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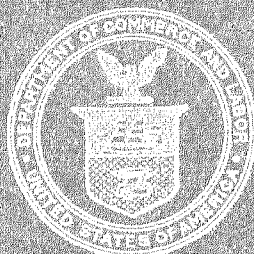
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THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES
TAKEN IN THE YEAR 1910

STATISTICS FOR
LOUISIANA

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in 1910 was urban or rural, as the case may be, is taken as the basis, and the population in 1900 for the same territory (so far as separately reported at that census) is presented, even though part of the territory may, on the basis of its population at the earlier census, have then been in a different class. This avoids the disturbing

effect on comparisons which would arise from the passage, for example, of communities formerly classed as rural into the urban group. These two distinct forms of comparison are made in Table I of Chapter 2 for the state as a whole and for each county (parish in Louisiana) separately for the last two censuses.

TOTAL POPULATION, INCREASE, AND DISTRIBUTION.

Population of the state.—The population of Louisiana is 1,656,388. Compared with a population of 1,381,625 in 1900, this represents an increase during the last decade of 274,763, or 19.9 per cent. During the same period the total population of the United States increased 21 per cent. The rate of growth of the state during this decade was less rapid than

during the preceding decade, 1890–1900, when the rate was 23.5 per cent.

The following table shows the population of Louisiana at each census from 1810 to 1910, inclusive, together with the increase and per cent of increase during each decade, in comparison with the per cent of increase for the United States as a whole.

CENSUS YEAR.	Population.	INCREASE OVER PRECEDING CENSUS.		Per cent of increase for the United States.
		Number.	Per cent.	
1910.....	1,656,388	274,763	19.9	21.0
1900.....	1,381,625	263,037	23.5	20.7
1890.....	1,118,588	178,642	19.0	25.5
1880.....	939,946	213,031	29.3	30.1
1870.....	726,915	18,913	2.7	22.6
1860.....	708,002	190,240	36.7	35.6
1850.....	517,762	165,351	46.9	35.9
1840.....	352,411	136,672	63.4	32.7
1830.....	215,739	62,332	40.6	33.5
1820.....	153,407	76,851	100.4	33.1
1810.....	76,556			

The earliest population figures for Louisiana are those reported at the Federal census of 1810, when its population was returned as in the territory of Orleans. The total population (76,556) reported for 1810 does not include 20,845 returned for Louisiana territory which was taken to form Missouri and Arkansas territories in 1812 and 1819, respectively. The state showed a more rapid rate of growth in population during the first half than during the second half of the century covered by this table. In 1860 the population was more than nine times as great as in 1810, the percentages of increase ranging from 36.7 to 100.4. During the latter period, 1860–1910, its population increased two and one-third times, the lowest percentage of increase being 2.7 for the decade 1860–1870, while the percentages for the remaining decades ranged from 19 to 29.3. The numerical increase for the last decade was larger than that shown for any previous decade.

A comparison of the rates of increase for the state with those for the United States, as given in the preceding table, shows that from 1810 to 1860 the increase for the state during each decade was more rapid than that for the country as a whole. The largest difference between the two rates during this period was in the decade 1810–1820 and the smallest difference during the decade 1850–1860. Since 1860 the rates of increase for the state have been smaller than those for the country as a whole during each

decade, except 1890–1900, when the rate for the state was slightly larger. During the decade 1860–1870 the rate for the state was less than one-eighth that for the country as a whole, while during each of the three other decades showing percentages for the state smaller than those for the country as a whole, the rate for the state did not fall below three-fourths of that for the country as a whole. The population of the state in 1910 was almost twenty-two times as large as in 1810, while the population of the United States in 1910 was only about thirteen times that in 1810.

Principal cities.—Louisiana has 11 cities. New Orleans, the largest city, has a population of 339,075, and the next largest, Shreveport, a population of 28,015. Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Alexandria, and Monroe, with 14,897, 11,449, 11,213, and 10,209 inhabitants, respectively, are the other cities in the state having over 10,000 inhabitants. There are also 3 cities having from 5,000 to 10,000 and 2 having less than 2,500 inhabitants.

Table 2 shows the population in 1910 of all the cities of the state with comparative figures for 1900 and 1890. The following table shows the population of the six cities having in 1910 over 10,000 inhabitants, as reported at each census since their incorporation either as cities or towns, so far as figures are available, together with the increase during each decade.