



POPULATION PROFILE OF OUR NEW NATION: A COMPARISON OF THE 1790 AND 1800 CENSUSES

Activity Items

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- Item 1: Summative Data From 1790 Census
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Student Learning Objectives

- I will be able to read and interpret data sets and formulate conclusions.
- I will be able to compare the populations of states to make determinations about climate, soil, and geographic size.

10. Examine the categories in **Item 1: Summative Data From 1790 Census** and **Item 2: Summative Data From 1800 Census**. What do these categories communicate about American society in the late 18th and early 19th centuries?

FIRST CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Population of the United States as returned at the First Census, by states: 1790.

DISTRICT.	Free white males of 16 years and upward, including heads of families.	Free white males under 16 years.	Free white females, including heads of families.	All other free persons.	Slaves.	Total.
Vermont.....	22,435	22,328	40,505	255	116	1,861,539
New Hampshire.....	26,086	24,861	70,160	690	168	1,414,595
Maine.....	24,384	24,748	46,870	588	None.	360,940
Massachusetts.....	16,453	17,289	190,832	5,463	None.	378,787
Rhode Island.....	16,019	15,789	32,632	3,407	943	89,525
Connecticut.....	80,363	78,493	117,443	2,898	2,364	237,945
New York.....	48,251	126,112	132,220	4,964	21,364	257,120
New Jersey.....	46,281	103,618	281,269	2,762	1,452	434,379
Pennsylvania.....	110,793	102,648	297,364	5,890	6,537	1,004,873
Delaware.....	11,783	12,143	27,364	8,043	108,636	150,969
Maryland.....	51,015	57,330	107,365	8,043	108,636	319,793
Virginia.....	110,636	116,135	215,046	12,866	292,697	717,610
Kentucky.....	15,154	17,057	28,922	4,071	17,459	73,717
North Carolina.....	69,088	77,596	146,770	1,801	10,529	308,711
South Carolina.....	35,576	37,792	86,880	1,801	107,064	269,073
Georgia.....	13,103	14,044	26,739	388	26,264	62,546
Total number of inhabitants of the United States exclusive of S. Western and N. territory.....	807,094	791,850	1,541,263	59,150	694,280	3,893,635

S. W. territory.....	Free white males of 21 years and upward.	Free males under 21 years of age.	Free white females.	All other persons.	Slaves.	Total.
N. "	6,271	10,277	15,365	361	3,417	35,691

¹ The census of 1790, published in 1791, reports 16 slaves in Vermont. Subsequently, and up to 1880, the number is given as 17. An examination of the original manuscript returns shows that there never were any slaves in Vermont. The original error occurred in preparing the results for publication, when 16 persons, returned as "free colored," were classified as "Slave."

² Corrected figures are 85,425, or 114 less than figures published in 1790, due to an error of addition in the returns for each of the towns of Fairfield, Milton, Shelburne, and Wiliston, in the county of Chittenden; Brookfield, Newbury, Randolph, and Stratford, in the county of Orange; Castleton, Clarendon, Hubbardton, Poutney, Rutland, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford, in the county of Rutland; Dummerston, Guilford, Halifax, and Westminster, in the county of Windham; and Woodstock, in the county of Windsor.

³ Corrected figures are 59,066, or 2 more than figures published in 1790, due to error in addition.

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Item 2: Summative Data From 1800 Census

ENUMERATION of Persons in the several DISTRICTS of the UNITED STATES.

Names of Districts.	FREE WHITE MALES.					FREE WHITE FEMALES.					All other free persons except Indians not taxed.	SLAVES.	TOTAL.
	Under 10 years of age.	Of 10 and under 16.	Of 16 and under 26, including heads of families.	Of 26 and under 45, including heads of families.	Of 45 and upwards, including heads of families.	Under 10 years of age.	Of 10 and under 16.	Of 16 and under 26, including heads of families.	Of 26 and under 45, including heads of families.	Of 45 and upwards, including heads of families.			
New-Hampshire	30,694	14,881	16,379	17,589	11,715	29,871	14,193	17,153	18,381	12,142	852	8	183,858
Massachusetts	63,646	32,507	37,905	39,729	31,348	60,920	30,674	40,491	43,833	35,540	6,452	—	422,845
Maine	27,970	12,305	12,900	15,318	8,339	26,899	11,338	13,295	14,496	8,041	818	—	151,719
Connecticut	37,946	19,408	21,683	23,180	18,976	35,736	18,218	23,561	25,186	20,827	5,330	951	251,002
Vermont	29,420	12,046	13,242	16,544	8,076	28,272	11,366	12,606	15,287	7,049	557	—	154,465
Rhode-Island	9,945	5,352	5,889	5,785	4,887	9,524	5,026	6,463	6,919	5,648	3,304	380	69,122
New-York	83,161	36,953	40,045	52,454	25,497	79,154	32,822	39,086	47,710	23,161	8,573	15,602	484,065
Supplemental return for New-York state	16,936	7,320	9,230	9,140	6,358	16,319	6,649	9,030	8,701	5,490	1,801	5,011	101,985
New-Jersey	33,900	15,859	16,301	19,956	12,629	32,622	14,827	17,018	19,533	11,600	4,402	12,422	211,149
Eastern district of Pennsylvania	52,767	24,438	29,393	33,864	20,824	51,176	23,427	29,879	30,892	19,329	11,253	557	327,979
Western district of Pennsylvania	50,459	21,623	24,869	25,469	17,761	43,448	20,362	24,095	22,954	14,066	3,311	1,149	274,566
Delaware	8,250	4,437	5,121	5,012	2,213	7,628	4,277	5,543	4,981	2,390	8,268	6,153	64,273
Maryland, inclusive of Washington county, in Columbia	33,520	16,581	20,560	22,169	12,617	22,463	15,718	21,506	20,363	11,240	18,646	102,465	317,348
Additional return for Baltimore county	567	226	318	343	249	571	222	375	318	199	41	847	4,276
Eastern district of Virginia	57,837	25,998	32,444	34,583	19,087	54,597	25,469	34,807	32,541	18,821	13,194	322,199	676,682
District of Columbia, in Virginia	889	320	483	557	221	670	313	479	473	189	383	1,172	5,949
Western District of Virginia	34,601	14,502	16,264	15,674	11,134	32,726	13,366	15,923	8,632	15,169	1,930	23,597	203,518
North-Carolina	63,118	27,073	31,560	31,209	18,688	59,074	25,874	32,989	30,665	17,514	7,043	133,296	478,103
South-Carolina	37,411	16,156	17,761	19,344	10,244	34,664	15,857	18,145	17,236	9,437	3,185	146,151	345,391
Georgia	19,841	8,469	9,787	10,914	4,957	18,407	7,914	9,243	8,835	3,894	1,919	59,699	162,686
Kentucky	37,274	14,045	15,705	17,699	9,238	34,949	13,433	15,524	14,934	7,075	741	40,343	220,959
Territory N. W. river Ohio	9,362	3,647	4,656	4,833	1,955	8,644	3,353	3,861	3,342	1,395	337	—	45,365
Indiana territory	854	347	466	645	262	791	280	424	393	115	163	135	*5,641
Mississippi territory	999	356	432	780	290	953	376	352	426	165	182	3,489	8,850
†Tennessee	19,227	7,194	8,282	8,352	4,125	18,450	7,042	8,554	6,992	3,491	309	875,626	5,172,312
‡Maryland, corrected	36,751	17,743	21,929	23,553	13,712	34,703	16,787	22,915	21,725	12,180	19,987	13,584	105,602
												107,707	349,692

* Persons 766 added to the particular items of this return.

† This return has been received since the communication of the above Aggregate to Congress.

‡ This return has also been since received, and is stated by the Marshal to be a more correct return than the first, (above.)

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Item 3: Blank Map, 1790

