

CENSUS BULLETIN.

No. 33.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 17, 1901.

POPULATION OF MONTANA BY COUNTIES AND MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS.

This bulletin, prepared under the direction of Mr. WILLIAM C. HUNT, chief statistician for population, gives the aggregate population of Montana by counties and minor civil divisions, according to the official count of the returns of the Twelfth Census, taken as of June 1, 1900.

Montana was organized as a territory May 26, 1864, and admitted as a state November 8, 1889. Table 1 shows the population of Montana at each census from 1870 to 1900, inclusive, together with the increase by number and per cent during each decade.

TABLE 1.—POPULATION OF MONTANA: 1870 TO 1900.

CENSUS YEARS.	Population.	INCREASE.	
		Number.	Per cent.
1900	243,329	111,170	84.1
1890	132,159	93,000	237.5
1880	39,159	18,564	90.1
1870	20,595		

The population of the state in 1900 is 243,329 as compared with a population in 1890 of 132,159, showing an increase during the decade of 111,170, or 84.1 per cent. A part of this increase is due to the fact that there were 10,346 Indians and 419 other persons, or a total of 10,765 persons, on Indian reservations, etc., in Montana, who were specially enumerated in 1890 under the provisions of the census act, but were not included in the general population of the state at that census. The population of the territory of Montana in 1870 was 20,595, and in 1880, 39,159, showing an increase of 18,564, or 90.1 per cent. During the following decade, from 1880 to 1890, in the last year of which the territory became a state, the population increased from 39,159 to 132,159, or 237.5 per cent. Although the numerical increase has been greater during the last decade than for any preceding one, the percentage of increase has declined.

The population of Montana in 1900 is more than eleven times as large as the population given for 1870, the first census taken after its organization as a territory in 1864.

The total land surface of Montana is, approximately, 145,310 square miles, the average number of persons to the square mile at the censuses of 1890 and 1900 being as follows: 1890, 0.9; 1900, 1.7.

Table 2 shows the population of Montana by counties at each census from 1870 to 1900, inclusive, while table 3, which immediately follows, shows, for each county, the increase (or decrease) by number and per cent during the ten years from 1890 to 1900.