

Orleans Parish, Louisiana Census Statistics — 1830

5th Census · Enumeration Date: June 1, 1830

PART I — TOTAL POPULATION

Metric	Value
Census Year	1830
Census Number	5th Census
Enumeration Date	June 1, 1830
Total Population	49,826
Decadal Change	—
Decadal % Change	—
U.S. City Rank	—

Note: First census fully capturing post-Louisiana Purchase growth; includes city of New Orleans and suburban faubourgs.

PART II — RACIAL & STATUS COMPOSITION

Category	Count	% of Total
Free White (Free)	20,047	40.2%
Free Colored (Free)	16,710	see note
Enslaved	13,069	see note
Other / Unclassified	—	—

Note: New Orleans had the largest free Black population of any U.S. city at this period; many were French-speaking Creoles of color with property and professional status.

Terminology note: 'Free Colored' denotes legally free persons of African descent (*gens de couleur libres*). 'Enslaved' persons were recorded on separate slave schedules and are not equivalent to 'Free Colored.' Period-accurate terminology is retained for historical fidelity.

PART III — FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION

Metric	Value
Total Foreign-Born	Not separately enumerated
% of Total Population	—
Largest Foreign-Born Groups	—

Note: Foreign-born population was not separately tabulated in the 5th Census. Large Francophone Caribbean and European merchant community present.

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.

Compiled for archival use — The Buhler Family Archives · buhler-family.net · June 2026