

XIII. FOREIGN BORN POPULATION.

PROPORTIONS CONTRIBUTED BY ORIGINAL AND ADDED AREAS—
CHANGE IN CHARACTER OF POPULATION—SMALL PROPORTION
OF FOREIGN BORN IN SOUTHERN STATES—COUNTRY OF BIRTH.

Attention has thus far been directed to the distribution of the native white population, especially persons of native parentage. Analysis of the changes which have occurred, as indicated in the previous pages, shows that the total population of the original area has increased steadily since the First Census, to a total of approximately 35,000,000; while that of the added area increased during the earlier periods at a much more rapid rate, but in the last decade tended to

become uniform with the original area in percentage of increase. The aggregate population of the added area in 1900 was 41,000,000; hence there was a general similarity both in total population and in the percentage of increase between the older and newer sections of the country.

It will be of interest at this point to consider the contribution of the foreign element in each of the two areas.

TABLE 54.—FOREIGN BORN POPULATION IN EACH STATE OF THE AREA ENUMERATED IN 1790, AND IN THE ADDED AREA OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES: 1850 TO 1900.

STATE.	1850 ¹	1860 ¹	1870	1880	1890 ²	1900
Continental United States.....	2,244,602	4,138,607	5,507,220	6,679,943	9,249,547	10,341,276
Area enumerated in 1790.....	1,466,806	2,264,121	2,765,107	3,055,088	4,153,155	5,022,980
New England.....	306,249	460,330	648,001	703,612	1,142,432	1,445,237
Maine.....	31,825	37,453	48,881	58,883	78,061	93,330
New Hampshire.....	14,205	20,938	20,611	46,294	72,340	88,107
Vermont.....	33,715	32,743	47,155	40,959	44,088	44,747
Massachusetts.....	104,024	260,106	353,319	443,401	657,137	840,324
Rhode Island.....	23,902	37,394	55,396	73,903	106,305	134,519
Connecticut.....	38,518	80,696	113,639	129,992	183,601	238,210
Middle states.....	1,024,547	1,563,740	1,881,741	2,030,376	2,758,000	3,331,369
New York.....	655,929	1,001,280	1,138,353	1,211,379	1,571,050	1,900,425
New Jersey.....	59,948	122,790	188,943	221,700	328,975	431,884
Pennsylvania.....	303,417	430,505	545,309	587,820	845,720	985,260
Delaware.....	5,253	9,165	9,130	9,408	13,161	13,810
Southern states.....	136,010	231,051	235,455	231,100	251,817	246,383
Maryland and District of Columbia.....	58,179	90,013	99,666	99,928	113,066	114,053
Virginia and West Virginia.....	22,985	35,053	30,845	32,901	37,257	41,012
North Carolina.....	2,581	3,298	3,029	3,742	3,702	4,402
South Carolina.....	8,707	9,986	8,074	7,080	6,270	5,528
Georgia ³	0,488	11,671	11,127	10,564	12,137	12,403
Kentucky.....	31,420	59,799	63,368	59,517	59,356	50,240
Tennessee ⁴	5,653	21,226	19,316	10,702	20,029	17,740
Added area.....	777,796	1,874,576	2,802,032	3,024,855	5,096,392	5,318,287

¹ Corrected figures as given in Ninth Census Report on Population, Table iv.

² Exclusive of Indian Territory and Indian reservations.

³ Entire state.

⁴ Designated as "Southwest Territory" in 1790 Census Report.

Beginning with a total foreign born population of approximately 2,250,000 in 1850, the number had more than quadrupled by 1900. Approximately two-thirds of the foreign born enumerated at the census of 1850 were reported as residing in the area enumerated at the First Census, the remaining one-third being scattered in the great extent of country comprised in the newer states and territories. The relationship thus indicated changed with great rapidity at the succeeding censuses.

YEAR.	DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOTAL FOREIGN BORN.	
	Original area.	Added area.
1850.....	65.3	34.7
1860.....	54.7	45.3
1870.....	49.7	50.3
1880.....	45.7	54.3
1890.....	44.9	55.1
1900.....	48.6	51.4

By 1870 the added area contained a slight majority of all the foreign born reported at that census. This proportion increased during the next twenty years. In 1890 the number of foreign born persons in the added area exceeded the number in the original area by more than 900,000, but the proportions for 1900 suggest that a decided change was in progress. Should the Thirteenth Census show the same rates of change for both areas as were shown from 1890 to 1900, the area enumerated in 1790 will once more report an excess of the foreign born population.

DIAGRAM 12.—Foreign born population of area enumerated in 1790 and of added area: 1850 to 1900.

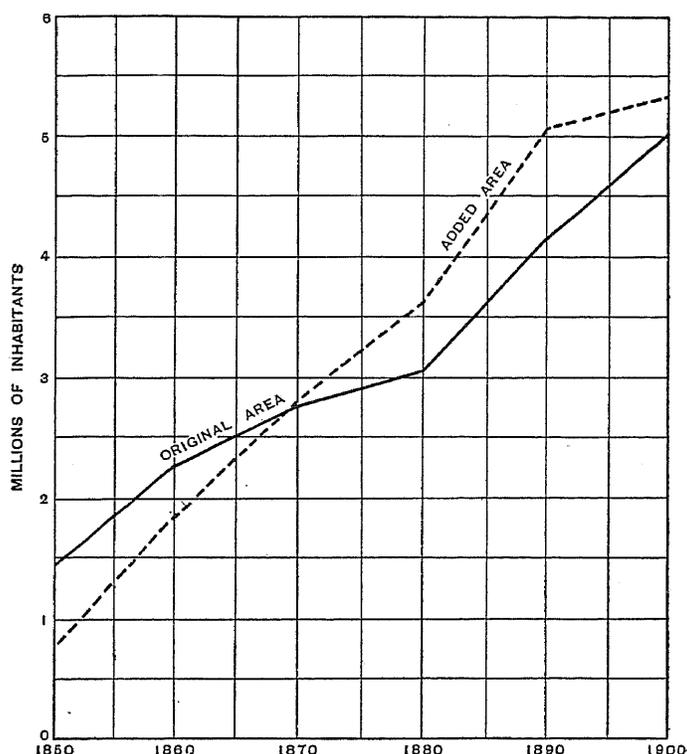


Table 54 offers clear evidence of the change in the character of population which is in progress in the area enumerated at the First Census. Although the increase maintained is apparently gratifying, much of it is due to accessions of foreigners. Large numbers of immigrants arriving in the United States remain in the seaboard cities or in the older states, attracted by the magnitude of industrial operations and the dense population. It has already been shown that the proportion of children in the older sections of the Republic is lower than elsewhere; hence, while the inhabitants of the older states continue to increase in number to a degree which gratifies local pride, the composition of the population appears to be undergoing a comparatively rapid change.

There is another aspect of this subject, however, which in some respects is even more significant. The Southern states forming a part of the original area, as already pointed out for the entire group, have been

practically silent partners so far as the subject of foreign born population is concerned. In 1850, out of a total foreign element in the area enumerated in 1790 of approximately 1,500,000, but 133,961 were reported by the Southern states. Thus practically the entire contribution of foreign born at the census mentioned was made by the New England and Middle states. Fifty years later, in 1900, persons of foreign birth continued practically a negligible element in the Southern states, while in the centers of population which had reported them at the earlier period their number had increased to nearly 5,000,000. Therefore the comparison made in the previous pages is in reality a comparison not of the contribution of foreign born residing in the original area, but of the number residing in a portion of that area, with the number reported by all of the states and territories erected after the First Census. Subdivision of the original area into 3 geographic divisions reveals the following proportions at 3 census periods:

AREA.	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN POPULATION.		
	1850	1880	1900
United States.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Area enumerated in 1790.....	65.3	45.7	48.6
New England.....	13.6	11.9	14.0
Middle states.....	45.6	30.4	32.2
Southern states.....	6.1	3.4	2.4
Added area.....	34.7	54.3	51.4

In each of the 2 decades here shown the Southern states have reported a very small and decreasing proportion of the total foreign element. On the other hand, the New England and Middle states together reported 59.3 per cent of all the foreign born in the United States in 1850, 42.3 per cent of all in 1880, and 46.2 per cent of all in 1900. It must be remembered that these proportions relate to a total foreign born population which quadrupled in the half century under consideration.

TABLE 55.—Number of foreign born in every 1,000 of the total white population: 1850 to 1900.

YEAR.	ORIGINAL AREA.			Added area. ¹
	Total.	New England and Middle states.	Southern states.	
1850.....	115	155	32	115
1860.....	147	193	47	160
1870.....	156	207	43	172
1880.....	143	196	33	159
1890.....	163	225	31	169
1900.....	164	229	25	143

¹ Computed on the basis of the total white population of that part of continental United States not included in the original area; population of Indian Territory and Indian reservations included for 1900 only.

It is significant that the number of foreign born in every 1,000 of white population has shown practically continuous increase in the New England and Middle states. The number of native born of foreign parentage by geographic divisions, a classification possible for the years 1870, 1890, and 1900, was as follows:

TABLE 56.—Number of native born of foreign parentage¹ in each 1,000 of the total white population: 1870, 1890, and 1900.

YEAR.	ORIGINAL AREA.			Added area. ²
	Total.	New England and Middle states.	Southern states.	
1870.....	150	193	52	109
1890.....	190	253	55	225
1900.....	214	289	54	251

¹ This designation comprehends, for 1890 and 1900, all native white persons having either one or both parents foreign born; and for 1870 all native born of foreign parents (obtained by deducting the foreign born from the total number of persons having one or both parents foreign). It is assumed that in 1870 the native born of foreign parents were white.

² Computed on the basis of the total white population of that part of continental United States not enumerated in 1790; population of Indian Territory and Indian reservations included for 1900 only.

Upon combining the number of foreign born and their native children, who comprise what may be termed the distinctly foreign element, the following proportion in each 1,000 of white population appears:

TABLE 57.—Number of persons of foreign birth and of native birth and foreign parentage, in each 1,000 of the white population: 1870, 1890, and 1900.

YEAR.	ORIGINAL AREA.				Added area.
	Total.	New England.	Middle states.	Southern states.	
1870.....	306	331	427	94	340
1890.....	352	477	479	85	303
1900.....	378	546	507	79	394

It will be recalled that, in 1900, the number of foreign born in every 1,000 of the white population was greater in the original area than in the added area, the former having passed the latter between 1890 and 1900. Upon extending the classification of the foreign element to include the native born of foreign parents, as shown above, the added area continues to present a larger proportion of persons classed as of foreign parentage than the original area, but the increase from 1890 to 1900 was but 1 per 1,000 in the added area, while in the original area the increase was 26 per 1,000. Consequently the difference in the proportion of the foreign element in every 1,000 decreased materially, and the same decrease, continued in 1910, would show a larger proportion of the foreign element in each 1,000 of the white population in the original area than in the added area. It is significant that the Southern states thus far have shown a decreasing rather than an increasing proportion, and it is thus evident that

a comparison between the foreign element per 1,000 of population in the original and added areas is greatly affected, in the original area, by the small proportion shown in the Southern states. In both New England and the Middle states, more than half of each 1,000 of the white population in 1900 were of foreign parentage. It appears, moreover, from the preceding summary, that in these 2 sections of the country the proportion is increasing with great rapidity. During the twenty years from 1870 to 1890 this element increased in New England 146 and in the Middle states 52 per 1,000 of population, while during the decade from 1890 to 1900 the increase in the New England states was 69 and in the Middle states 28. From this analysis it appears that not only were more than half of the entire white population in these sections persons of foreign parentage, but the rapidity of increase in the proportion showed no diminution.

DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH.

In Table 110, which appears on page 226, is presented the foreign born population of continental United States and of the area enumerated in 1790, by country of birth. The earliest date for which the segregation of foreign born by country of birth is obtainable was the census of 1850. Variations in classification have made the preparation of this table a task of some difficulty. It is believed, however, to be substantially accurate. The significant movement of foreign born population in the United States, with relation to the older and the newer areas, is reflected by the following percentage table:

TABLE 58.—Per cent distribution of foreign born, by country of birth: 1850 and 1900.

NATIONALITY.	CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.		AREA ENUMERATED IN 1790.		ADDED AREA.	
	1850	1900	1850	1900	1850	1900
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canada and Newfoundland.....	0.6	11.4	6.8	13.1	6.1	9.8
All other North America.....	0.9	1.3	0.3	0.3	2.0	2.2
England and Wales.....	13.7	9.0	13.4	10.1	14.4	8.0
Ireland.....	42.8	15.6	53.1	23.2	23.4	8.5
Scotland.....	3.1	2.3	3.3	2.5	2.9	2.0
Germany.....	26.0	25.8	18.4	19.7	40.3	31.0
Norway and Sweden.....	0.7	8.8	0.1	3.1	1.8	14.1
Denmark.....	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	2.5
Austria-Hungary.....	(1)	5.6	(1)	6.2	0.1	5.0
Italy.....	0.2	4.7	0.1	7.2	0.2	2.3
Russia, including Finland.....	0.1	4.7	0.1	6.2	0.1	3.3
Poland.....		3.7		4.1		3.4
Switzerland.....	0.0	1.1	0.3	0.7	1.2	1.5
Netherlands.....	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.6
France.....	2.4	1.0	1.5	0.9	4.1	1.1
Spain and Portugal.....	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3
Belgium.....	0.1	0.3	(1)	0.2	0.1	0.4
Turkey and Greece.....	(1)	0.2	(1)	0.2	(1)	0.1
Europe not specified.....		0.2		0.3		0.1
China.....	(1)	0.8	(1)	0.3	0.1	1.2
Japan.....		0.2		(1)		0.5
All other Asia.....	(1)	0.1	(1)	0.2	(1)	0.1
Oceania.....	(1)	0.1	(1)	(1)	0.1	0.1
South America.....	0.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	0.1	(1)
Africa.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
All other.....	1.9	0.2	1.0	0.2	1.8	0.2

¹ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

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While this table indicates the proportion which each principal element of the foreign born forms of the total foreign born in the United States and in the original and added areas, it does not throw light upon the

proportion of each nationality residing in each of the two areas. Selecting the principal nations, the proportions shown are as follows:

TABLE 59.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, BY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, OF NATIVES OF SPECIFIED FOREIGN COUNTRIES: 1850 AND 1900.

AREA.	NORTH AMERICA.		ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND WALES.		IRELAND.		GERMANY AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.		SCANDINAVIA.		ITALY.		RUSSIA, FINLAND, AND POLAND.		ALL OTHER COUNTRIES.	
	1850	1900	1850	1900	1850	1900	1850	1900	1850	1900	1850	1900	1850	1900	1850	1900
United States.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Area enumerated in 1790.....	62.4	51.2	64.5	54.4	81.1	71.8	46.3	39.9	16.4	17.0	40.6	74.9	68.8	58.9	48.0	33.7
New England.....	29.8	39.1	10.8	15.8	20.4	23.9	1.2	2.8	4.0	6.7	7.2	12.7	3.3	9.8	8.3	8.8
Middle states.....	31.5	11.4	48.8	35.9	55.1	45.2	36.1	33.7	10.5	10.0	28.2	60.3	55.1	46.4	33.3	22.5
Southern states.....	1.1	0.7	4.9	2.7	5.6	2.7	9.0	3.4	1.8	0.3	14.2	2.0	10.4	2.7	6.5	2.5
Added area.....	37.6	48.8	35.5	45.6	18.9	28.2	53.7	60.1	83.6	83.0	50.4	25.1	31.2	41.1	52.0	66.3

A smaller proportion of the natives of nearly every foreign country were residents of the original area in 1900 than in 1850. The natives of Italy form an exception to this rule; for, whereas in the earlier year more than half of them were located in the added area, in 1900, as a result of the great immigration from that country in the latter part of the century, nearly three-fourths

of all were located in the area enumerated in 1790. The decreased proportion of the foreign born in the Southern states of the original area is noticeable. Nearly one-seventh of the Italians in the country were residents of these states in 1850, while in 1900 the proportion was negligible.