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| States. | | | | | 1700. | 1800. | **1810.** | 1820. | **1830.** |
| Maine .. | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Hampshire  Vermont |  |  |  |  | 158 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Massachusetts |  |  |  |  | o | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rhode Island . | | | | | 952 | 381 | 103 | 48 | 17  25 |
| Connecticut |  |  |  |  | 2,759  21,324  11,423  3,737  8,887 103,038 | 951 | 310 | 97  10,088 7,657 211 |
| New York | | | | | 20,343  12,422  1,708  6,163  105,635 | 15,017  10,851  796  4,177  111,502 | 75  2,254 403  3,292 102,294 |
| New Jersey | | | | |
| Pennsylvania |  |  |  |  |
| Delaware |  |  |  |  | 4,509  107,398 |
| Maryland |  |  |  |  |
| Virginia |  | .., | **..** |  | 293,427 | 343,798 | 392,518 | 425,153 | 469,757 |
| North Carolina |  |  |  |  | 100,572  107,094  29,264 | 133,296  146,151  89,404 | 168,824 | 205,017  258,475  149,656  41,879  32,814  69,064  80,107  126,732 | 245,601  315,401  217,531  117,549  65,859  109,588  141,603  165,213 |
| South Carolina | | | | | 196,365 |
| Georgia | | | | | 105,218 |
| Alabama | | | | |  |
| Mississippi | | | | |  | 3,489 | 17,088  34,680  44,535  80,561 |
| Louisiana . | | | | |  |
| Tennessee..... |  |  |  |  | 3.417  11,830 | 13.584  4,034 |
| Kentucky |  |  |  |  |
| Ohio |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Indiana | |  |  |  |  | 135 | 237  168  3,011  5,395 | 190 | 0 |
| Illinois |  |  |  |  |  | 917  10,222  6,377 | 747\*  25,081  6,119  15,501 |
| Missouri |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| District of Columbia | |  |  |  |  | 3,244 |
| Florida Territory... | ,. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Michigan Territory  Arkansas Territory |  |  |  |  |  |  | 24 |  | 32  4,576 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,617 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total |  |  | 897,897 | 893,041 | 1,191,364 | 1,538,064 | 2,009,031 |

\*Not staves, but “indented colored servants."

The following is a later census of several states and ter­ritories:

Maine 1837, 485.451

Massachusetts. 1837, 701,331

New York 1835, 2,174 517

Georgia 1838, 881,702

Mississippi.... 1837, 308,744

Arkansas 1838, 89,710

Illinois 1835, 272,427

Michigan 1837, 174,189

Florid· 1838, 48,223

Wisconsin 1838, 18,149

Iowa 1833, 21,796

According to the census which is now in progress, and is nearly completed, the population, it is estimated, will nearly amount to 17,000,000.

It will be observed from the first table, that the rate of increase is very unequal for the different sections of the Union. The older states of Connecticut and Massachusetts have only added one fifth to their population, in the same period in which the new states of Kentucky and Ohio have quadrupled theirs ; and, according to the more recent census of 1830, the increase of population has been in like man­ner far more rapid in the newly-settled states of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Michigan, where it has more than doubled within ten years, than in any of the northern and first-settled states, in which the increase has only been from five to forty, fifty, and sixty-one per cent. Even in Kentucky and Ohio, where the population increased so rapidly the first thirty years after they were settled, it has now been checked by those causes which never fail to operate in all countries with the increase of inhabitants and the occupation of the land ; which have been long felt in the crowded communities of Europe, as they are now in all the older states of America. There is still another rea­son for the comparatively rapid increase of the newly-settled states of the west, namely, that the more densely peopled parts of the Union, and in particular New England, serve as a nursery to the new states, to which they are continually sending out large draughts of emigrants. Thus there is a constant stream of population pouring across the Alleghanies, from the east side to the west, to occupy the vast plain of the Mississippi ; and by this gradual generation of a mighty people from a central stock, a uniformity of lan­guage, manners, and institutions, is diffused over the whole, which will cement their union, in spite of local diversities of interest, and which promises to make the countless mil­

lions who will by and by cover North America from sea to sea. more truly *one people* than the inhabitants of Aus­tria, Prussia, France, Spain, or Britain, are at this day.

If we calculate prospectively from the present rate of increase, assuming that it will continue permanent for some time, the population at the under-mentioned periods will be, 1845 20,000,000 1895 80,000,000

1870 40,000,000 1920 160,000,000

Before this last result is realized, some retardation will probably take place in the rate of increase. But even if the vast population alluded to were in existence, the average dcnsity for the whole territory would not be greater than it is at this day in Massachusetts, and only half as great as in Italy, France, and the British Isles.

The rapid growth of the population in America becomes much more striking when we contrast it with the scarcely perceptible progress of communities in the Old World. France, which, according to Marshal Vauban, had 19,094,000 inhabitants in 1700, had 26,363,000 in 1791. Now, accord­ing to the rate of increase which this indicates, that country would have doubled its population in 195 years ; but the po­pulation of the United States in the same period would have increased to 220 times its first amount. The following table, calculated from the best data to be obtained, shows the comparative rate of increase in different countries.

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Annual In­crease on each 10,000 Persons. | Period of Doubling. |
| United States (according to census of 1810 and 1820),  France, from 1700 to 1791, Ditto — 1791 to 1821,  England — 1801 to 1821,  Europe for the last 30 years, | 291  34  48  137  76 | 241/6 years  195  144  51  90 |

From 1820 to 1830, the increase on each 10,000 of the American inhabitants amounts to about 3000.

The following table contains a census of the slave popu­lation, according to five enumerations.