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## FLORIDA'S POPULATION IN 1845

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The first census of the State of Florida was taken in the summer of 1845. The census takers were slow in making their returns, and data for only 17 of the 26 counties were submitted to the adjourned session of the General Assembly, which met in November. The census was actually taken, however, in every county except St. Lucia and Dade, a total of 66,381 inhabitants being reported.

In the following tabulation, the total population of counties marked (\*) is taken from the Comptroller's Record of Claims, volumes A and B, in the Florida State Library, which records the number of heads for which the census taker was paid; the numbers of slaves and free Negroes are taken from tax rolls for 1845, also in the State Library (those for Calhoun and Levy are not extant) ; and the number of whites is obtained by subtracting slaves and free Negroes from the total. These figures should be reasonably accurate, since the census taker was also the tax assessor, except that the tax rolls list only free men of color between 21 and 60 years of age. Consequently, the number of free Negroes in some counties is certainly too low, and the number of whites is correspondingly high. Other figures are from the published returns in Florida Senate, *Journal*, 1845, Adj. Sess., App. p. 2, except that the total for Orange county is corrected from 795 to 195, as given in the Record of Claims.

## POPULATION OF FLORIDA, 1845

County	Whites	Slaves	Free Negroes	Total
*Escambia	2088	924	44	3056
*Santa Rosa	1441	471	5	1917
Walton	2173	431	14	2619
Washington	833	417	9	1259
Jackson	2607	2980	22	5629
*Calhoun				947
*Franklin	1034	276	2	1312
Gadsden	3575	4057	13	7645
Leon	2928	6632	52	9612
Wakulla	748	413	1	1162
Jefferson	2324	4200	1	6525
Madison	2011	1749	2	3762
Hamilton	1478	563	12	1953
Columbia	3054	1025	5	4084
Alachua	1105	759	2	1866
*Levy				179
Marion	947	523	5	1475
Benton	399	161	1	561
Duval	2032	1608	154	3511
*Nassau	856	879	3	1738
St. Johns	1625	1325	164	3114
Orange	129	66	0	195
St. Lucia				
Hillsborough	466	364	6	836
Dade				
*Monroe	1220	192	12	1424