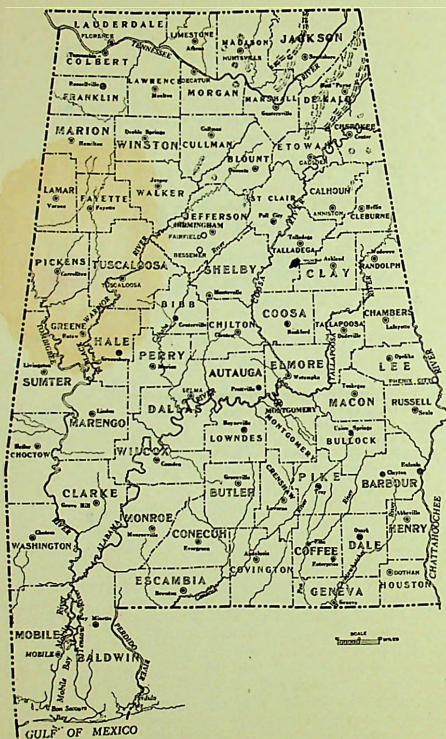


ALABAMA



POPULATION—ALABAMA

NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF INHABITANTS

Population of the State.—Alabama was organized as a territory in March, 1817, and was admitted to the Union as the twenty-second State in December, 1819. Its population on April 1, 1930, according to the Fifteenth Census, was 2,646,248, which represents an increase of 298,074, or 12.7 per cent, as compared with the population on January 1, 1920. The total land area of the State, as shown in Table 3, is 51,279 square miles. The average number of inhabitants per square mile in 1930 was 51.6, as compared with 45.8 in 1920.

Table 1 shows the population of Alabama from 1820, the year in which its area was first enumerated, to 1930, together with the increase in each decade.

TABLE 1.—POPULATION OF ALABAMA: 1820 TO 1930

CENSUS YEAR	Population	INCREASE OVER PRECEDING CENSUS	
		Number	Percent
1930	2,646,248	298,074	12.7
1920	2,348,174	569,396	16.9
1910	1,828,697	315,296	20.8
1890	1,513,401	250,896	10.9
1880	1,262,505	265,513	26.6
1870	996,992	32,791	3.4
1860	964,201	192,578	23.0
1850	771,623	189,867	30.6
1840	590,756	281,229	90.9
1830	309,527	181,636	142.0
1820	127,901		

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

Cities of 10,000 or more.—There are 14 cities in the State 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 or decrease in each decade. Birmingham, the largest city, first became an important industrial center between 1880 and 1890. Its growth has been very rapid during each decade of its history. Bessemer and Fairfield are within the metropolitan area of Birmingham and have shared the growth of that city. Mobile, on Mobile Bay, retains its position as the second city in Alabama, closely followed by Montgomery, the capital. Decatur and Phenix City have entered this population class since 1920 by virtue of consolidations and annexations. Fairfield and Huntsville also first attained a population of 10,000 or more between 1920 and 1930.