

# Orleans Parish, Louisiana Census Statistics — 1870

9th Census · Enumeration Date: June 1, 1870

## PART I — TOTAL POPULATION

Metric	Value
Census Year	1870
Census Number	9th Census
Enumeration Date	June 1, 1870
Total Population	191,418
Decadal Change	+16,927
Decadal % Change	+9.7%
U.S. City Rank	6th

Note: First post-Civil War census; emancipation transformed racial categories; parish boundaries reorganized after annexations.

## PART II — RACIAL & STATUS COMPOSITION

Category	Count	% of Total
White	142,943	74.7%
Black / Mulatto	48,475	25.3%
Other / Unclassified	—	—

Note: CONFIRMED from 1870 Census Vol. I, Table VIII. White: 142,943 (native-born 93,069 / foreign-born 49,858). Colored: 48,475 (Black 47,854; Mulatto 598; other 23).

## PART III — FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION

Metric	Value
Total Foreign-Born	49,858
% of Total Population	26.0%
Largest Foreign-Born Groups	Ireland, Germany

Note: Confirmed directly from 1870 Census Table VIII (foreign-born White). Some decline from war disruption of immigration. Irish and German communities well established.

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](https://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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