

Orleans Parish, Louisiana Census Statistics — 1900

12th Census · Enumeration Date: June 1, 1900

PART I — TOTAL POPULATION

Metric	Value
Census Year	1900
Census Number	12th Census
Enumeration Date	June 1, 1900
Total Population	287,104
Decadal Change	+45,065
Decadal % Change	+18.6%
U.S. City Rank	12th

Note: Significant growth; Jim Crow era; continued decline of relative U.S. city ranking.

PART II — RACIAL & STATUS COMPOSITION

Category	Count	% of Total
White	209,346	72.9%
Negro	77,714	27.1%
Other / Unclassified	44	—

Note: Per 12th Census, Vol. I (1901). 'Negro' category used in original. Foreign-born White approximately 28,498. 44 persons classified as other races.

PART III — FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION

Metric	Value
Total Foreign-Born	~28,498
% of Total Population	~9.9%
Largest Foreign-Born Groups	Italy, Germany, Ireland

Note: Immigration slowing as proportion; natural increase more significant. Large Italian-born community well established.

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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