

Orleans Parish, Louisiana Census Statistics — 1930

15th Census · Enumeration Date: April 1, 1930

PART I — TOTAL POPULATION

Metric	Value
Census Year	1930
Census Number	15th Census
Enumeration Date	April 1, 1930
Total Population	458,762
Decadal Change	+71,543
Decadal % Change	+18.5%
U.S. City Rank	14th

Note: Interwar growth; economic diversification; largest single-decade gain since 1840. City regained one rank nationally.

PART II — RACIAL & STATUS COMPOSITION

Category	Count	% of Total
White	328,880	71.7%
Negro	129,632	28.3%
Other / Unclassified	250	—

Note: Per 15th Census compendium. 'Negro' category used in original. Most rapid single-decade Black population increase in the period studied.

PART III — FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION

Metric	Value
Total Foreign-Born	~14,000 (est.)
% of Total Population	~3.1%
Largest Foreign-Born Groups	Italy, Germany

Note: National Origins Act (1924) sharply curtailed immigration. Continued attrition of foreign-born through naturalization and mortality; few new arrivals.

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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