

Appendix Table: Illiteracy in the 1860 Census Manuscripts of Albany, NY

Census Districts	Census Illiteracy Rate	Deed-markers Matched	Coded Illiterate	Other Illiterates Matched	Coded Illiterate	Total Matches	Coded Illiterate	Population in 1860
Rural Districts		58	21%	38	29%	96	24%	42935
Bethlehem	0.0%	4	0	2	0	6	0%	5630
District 7	0.2%	2	0	5	1	7	14%	3032
Berne	0.3%	4	0	5	0	9	0%	3065
Knox	0.3%	3	1	2	0	5	20%	2036
New Scotland	0.7%	7	0	0		7	0%	3360
Westerlo	0.9%	4	1	1	0	5	20%	2720
Guilderland	1.9%	14	2	6	0	20	10%	3248
Cohoes	5.1%	2	1	3	1	5	29%	8800
Coeymans	5.8%	6	1	3	1	9	22%	3212
Green Isle	8.7%	0		2	2	2	100%	1603
Watervliet	12.8%	12	6	9	6	21	57%	6229
Urban Districts		93	24%	100	22%	193	23%	71177
City of Albany								
Ward 4	0.0%	2	0	0		2	0%	3922
Ward 5	0.0%	0	0	6	0	6	0%	2127
Ward 6	0.0%	3	0	0		3	0%	3279
Ward 8	0.0%	15	1	9	0	24	4%	8129
Ward 7	2.3%	7	1	20	1	27	7%	6353
Ward 3	3.3%	1	0	4	0	5	0%	5543
Ward 2	6.7%	2	1	3	1	5	40%	5006
Ward 10	8.0%	17	6	28	9	45	33%	10754
Ward 9	13.5%	15	4	1	0	16	25%	8270
Ward 1	14.7%	13	8	5	5	18	72%	9131
Village of West Troy								
Ward 1	1.7%	10	0	11	3	21	14%	2080
Ward 2	3.2%	0		6	0	6	0%	1972
Ward 3	14.9%	6	1	2	1	8	25%	1531
Ward 4	24.5%	2	0	5	2	7	29%	3080
Total (urban & rural)		151	23%	138	24%	289	23%	114112

Sources & notes: Census illiteracy rates are counts of adults coded as illiterate on randomly sampled pages from the 1860 census manuscripts. Deed-markers matched are those located in the 1860 census manuscripts; “coded illiterate” are those recorded as illiterate on the census manuscript. “Other illiterates” refers to adults enumerated as illiterate in another census, located in the 1860 census.

Example: in Watervliet, 12.8% of adults were enumerated as illiterate (in a random sample of 16 pages); of 9 deed-markers located in the 1860 census in Watervliet, 3 were enumerated as illiterate; of 10 other adults in Watervliet identified as illiterate in other census manuscripts, 7 were coded as illiterates.