

Orleans Parish, Louisiana Census Statistics — 1880

10th Census · Enumeration Date: June 1, 1880

PART I — TOTAL POPULATION

Metric	Value
Census Year	1880
Census Number	10th Census
Enumeration Date	June 1, 1880
Total Population	216,090
Decadal Change	+24,672
Decadal % Change	+12.9%
U.S. City Rank	10th

Note: Steady Reconstruction-era growth; continued European immigration; large Italian community emerging. 1878 yellow fever epidemic killed ~4,046 in city.

PART II — RACIAL & STATUS COMPOSITION

Category	Count	% of Total
White	158,473	73.3%
Negro / Mulatto	57,617	26.7%
Other / Unclassified	—	—

Note: Per 10th Census Compendium (1885). Foreign-born population approximately 41,016. Growing Italian immigrant community; Irish proportion declining.

PART III — FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION

Metric	Value
Total Foreign-Born	~41,016
% of Total Population	~19.0%
Largest Foreign-Born Groups	Ireland, Germany, Italy

Note: Italian immigration intensifying; Irish proportion declining. Italian community grew substantially; city had 3rd-largest Italian-born population in U.S. by 1890s.

Sources: Forstall, R.L. (ed.), Population of the States and Counties of the United States: 1790–1990 (U.S. Census Bureau, 1996); U.S. Decennial Census Compendiums, 5th–16th (1830–1940), available at census.gov; Walker, F.A., Compendium of the Ninth Census (1872), Table VIII [1870 racial breakdown confirmed]; IPUMS NHGIS, University of Minnesota.

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