

# US Census During Slavery

## PRELIMINARY

APPORTIONMENT BASED ON FIRST DECENNIAL CENSUS: 1790

Act of April 14, 1792 (1 Stats., 253)

To take effect after March 3, 1793

	Enumerated Population		Apportionment Population	Quota Divisor 33,000	Assignment
	Free	Slave			
16 Connecticut	235,182	2,764	236,840	7.18	7
Delaware	50,209	8,887	55,541	1.68	1
Georgia	53,284	29,264	70,844	2.15	2
Kentucky	61,247	12,430	68,705	2.08	2
Maryland	216,692	103,036	278,514	8.44	8
Massachusetts	475,327	0	475,327	14.40	14
New Hampshire	141,727	158	141,822	4.30	4
New Jersey	172,716	11,423	179,571	5.44	5
New York	318,796	21,324	331,592	10.05	10
North Carolina	293,179	100,572	353,524	10.71	10
Pennsylvania	430,636	3,737	432,878	13.12	13
Rhode Island	67,877	948	68,446	2.07	2
South Carolina	141,979	107,094	206,235	6.25	6
Vermont	85,425	0	85,425	2.59	2
Virginia	454,983	292,627	630,559	19.11	19
	<u>3,199,259</u>	<u>694,264</u>	<u>3,615,823</u>	<u>109.57</u>	
	Number of Representatives apportioned				105
	Tennessee (admitted to union 1796)				<u>1</u>
	Number of Representatives				106

PRELIMINARY

APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES BASED ON THE SECOND DECENNIAL CENSUS: 1800

Act of January 14, 1802 (2 Stats., 128)

To go into effect March 3, 1803

	Enumerated Population		Apportionment Population	Quota Divisor 33,000	Assignment
	Free	Slave			
Connecticut	250,051	951	250,622	7.59	7
Delaware	58,120	6,153	61,813	1.87	1
Georgia	103,280	59,406	✓ 138,924	4.21	4
Kentucky	180,612	40,303	✓ 204,794	6.21	6
Maryland	235,913	105,635	✓ 299,294	9.07	9
Massachusetts	574,564	0	574,564	17.41	17
New Hampshire	183,850	8	183,855	5.57	5
New Jersey	198,727	12,422	206,180	6.25	6
New York	568,148	20,903	580,690	17.60	17
North Carolina	344,807	133,296	424,785	12.87	12
Pennsylvania	600,659	1,706	601,683	18.23	18
Rhode Island	68,742	380	68,970	2.09	2
South Carolina	199,440	146,151	287,131	8.70	8
Tennessee	92,018	13,584	100,168	3.04	3
Vermont	154,465	0	154,465	4.68	4
Virginia	534,404	345,796	741,882	22.48	22
	<u>4,347,800</u>	<u>886,694</u>	<u>4,879,820</u>		

Number of Representatives apportioned

141 ✓

Ohio (admitted to union 1802)

1

Number of Representatives

142

PRELIMINARY

APPORTIONMENT BASED ON THE THIRD DECENNIAL CENSUS: 1810

Act of December 21, 1811 (2 Stats., 669)

To take effect after March 3, 1813

	Enumerated Population		Apportionment Population	Quota Divisor 35,000	Actual Assignment
	Free	Slave			
Connecticut	261,632	310	261,818	7.48	7
Delaware	68,497	4,177	71,003	2.03	2
Georgia	147,215	105,218	210,346	6.01	6
Kentucky	325,950	80,561	374,287	10.69	10
Maryland	269,044	111,502	335,945	9.60	9
Massachusetts	700,745	0	700,745	20.02	20
New Hampshire	214,460	0	214,460	6.13	6
New Jersey	234,711	10,851	241,222	6.89	6
New York	944,032	15,017	953,043	27.23	27
North Carolina	386,676	168,824	487,970	13.94	13
Ohio	230,760	0	230,760	6.59	6
Pennsylvania	809,296	795	809,773	23.14	23
Rhode Island	76,823	108	76,888	2.20	2
South Carolina	218,750	196,365	336,569	9.62	9
Tennessee	217,192	44,535	243,913	6.97	6
Vermont	217,895	0	217,895	6.23	6
Virginia	582,084	392,516	817,594	23.36	23
	5,905,762	1,130,779	6,584,231		

Number of Representatives apportioned 181

Alabama (admitted to Union, 1819)	1
Illinois (admitted to Union, 1818)	1
Indiana (admitted to Union, 1816)	1
Louisiana (admitted to Union, 1812)	1
Mississippi (admitted to Union, 1817)	<u>1</u>

Number of Representatives 186

Note: Maine became a State in 1820. Seven of Massachusetts' twenty delegates were thereupon assigned to the new State.

PRELIMINARY

APPORTIONMENT BASED ON THE FOURTH DECENNIAL CENSUS: 1820

Act of March 7, 1822 (3 Stat., 651)

To take effect after March 3, 1823

	Enumerated Population		Apportionment Population	Quota Divisor 40,000	Actual Assignment
	Free	Slave			
Alabama	97,026	47,292	125,401	3.14	3
Connecticut	275,151	97	275,209	6.88	6
Delaware	68,240	4,509	70,945	1.77	1
Georgia	191,333	149,656	281,127	7.03	7
Illinois	54,294	917	54,844	1.37	1
Indiana	146,988	190	147,102	3.68	3
Kentucky	437,585	126,732	513,624	12.84	12
Louisiana	82,343	69,064	123,781	3.09	3
Maine	298,335	0	298,335	7.46	7
Maryland	299,952	107,398	364,391	9.11	9
Massachusetts	523,287	0	523,287	13.08	13
Mississippi	42,634	32,814	62,322	1.56	1
Missouri *	56,354	10,232	62,493	1.56	1
New Hampshire	244,161	0	244,161	6.10	6
New Jersey	270,018	7,557	274,552	6.86	6
New York	1,362,724	10,088	1,368,777	34.22	34
North Carolina	433,812	205,017	556,822	13.92	13
Ohio	581,434	0	581,434	14.54	14
Pennsylvania	1,049,187	211	1,049,314	26.23	26
Rhode Island	83,011	48	83,040	2.08	2
South Carolina	238,525	251,783	389,596	9.74	9
Tennessee	342,706	80,107	390,770	9.77	9
Vermont	235,764	0	235,764	5.89	5
Virginia	640,213	425,153	895,305	22.38	22
	8,055,078	1,529,165	8,972,396		213

\*Missouri was admitted to the Union in 1821.

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APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES BASED ON THE FIFTH DECENNIAL CENSUS: 1830  
Act of May 22, 1832 (4 Stats., 516)

To go into effect March 3, 1833

	Enumerated Population		Apportionment Population	Quota Divisor 47,700	Assignment
	Free	Slave			
Alabama	191,978	117,549	262,507	5.50	5
Connecticut	277,650	25	297,665	6.24	6
Delaware	73,456	3,292	75,433	1.58	1
Georgia	299,292	217,531	429,811	9.01	9
Illinois	156,698	747	157,146	3.29	3
Indiana	343,028	3	343,031	7.19	7
Kentucky	522,704	165,213	621,832	13.04	13
Louisiana	106,151	109,588	171,904	3.60	3
Maine	399,453	2*	399,455	8.37	8
Maryland	344,046	102,994	405,841	8.51	8
Massachusetts	610,407	1*	610,408	12.80	12
Mississippi	70,962	65,660	110,358	2.31	2
Missouri	115,364	25,091	130,419	2.73	2
New Hampshire	269,325	3*	269,328	5.65	5
New Jersey	318,569	2,254	319,921	6.71	6
New York	1,918,533	75	1,918,578	40.22	40
North Carolina	492,386	245,601	639,747	13.41	13
Ohio	937,897	----	937,897	19.66	19
Pennsylvania	1,347,830	403	1,348,072	28.26	28
Rhode Island	97,182	17	97,192	2.04	2
South Carolina	265,784	315,401	455,025	9.54	9
Tennessee	540,301	141,603	625,263	13.11	13
Vermont	280,652	---	280,652	5.88	5
Virginia	741,648	469,757	1,023,502	21.46	21
	10,721,296	1,982,810	11,930,987		
	Number of Representatives Apportioned				240
Arkansas (admitted to Union 1836)					1
Michigan (admitted to Union 1837)					1
	Number Of Representatives				242

\*There were no slaves in these states, but they were reported, and were reckoned in all the calculations.

PRELIMINARY

APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES BASED ON THE SIXTH DECENNAL CENSUS: 1840  
Act of June 25, 1842 (5 Stats., 491)

To go into effect March 3, 1843

	Enumerated Population		Apportionment Population	Quota Divisor 70,680	Assignment
	Free	Slave			
Alabama	337,224	253,532	489,343	6.92	7
Arkansas	77,639	19,935	89,600	1.27	1
Connecticut	309,998	17	310,008	4.39	4
Delaware	75,480	2,605	77,043	1.09	1
Georgia	410,448	280,944	579,014	8.19	8
Illinois	475,852	331	476,051	6.74	7
Indiana	685,863	3	685,865	9.70	10
Kentucky	597,570	182,258	706,925	10.00	10
Louisiana	183,959	168,452	285,030	4.03	4
Maine	501,793	---	501,793	7.10	7
Maryland	380,282	89,737	434,124	6.14	6
Massachusetts	737,699	---	737,699	10.44	10
Michigan	212,267	---	212,267	3.00	3
Mississippi	180,440	195,211	297,567	4.21	4
Missouri	325,462	58,240	360,406	5.10	5
New Hampshire	284,574	---	284,574	4.03	4
New Jersey	372,632	674	373,036	5.28	5
New York	2,428,917	4	2,428,919	34.37	34
North Carolina	507,602	245,817	655,092	9.27	9
Ohio	1,519,464	3	1,519,466	21.4978	21
Pennsylvania	1,723,969	64	1,724,007	24.39	24
Rhode Island	108,825	5	108,828	1.54	2
South Carolina	267,360	327,038	463,583	6.56	7
Tennessee	646,151	183,059	755,986	10.70	11
Vermont	291,948	---	291,948	4.13	4
Virginia	790,810	448,987	1,060,202	15.00	15
	14,434,228	2,456,916	15,908,376		
Number of Representatives apportioned					223
California (admitted to Union, 1850)					2
Florida (admitted to Union, 1845)					1
Iowa (admitted to Union, 1846)					2
Texas (admitted to Union, 1845)					2
Wisconsin (admitted to Union, 1848)					2
Number of Representatives					232

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APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES BASED ON THE SEVENTH DECENNIAL CENSUS: 1850  
 Act of May 23, 1850 (9 Stat. L. 428) amended by Act of July 1852  
 (Stat. L. vol.10, p. 25)

To go into effect March 3, 1853

	Enumerated Population		Apportionment Population	Quota Divisor 93,419	Assignment
	Free	Slave			
Alabama	428,799	342,844	634,485	6.79	7
Arkansas	162,797	47,100	191,057	2.05	2
California	91,635	---	91,635	.98	*2
Connecticut	370,792	---	370,792	3.97	4
Delaware	89,242	2,290	90,616	.97	1
Florida	48,135	39,310	71,721	.77	1
Georgia	524,503	381,682	753,512	8.07	8
Illinois	851,470	---	851,470	9.11	9
Indiana	988,416	---	988,416	10.58	11
Iowa	192,214	---	192,214	2.06	2
Kentucky	771,424	210,981	898,013	9.61	10
Louisiana	272,953	244,809	419,838	4.49	4
Maine	583,169	---	583,169	6.24	6
Maryland	492,666	90,368	546,887	5.85	6
Massachusetts	994,514	---	994,514	10.65	11
Michigan	397,654	---	397,654	4.26	4
Mississippi	296,648	309,878	482,575	5.17	5
Missouri	594,622	87,422	647,075	6.93	7
New Hampshire	317,976	---	317,976	3.40	3
New Jersey	489,319	236	489,461	5.24	5
New York	3,097,394	---	3,097,394	33.16	33
North Carolina	580,491	288,548	753,622	8.07	8
Ohio	1,980,329	---	1,980,329	21.20	21
Pennsylvania	2,311,786	---	2,311,786	24.75	25
Rhode Island	147,545	---	147,545	1.58	2
South Carolina	283,523	384,984	514,513	5.51	6
Tennessee	763,258	239,459	906,933	9.71	10
Texas	154,431	58,164	189,329	2.03	2
Vermont	314,120	---	314,120	3.36	3
Virginia	949,133	472,528	1,232,650	13.19	13
Wisconsin	305,391	---	305,391	3.27	3
	19,846,349	3,200,603	21,766,691		

Number of Representatives apportioned 234

Minnesota (admitted to Union 1858) 2

Oregon (admitted to Union 1859) 1

Number of Representatives 237

\* California was allowed to retain apportionment as of 1840 as a result of reported inaccurate enumeration in 1850 (Act of July 30, 1852, Stat. L. Vol. 10, p. 25)..

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APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES BASED ON THE EIGHTH DECENNIAL CENSUS: 1860

Act of May 23, 1850 (9 Stat. L. 428) amended by

Act of March 4, 1862 (12 Stats. 353)

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To go into effect March 3, 1863

	Enumerated Population		Apportionment Population	Quota Divisor 126,824	Assignment
	Free	Slave			
Alabama	529,121	435,080	790,169	6.23	6
Arkansas	324,335	111,115	391,004	3.08	3
California	379,994	---	** 362,196	2.86	3
Connecticut	460,147	---	460,147	3.63	4
Delaware	110,418	1,798	111,497	.88	1
Florida	78,679	61,745	115,726	.91	1
Georgia	595,088	462,198	872,406	6.88	7
Illinois	1,711,951	---	1,711,951	13.499	* 14
Indiana	1,350,428	---	1,350,428	10.65	11
Iowa	674,913	---	674,913	5.32	* 6
Kansas	107,204	2	107,206	.85	1
Kentucky	930,201	225,483	1,065,491	8.40	* 9
Louisiana	376,276	331,726	575,312	4.54	5
Maine	628,279	---	628,279	4.95	5
Maryland	599,860	87,189	652,175	5.14	5
Massachusetts	1,231,066	---	1,231,066	9.71	10
Michigan	749,113	---	749,113	5.91	6
Minnesota	172,023	---	172,023	1.36	* 2
Mississippi	354,674	436,631	616,653	4.86	5
Missouri	1,067,081	114,931	1,136,040	8.96	9
New Hampshire	326,073	---	326,073	2.57	3
New Jersey	672,017	18	672,028	5.30	5
New York	3,880,735	---	3,880,735	30.60	31
North Carolina	661,563	331,059	860,198	6.78	7
Ohio	2,339,511	---	2,339,511	18.45	* 19
Oregon	52,465	---	52,465	.41	1
Pennsylvania	2,906,215	---	2,906,215	22.92	* 24
Rhode Island	174,620	---	174,620	1.38	* 2
South Carolina	301,302	402,406	542,745	4.28	4
Tennessee	834,082	275,719	999,513	7.88	8
Texas	421,649	182,566	531,189	4.19	4
Vermont	315,098	---	315,098	2.48	* 3
Virginia	1,105,453	490,865	1,399,972	11.04	*** 11
Wisconsin	775,881	---	775,881	6.12	6
	27,197,515	3,950,531	29,550,038		
	Number of Representatives apportioned				241
Nevada (admitted to Union, 1864)					1
Nebraska (admitted to Union, 1867)					1
	Number of Representatives				243

\* Increasing the size of the House of Representatives from 233 members to 241 members on March 4, 1862 (12 Stats. 353) these 8 states received one extra Representative.

\*\* The apportionment population of California was apparently arrived at by deducting the 17,798 "civilized" Indians from the enumerated free population.

\*\*\* West Virginia was formed from part of Virginia in 1863.

APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES BASED ON THE NINTH DECENNIAL CENSUS: 1870

Act of Feb. 2, 1872 (17 Stats. 28) as amended by Act of May 30, 1872

To go into effect March 3, 1873

292 = 130533

	Enumerated Population (1)	Apportion- ment Population (2)	Quota Divisor 134,684 (3)	Assign- ment (4)	Added by Act of May 30, 1872 (5)	Final Assign- ment (6)
Alabama	996,992	996,992	7.40	7	1	8
*Arizona	9,658	---	---	---	---	---
Arkansas	484,471	484,471	3.60	4	---	4
California	560,247	560,247	4.16	4	---	4
*Colorado	39,864	---	---	---	---	---
Connecticut	537,454	537,454	3.99	4	---	4
Delaware	125,015	125,015	.93	1	---	1
*Dist. of Columbia	131,700	---	---	---	---	---
Florida	187,748	187,748	1.39	1	1	2
Georgia	1,184,109	1,184,109	8.79	9	---	9
*Idaho	14,999	---	---	---	---	---
Illinois	2,539,891	2,539,891	18.86	19	---	19
Indiana	1,680,637	1,680,637	12.48	12	1	13
Iowa	1,194,020	1,194,020	8.87	9	---	9
Kansas	364,399	364,399	2.71	3	---	3
Kentucky	1,321,011	1,321,011	9.81	10	---	10
Louisiana	726,915	726,915	5.40	5	1	6
Maine	626,915	626,915	4.65	5	---	5
Maryland	780,894	780,894	5.80	6	---	6
Massachusetts	1,457,351	1,457,351	10.82	11	---	11
Michigan	1,184,059	1,184,059	8.79	9	---	9
Minnesota	439,706	439,706	3.26	3	---	3
Mississippi	827,922	827,922	6.15	6	---	6
Missouri	1,721,295	1,721,295	12.78	13	---	13
*Montana	20,595	---	---	---	---	---
Nebraska	122,993	122,993	.91	1	---	1
Nevada	42,491	42,491	.32	1	---	1
New Hampshire	318,300	318,300	2.36	2	1	3
New Jersey	906,096	906,096	6.73	7	---	7
*New Mexico	91,874	---	---	---	---	---
New York	4,382,759	4,382,759	32.54	32	1	33
North Carolina	1,071,361	1,071,361	7.95	8	---	8
*North Dakota	2,405	---	---	---	---	---
Ohio	2,665,260	2,665,260	19.79	20	---	20
Oregon	90,923	90,923	.68	1	---	1
Pennsylvania	3,521,951	3,521,951	26.15	26	1	27
Rhode Island	217,353	217,353	1.61	2	---	2
South Carolina	705,606	705,606	5.24	5	---	5
*South Dakota	11,776	---	---	---	---	---
Tennessee	1,258,520	1,258,520	9.34	9	1	10
Texas	818,579	818,579	6.08	6	---	6
*Utah	86,786	---	---	---	---	---
Vermont	330,551	330,551	2.45	2	1	3
Virginia	1,225,163	1,225,163	9.10	9	---	9
*Washington	23,955	---	---	---	---	---
West Virginia	442,014	442,014	3.28	3	---	3
Wisconsin	1,054,670	1,054,670	7.83	8	---	8
*WYoming	9,118	---	---	---	---	---
United States	38,558,371	38,115,641	---	---	---	---

Number of Representatives app'd. 283

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Colorado (admitted to Union, 1876)

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Number of Representatives

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\*Had not attained Statehood in 1870.