

TOTAL POPULATION, INCREASE, AND DISTRIBUTION.

Population of the state.—North Dakota, with boundaries as at present, was organized as a state from a part of Dakota territory and was admitted to the Union in November, 1889. (The two Dakotas, which were admitted by the same act of Congress, were the thirty-ninth and fortieth states to enter the Union.) Dakota territory was organized in 1861, and at that time included the region now constituting the greater part of Montana and nearly half of Wyoming, but the organization of Idaho territory in 1863 and Wyoming territory in 1868 reduced the area of Dakota territory to substantially that of the present states of North and South Dakota.

According to the Fourteenth Census, taken as of January 1, 1920, the population of North Dakota is 646,872, which represents an increase of 69,816, or 12.1 per cent, since 1910. During the same period the population of the United States increased by 14.9 per cent. The following summary shows the population of North Dakota from 1890 to 1920, inclusive, together with the number and per cent of increase for each decade, in comparison with the per cent of increase for the United States as a whole. The population of that part of Dakota territory which now constitutes the state of North Dakota was 36,909 in 1880 and 2,405 in 1870.

POPULATION OF NORTH DAKOTA: 1890 TO 1920.

CENSUS YEAR.	Population.	INCREASE OVER PRECEDING CENSUS.		Per cent of increase for the United States.
		Number.	Per cent.	
1920.....	646,872	69,816	12.1	14.9
1910.....	577,056	257,910	80.8	21.0
1900.....	319,146	128,163	67.1	20.7
1890.....	190,983			