

CENSUS STATISTICS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA.

ILLITERACY LESSENS--WHITES GAINING--OTHER INTERESTING DATA.

Washington, March 12:—Interesting statistics on the composition and characteristics are given in an advance bulletin of the 13th census soon to be issued by E Dana Durand, director of the census. The bulletin covers the divisions by color, sex, place of nativity and comparative literacy and also of illiteracy and age. It also takes up the marital condition of the population over 15 years of age.

The division by color shows that since 1900 there has been an appreciable increase in the proportion of whites, due of course to a number of causes. The result is that, of the entire 1,511,004 people in the State, the proportion of whites is 44:8 against 41.2 in 1900. The number of whites in 1910 was given as 679,161. Of negroes the number is 835,843, a percentage of 55.2 as against a percentage of 58.4 in 1900.

There are more females than males in South Carolina—the number being 763,558 against 751,842. Among the whites, however, the proportion is reversed, there being 102.4 white men for every 100 women.

Of the population of voting age or over, 49.5 per cent are white and 50.5 negro.

Only half the population of school age—from 6 to 20 years—was recorded as attending school at all.

As a corollary of this the illiteracy rate is found to be 25.7 per cent. The census bureau counts in the class of illiterates, of whom there are 276,980 in South Carolina, any one of over 10 years who is unable to write, even though he be able to read. The rate of illiteracy, however, shows a decrease from 1900, the percentage in that year being 35.9.

This bulletin was prepared under the supervision of Wm C Hunt, chief statistician for population. Statistics of color, nativity, parentage, sex, State of birth, citizenship, age, illiteracy, school attendance, marital condition, dwellings and families are presented. They are grouped as follows: For the States and counties, for the two cities of more than 25,000 inhabitants, for the two cities of 10,000 to 25,000, for places of 2,500 to 10,000 and for wards of Charleston, the only city of more than 50,000 inhabitants. A previous population bulletin for South Carolina gave the number of inhabitants by counties and minor civil divisions, decennial increase and density of population, and the proportions urban and rural. That and the forthcoming bulletin cover all the principal topics of the population census except occupations and ownership of homes.

COLOR AND NATIVITY.

The white population is divided into four groups: (1) Native, native parentage—that is, having both parents born in the United States; (2) native, foreign parentage—having both parents born abroad; (3) native, mixed parentage—having one parent native and the other foreign born; (4) foreign born.

Of the total population of South Carolina, 679,171, or 44.8 per cent, are whites, and 835,843, or 55.2 per cent are negroes. The corresponding percentages in 1900 were 41.6 and 58.4, respectively, the proportion of whites having increased during the decade. In four of the 43 counties the proportion of negroes exceeds three-fourths, and in 29 other counties it exceeds one-half, the maximum percentage of negroes being that for Beaufort county—(86.9.)

Native whites of native parentage constitute 43.7 per cent of the total population of the State and 97.5 per cent of the white population. Native whites of foreign or mixed parentage constitute only 0.8 per cent of the total population and foreign born whites only 0.4 per cent.

Of the urban population, 49.6 per cent are native whites of native parentage; of the rural 42.7 per cent.

The corresponding proportions for native whites of foreign or mixed parentage are 3.4 and 0.3 per cent, respectively; for foreign born whites 1.8 and 0.2 per cent. The percentage

of negroes is 45.2 in the urban population and 56.9 in the rural.

SEX.

In the total population of the State there are 751,842 males and 763,558 females, or 98.5 males to 100 females. In 1900 the ratio was 98.4 to 100. Among the whites there are 102.4 males to 100 females; among the negroes, 95.4 to 100. Among native whites the ratio is 102 to 100 as compared with 159.3 to 100 for the foreign born whites. In the urban population there are 90.2 males to 100 females, but in the rural the sexes are nearly equal in number.

Of the total native population—that is, the population born in the United States—94.8 per cent were born in South Carolina and 5.2 per cent outside the State; of the native white population, 9.4 per cent were born outside the State, and of the native negro, 1.8 per cent. Persons born outside the State constitute a larger proportion of the native population in urban than in rural communities.

FOREIGN NATIONALITIES.

Of the foreign born white population of South Carolina, persons born in Germany represent 28.8 per cent. Russia 13, Ireland 11.1, England 8.3, Italy 5.2, Turkey 5, Greece 4.7, Canada 4.5, all other countries 19.4 per cent. Of the total white stock of foreign origin, which includes persons born abroad and also natives having one or both parents born abroad, Germany contributed 33.2 per cent, Ireland 19.3, England 8.9, Russia 8.4, Scotland 4.6, Canada 8.6, Italy 3.2, Turkey 2.5, Austria 2.4.

The total number of males 21 years of age and over is 335,046, representing 22.1 per cent of the population. Of such males, 49.5 per cent are white and 50.5 per cent negroes. Native whites represent 48.5 per cent of the total number and foreign born whites 1 per cent. Of the 3,355 foreign born white males of voting age, 1,602 or 47.7 per cent are naturalized. Males of militia age, 18 to 44, number 276,788.

AGE.

Of the total population 15.1 per cent are under 5 years of age, 26.5 per cent from 5 to 14 years, inclusive, 11.4 per cent from 15 to 24, 23.5 per cent from 25 to 44 and 13.5 per cent 15 years of age and over. The foreign born white population comprises comparatively few children, only 4.8 per cent of this class being under 15 years of age, while 82.9 per cent are 15 years of age and over. Of the native white population of native parentage, 39.9 per cent are 25 and over; of the native whites of foreign or mixed parentage, 55.2 per cent, and of the negroes, 33.9 per cent.

The urban population shows a smaller proportion of children than the rural and a larger proportion of persons in the prime of life. Migration to the city explains this at least in part. Of the urban population, 30.5 per cent are from 25 to 44 years of age, inclusive, and of the rural population 22.2 per cent.


The census inquiry as to school attendance was merely as to whether the person enumerated had attended any kind of school at any time between September 1, 1909, and the date of enumeration, April 15, 1910.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The total number of persons of school age—that is, 6 to 20 years, inclusive—is 569,260, of whom 211,307, or 51.6 per cent, attended school. In addition to these, 4,566 children under 6, and 4,486 persons 21 and over attended school. For boys from 6 to 20 years, inclusive, the percentage attending school was 50.7; for girls, 52.5. For children from 6 to 14 years, inclusive, the percentage attending school was 62.6. The percentage for children of this age among native whites of native parentage was 72.1; among native whites of foreign or mixed parentage, 81.4; among foreign-born whites, 72.2, and among negroes, 56.1. In urban communities the percentage of children of that age who are attending school was 71.4, and in rural, 61.5.

The census bureau classifies as illiterate any person 10 years of age or over who is unable to write, regardless of ability to read.

There are 276,980 illiterates in the (Continued on page three.)



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