

FIFTEENTH DECENNIAL CENSUS

The following is a brief statement concerning the content of each of the bound volumes which will be published in connection with the fifteenth Decennial Census. It is necessarily incomplete in many respects. However, it is designed to afford information concerning the data contained in the volumes, rather than to be a description or résumé of them.

It should be remembered in this connection that the information contained in these final volumes is now being made public in the press releases and bulletins; and that the volumes, in most cases, are assemblies of the bulletins. The issuance of the various Fifteenth Decennial Census press releases and reports started in April, 1930, and will continue throughout the census period.

CENSUS OF POPULATION

Since 1790 the census of population, required by the Federal Constitution, has been taken decennially. It was authorized for the primary purpose of apportioning Representatives in the lower House of the National Congress, but the census now supplies information on the activities as well as on the distribution of the American people.

For the publication of all the information gathered in the 1930 census of population, seven volumes of one or more parts are required—with each volume containing detailed data of specific content on the Nation's population. The volumes, although designated and titled by consecutive numbers, each contain information segregated and compiled for special purposes as well as for convenience.

Number and Distribution of Inhabitants

This report gives the general distribution of the population in continental United States and the outlying possessions. It summarizes the population of the United States by States and counties; it gives totals for cities and other urban areas arranged in groups according to size, and for all incorporated places. It also contains a separate section for each State.

Comparative figures are presented for the States and the larger cities for all censuses, beginning with the earliest census in which the State or city was reported. For the counties and smaller cities, figures are given for at least one earlier census.

States and Outlying Possessions.

The State sections of the volume give the population of cities, counties, incorporated places, minor civil divisions, and of wards in cities of more than 5,000.

The population figures for the outlying possessions, Alaska, Hawaii, etc., are likewise given in separate sections, with approximately the same detail as for the States.

Principal Cities and Counties.

Population totals for the principal cities of each State are given, with comparative figures from the earliest census, as are also the statistics on the area and population of counties. Population totals for counties by minor civil divisions are likewise given with comparative figures from the censuses of 1910 and 1920. (This volume, an octavo containing 1,272 pages, can now be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for \$2.)

General Report and Analysis

In this report the statistics will be presented by topics rather than by States, etc. A separate chapter will be devoted to each of the principal subjects covered by the population schedule, except detailed occupations and family data, which will be presented in other volumes. The principal topics presented will be: Sex, color, or race, age, school attendance, illiteracy, inability to speak English, State of birth of the native population, country of origin of the foreign white stock, and for the foreign born, country of birth, year of immigration, citizenship, and mother tongue. The tables in this volume will be limited to presentations for the United States as a whole and for geographic divisions, States and principal cities, with a separation of the population for each State into urban, rural-farm, and rural-nonfarm groups. Many of these tables show comparative figures from earlier censuses.

Composition and Characteristics of the Population by States

This report comprises the Second Series Population bulletins issued for each State, showing composition and characteristics of the population. It is to be published in two parts, of which the first will contain a general summary for the United States. It will contain statistics of color, sex, country of origin of the foreign white stock, age, marital condition, school attendance, and illiteracy for counties and cities of 10,000 or more. Sex, color, and large age groups are shown for smaller areas in each State. Urban and rural population is shown for each county, the latter being divided into farm and nonfarm. In many of the tables comparative figures are shown from the censuses of 1920.

Age Groups and Militia Age.

Population figures are given in 5 and 10 year age groups and also for 21 years old and over, by sex, color, nativity, and citizenship, with comparative figures for 1920. In addition, statistics are given for males of militia age (18 to 44), by color and nativity divided into urban, rural-farm and rural-nonfarm. Figures are also given on school attendance and illiteracy by age groups. Comparative figures are likewise shown by sex, color, and nativity, and the marital condition of the population 15 years old and over.