

Demographic Trends of the Negro (1890-1950) in Oklahoma

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Living as we do in a dynamic social order it becomes necessary from time to time to take inventory of people as well as of material goods. Any considerable population group varies from time to time in its own composition, in its relationship to other population groups, and in the direction of its movements. Those who would study and seek solutions to the problems connected with such a group must be kept informed as to significant trends.

Therefore, the purpose of this paper is to compile a selected series of pertinent data on the Negro population in Oklahoma, and to point out what appears to be significant trends in that population, with particular reference to the recent decade, 1940-1950.

The materials herein presented are based upon the United States Census Reports. However, in the census reports these materials are rather scattered, and often not easily accessible to many persons. It is felt and hoped that such a compilation as this will prove of service.

Because of the limited time and space the method used throughout is descriptive. The inclinations to interpret and to analyze have been strong, but any such attempts must be reserved for a later work on the subject.

The areas treated are presented in the following order: (1) racial composition of the Oklahoma population, (2) Negro population by counties, (3) rural-urban distribution, (4) population by urban areas, (5) rural-urban sex ratios, (6) age distribution of the population, and (7) rural-urban distribution.¹

RACIAL COMPOSITION of the POPULATION of OKLAHOMA

The population of Oklahoma unlike most states has been composed of three major racial groups, namely, White, Negro, and Indian. An interesting trend as revealed in Table 1 is the progressive movement toward a bi-racial composition. This can be seen in the gradual reduction of the percentage of the Indian population from 24.9 per cent in 1890 to 2.4 per cent in 1950.

The White population has shown the most marked increase in proportion to the total population, gradually growing larger from 66.7 per cent in 1890 to 90.2 per cent in 1950. On the other hand, the Negro population, though at times fluctuating, had in 1950 reached its lowest proportion to the total population, that of 6.5 per cent.

An examination of the losses in population between 1940 and 1950 reveals that whereas the White population decreased by 70,249 or 3.3 per cent, the Negro population decreased by 23,346 or a percentage loss of 13.8, and the Indian population decreased by 9,356 constituting a percentage loss of 14.7. Thus, having lost far more heavily in actual numbers, the Whites actually gained in proportion. In spite of the apparent leveling off of this decline in 1930 and 1940, it seems reasonable to assume that the trend is toward a gradual lowering of the proportion of Negroes to the total population.

NEGRO POPULATION BY COUNTIES

In Table 2 can be seen the distribution of the Negro population by counties. Only two of the seventy-seven counties contained no Negroes in 1950 which is a decrease from the five such counties in 1940. Over 60 per cent of the counties contain less than 1,000 Negroes, and 48 per cent, or slightly less than one-half, of the counties contain less than 500 Negroes, with 20 per cent of the counties containing less than 100 Negroes each.

¹ For a similar work in the field see Hill, Mozelle C., and Richards, Eugene S., "Demographic Trends of The Negro in Oklahoma," *The Southwest Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 1, Winter, 1946, pp. 47-63.

In 1940 the Negro population in twenty-four counties constituted 5 per cent or more of the total population in these counties, while in 1950 this number was increased to twenty-five such counties. However, in 1940 there were thirteen counties in which the Negro population was 10 per cent or more of the total population, while in 1950 this number was reduced to only nine counties.

In 1940 the ten largest counties contained 62.5 per cent of the total Negro population, whereas in 1950 the ten largest counties contained 64.0 per cent. Eight of the ten such counties included in the 1950 report were also included in the 1940 report, the two new counties for 1950 being Choctaw and Comanche replacing Wagouer and Seminole. This seems to suggest the continued gradual concentration of the Negro population in Oklahoma.

RURAL-URBAN DISTRIBUTION

An examination of Table 3 reveals the rapid growth of the urban population, a moderate increase in the rural non-farm population, and a marked decrease in the rural farm population. There is a strong trend in the Negro population to become increasingly urban as can be seen in the growth from 26.9 per cent in 1910, 47.2 per cent in 1940, and 59.0 per cent in 1950. The percentage of Negroes classed as urban has been consistently higher than that for the total population. In 1950 the Negro population was 59.0 per cent while the total urban population was 51.0 per cent. However, the rate of urban increase for all classes from 1940 to 1950, 35 per cent was somewhat higher than the rate for Negroes, 25.9 per cent. It seems probable that the increase in the size of the Negro population classed as urban will tend to level off in the future.

The rural population decrease from 73.1 per cent in 1910 to 52.8 per cent in 1940 and 41.0 per cent in 1950 with the greater part of this percentage being non-farm. Perhaps the most striking difference between 1940 and 1950 can be seen in the drop in the rural farm population. There was a loss of 29,561 persons since 1940, a percentage loss of 50.2 per cent. This rate approximately doubles the rate of decrease of rural farm population between 1930 and 1940 which was a decrease of 25.9 per cent. The rise in the rural non-farm percentage from 17.9 in 1940 to 20.9 in 1950 may indicate a shift from rural farm to rural non-farm because of occupational changes.

DISTRIBUTION BY URBAN AREAS

In 1940 seventy-four areas were classified as urban², while in 1950, eighty-six were so classified. Of these eighty-six urban areas, Negroes resided in all save five. In 1940 only seventeen towns contained more than 1,000 Negroes, while in 1950 this number was reduced to fifteen such towns.

The Negro population in 1940 constituted 10 per cent of the total population in 22 urban areas, whereas in 1950 the number had decreased to only twenty such areas. Although there was an increase in the number of towns containing Negroes, the Negro population in most such towns did not continue to grow. The ten cities containing the largest Negro population constituted approximately 73 per cent of the Negro population, urban, and 42 per cent of the total Negro population. Though the Negro population became more urban in 1950, there was a general decrease in the proportion of the Negro population to the total population of these areas. There seems little doubt that the Negro population is becoming more and more concentrated.

SEX COMPOSITION

As can be seen in Table 5 dealing with the sex ratios, there has been a gradual reduction in the number of males per 100 females. This has been true in all classes resulting in the ratio of 93.8 males to every 100 females for 1950 indicating a continued decline since 1930 when it was 101.7. The 1950 returns indicate no change in the fact that the sexes have been out of

²Urban areas are defined by the Bureau of the Census as "all incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more."

proportion since 1910, yet, the trend has been toward a change in the proportions from an excess of males to an excess of females. Although the urban population has increased from 1940 to 1950, it is significant that the ratio of males to females has remained constant, 88.1. On the other hand, the rural sex ratios have decreased in both the rural farm and rural non-farm approximately equality among the rural non-farm, 100.5. The trend in all classes seems to be toward the gradual decrease in the number of males per 100 females in the population.

AGE COMPOSITION

In Table 6 is shown the age distribution of the Negro population. An examination of this table will disclose that although for 1940 there was a percentage decrease in all age groups under 25 years of age, there was an increase in all age groups over 25 years of age. There are some notable exceptions in the 1950 figures. In the age group under 5 years and 5 to 9 years there were increases, whereas there was a decrease in the age group 25 to 44 years. In 1910, 59.6 per cent of the Negro population was under 25 years of age, in 1940, 49.3 per cent, while in 1950 only 47.7 per cent were under 25 years of age. It should be noted that the two greatest losses fell in the age groups 25 to 44 and 15 to 19 years. These findings would indicate that the Negro population of Oklahoma is consistently growing older, and that it is sustaining its greatest losses in the most productive age groups.

RURAL-URBAN AGE DISTRIBUTION

Table 7 is concerned with rural-urban age distribution. In 1940 approximately 43 per cent of the urban Negro population was under 25 years of age, whereas in 1950 this percentage was increased slightly to 44.1 per cent. The percentage of persons under 25 years of age for rural farm and rural non-farm were 57.4 per cent and 49.7 per cent in 1940, while these percentages changed in 1950 to 55.2 per cent and 50.9 per cent respectively. Even though there was a decline in the percentage of urban persons under 25 years of age in 1950, the increase in the number of persons under 25 years of age constituted a gain of 3,663 or approximately 59 per cent of the total urban gain for all classes.

SUMMARY

On the basis of the several sets of statistics presented in this study, it does seem reasonable to make the following generalizations:

1. The population of Oklahoma has been in decline since 1930, a trend which has been true for the three major racial or cultural groupings.
2. The Negro population has lost not only in actual numbers but in its proportion to the total population, a situation also true of the Indian population.
3. There is evidence of a gradual shift toward greater concentration of the Negro population, in 1950 ten counties contained 64.9 per cent of the total Negro population.
4. The Negro population has led the way in the strong trend toward a shift in the total population from rural to an urban population. In 1950 the total population was classed as 51.0 per cent urban whereas the Negro population was 59.0 per cent urban.
5. The most significant shift in the Negro population was the 50.2 per cent decline in the rural farm population, suggesting a sharp transition in occupations of a considerable portion of the Negro population.
6. There was a continuation in 1950 of the trend toward gradual decline in the proportion of Negro males to Negro females, the present ratio being 93.8 males to every 100 females.
7. The Negro population is becoming increasingly older, while concurrently it has taken its major losses in the age categories 25 to 44 years and 15 to 19 years.

TABLE I

RACIAL COMPOSITION OF OKLAHOMA POPULATION BY NUMBER AND PERCENT FOR CENSUS YEARS—1890-1960

Racial Group	1950	1940	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890
Native White	2,013,620	2,083,869	2,100,529	1,781,226	1,404,447	649,841	172,554
Foreign-born White	18,906	20,359	30,249	39,988	40,084	20,390	(1)
Negro	145,508	168,849	172,198	149,408	137,612	55,684	21,909
Indian	53,769	63,125	92,725	57,337	74,825	64,445	64,456
Chinese	397	112	206	261	139	58	25
Japanese	137	57	104	67	48
All Others	1,019	63	29	16
Total	2,233,351	2,336,434	2,396,040	2,028,283	1,657,155	790,391	258,657

	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION	
Native White	90.1	81.7
Foreign-born White	.8	3.1
Negro	6.5	7.0
Indian	2.4	8.2
Chinese	(2)	(2)
Japanese	(2)	(2)
All Others	(2)	(2)
Total	100.0	100.0

(1) Included with native white

(2) Smaller than 0.1 percent

TABLE II
 NEGRO POPULATION OF OKLAHOMA BY COUNTIES BY NUMBER AND PERCENT FOR CENSUS YEARS—1910-1950

County	1950			1940			1930			1920			1910		
	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	
Oklahoma	25,989	7.9	22,784	9.3	17,524	7.9	11,401	9.8	9,227	9.8	11,401	9.8	9,227	10.8	
Tulsa	20,987	8.3	17,972	9.3	17,817	9.5	10,903	10.0	2,754	7.9	10,903	10.0	2,754	7.9	
Muskogee	13,868	21.1	15,593	23.7	16,059	24.2	15,310	24.8	16,454	31.2	15,310	24.8	16,454	31.2	
Oklmulgee	7,347	16.4	11,066	22.1	11,014	19.5	9,791	17.8	5,933	28.1	9,791	17.8	5,933	28.1	
McCurtain	5,743	18.1	8,050	19.5	7,795	22.4	6,914	18.2	4,576	22.1	6,914	18.2	4,576	22.1	
Logan	4,968	22.4	5,389	21.3	6,487	23.4	6,422	23.3	8,196	25.8	6,422	23.3	8,196	25.8	
Comanche	4,234	7.6	1,800	4.6	1,458	4.2	641	2.4	982	2.3	641	2.4	982	2.3	
Creek	3,912	9.0	6,573	11.8	6,584	10.3	6,794	10.9	2,778	10.6	6,794	10.9	2,778	10.6	
Choctaw	3,771	18.4	5,207	18.4	4,994	20.7	5,242	16.2	4,903	19.7	5,242	16.2	4,903	19.7	
Okrfuskee	3,717	21.9	6,156	23.4	7,283	25.1	8,617	34.4	8,073	40.4	8,617	34.4	8,073	40.4	
Wagoner	3,713	22.1	5,231	24.2	6,753	30.1	7,093	33.2	8,761	39.7	7,093	33.2	8,761	39.7	
Seminole	3,621	8.9	6,678	10.9	5,607	7.0	4,517	19.0	4,061	20.4	4,517	19.0	4,061	20.4	
Carter	3,477	9.5	4,645	10.7	3,696	8.9	4,267	10.6	4,315	17.0	4,267	10.6	4,315	17.0	
Pittsburg	3,066	7.4	3,557	7.3	3,770	7.4	4,005	7.6	5,244	11.0	4,005	7.6	5,244	11.0	
McIntosh	2,669	14.9	3,732	15.5	4,448	17.5	5,950	22.5	5,283	25.2	5,950	22.5	5,283	25.2	
Tillman	1,991	11.3	2,410	11.6	2,993	12.3	1,371	6.1	482	2.3	1,371	6.1	482	2.3	
Grady	1,746	5.0	2,004	4.9	2,247	4.7	1,478	4.4	1,791	5.7	1,478	4.4	1,791	5.7	
Lincoln	1,633	7.3	2,617	8.9	3,272	9.7	3,955	11.8	3,945	11.3	3,955	11.8	3,945	11.3	
Garfield	1,481	2.6	1,153	2.5	874	1.9	591	1.6	822	2.5	591	1.6	822	2.5	
Pottawatomie	1,327	3.0	1,882	3.5	2,072	3.1	1,916	4.2	2,017	4.6	1,916	4.2	2,017	4.6	
Pontotoc	1,327	4.2	1,307	3.3	1,026	3.2	970	3.1	1,009	4.1	970	3.1	1,009	4.1	
Washington	1,248	3.7	1,301	4.3	1,020	3.7	793	2.8	434	2.5	793	2.8	434	2.5	
Jackson	1,224	6.0	1,314	5.8	1,988	6.9	1,114	1.9	1,114	0.5	1,114	1.9	1,114	0.5	
LeFlore	1,212	3.4	1,742	3.8	1,633	3.8	2,082	4.9	1,781	6.1	2,082	4.9	1,781	6.1	
Hughes	1,193	5.7	1,939	6.6	2,007	6.6	1,746	6.7	1,737	3.3	1,746	6.7	1,737	3.3	
Caddo	1,137	3.2	1,372	3.3	1,761	3.5	845	2.5	1,178	3.3	845	2.5	1,178	3.3	
Payne	1,130	2.4	1,509	4.2	1,924	5.2	1,208	4.0	1,456	6.1	1,208	4.0	1,456	6.1	
Canadian	1,129	4.4	1,129	4.1	970	3.5	614	2.8	823	3.5	614	2.8	823	3.5	
Bialne	1,003	7.2	1,520	8.2	1,924	5.2	1,208	4.0	1,456	6.1	1,208	4.0	1,456	6.1	

TABLE II-Continued

County	1950			1940			1930			1920			1910		
	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	
Garvin	1,067	3.5	1,545	5.0	1,443	4.6	2,005	6.2	2,318	6.2	2,818	8.7			
Kingfisher	1,010	7.8	1,756	11.2	1,927	12.1	1,623	10.4	2,392	10.4	2,392	12.7			
Sequoyah	986	4.9	1,555	6.7	1,596	8.2	2,766	10.3	3,178	10.3	3,178	12.7			
Nowata	979	7.5	1,425	9.0	1,542	11.3	1,541	9.7	1,954	9.7	1,954	13.7			
Kay	905	1.8	982	2.1	985	2.0	293	0.8	1,109	0.8	1,109	0.4			
Atoka	842	5.9	1,001	5.4	1,189	7.8	1,204	5.8	2,109	5.8	2,109	15.3			
Osage	794	2.4	968	2.4	1,284	2.7	788	2.2	391	2.2	391	1.9			
Kiowa	703	3.7	963	4.2	1,497	4.7	492	2.1	317	2.1	317	1.2			
Custer	663	3.1	477	2.1	703	2.6	185	0.7	291	0.7	291	1.3			
Bryan	629	2.1	1,222	3.2	1,192	3.7	1,829	4.5	2,184	4.5	2,184	7.3			
Craig	587	3.2	737	3.5	706	3.9	771	4.0	1,175	4.0	1,175	6.8			
Stephens	559	1.6	356	1.1	361	1.1	128	0.5	96	0.5	96	0.4			
Rogers	498	2.5	632	3.0	679	3.6	550	3.1	620	3.1	620	3.5			
Greer	468	3.9	502	3.5	986	4.9	179	11.1	146	11.1	146	0.9			
McClain	452	3.0	553	2.9	667	3.1	776	4.0	1,081	4.0	1,081	6.9			
Love	415	5.3	454	4.0	554	5.7	746	6.0	1,021	6.0	1,021	10.0			
Beckham	398	1.8	351	1.6	351	2.0	3	(1)	2	(1)	2	(1)			
Noble	392	3.2	611	4.1	718	4.7	862	2.7	642	2.7	642	4.3			
Pawnee	366	2.6	558	3.2	686	3.5	470	2.5	806	2.5	806	4.7			
Cherokee	328	1.7	662	3.1	610	3.5	835	4.2	996	4.2	996	5.9			
Johnston	321	3.0	484	3.0	458	3.5	639	3.3	884	3.3	884	5.3			
Harrison	312	3.8	216	2.2	555	4.0	110	0.9	—	—	—	—			
Murray	304	2.8	403	2.9	346	2.8	339	2.6	423	2.6	423	3.3			
Pushmataha	264	2.1	470	2.4	363	2.5	386	2.2	385	2.2	385	3.8			
Coal	249	3.0	490	3.8	541	4.7	729	4.0	976	4.0	976	6.2			
Cotton	236	2.2	170	1.3	264	1.7	156	0.9	—	—	—	—			
Marshall	184	2.2	266	2.1	216	2.0	276	1.9	319	1.9	319	2.7			
Jefferson	163	1.7	226	1.5	272	1.6	402	2.3	397	2.3	397	2.3			
Latimer	166	1.7	235	1.9	385	3.4	440	3.2	618	3.2	618	5.6			
Haskell	163	1.1	253	1.5	185	1.1	334	1.7	386	1.7	386	2.0			
Mayes	163	0.7	356	1.6	551	3.0	729	4.3	799	4.3	799	5.9			

TABLE II-Continued

County	1950		1940		1930		1920		1910	
	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.	Number	Percent of total Pop.
Cleveland	107	0.2	142	0.5	624	2.5	480	2.4	456	2.4
Washita	92	0.5	93	0.4	307	1.0	11	(1)	25	0.1
Major	20	0.1	30	0.3	41	0.3	45	0.4	90	0.6
Adair	16	0.1	1	(1)	2	(1)	40	0.3	22	0.2
Ottawa	15	.04	3	(1)	2	(1)	18	(1)	11	0.1
Delaware	12	.08	9	(1)	—	—	17	0.1	88	0.3
Woodward	12	.08	7	(1)	6	(1)	1	(1)	9	0.1
Dewey	12	.01	5	(1)	22	0.2	30	0.2	52	0.4
Roger Mills	11	0.1	16	0.1	96	0.7	—	—	—	—
Grant	5	.04	9	0.1	12	0.1	16	0.1	14	0.1
Alfalfa	44	.03	3	(1)	8	(1)	22	0.1	5	(1)
Texas	44	.02	—	—	—	—	15	0.1	1	(1)
Woods	2	.01	—	—	1	(1)	4	(1)	3	(1)
Ellis	2	.02	—	—	1	(1)	16	0.1	2	(1)
Beaver	1	.01	1	(1)	1	(1)	—	—	12	0.1
Cimarron	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0.1	2	(1)
Harper	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	(1)

(1) Less than 1/10 of 1%

TABLE III
 RURAL-URBAN DISTRIBUTION OF NEGRO POPULATION OF OKLAHOMA
 1910-1950

Area	1950		1940		1930		1920		1910	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Urban	85,909	59.0	79,696	47.2	67,801	39.4	47,904	32.1	36,982	26.9
Rural-Non-Farm	30,278	20.9	30,276	17.9	24,883	14.4	23,499	15.7	(1)	
Rural-Farm	29,316	20.1	58,877	34.9	79,514	46.2	78,005	52.2	100,630	73.1
Total	145,503	100.0	168,849	100.0	172,198	100.0	149,408	100.0	137,612	100.0

(1) Rural-Farm and Rural-Non-Farm are not separated for 1910.

TABLE IV
 NEGRO POPULATION OF OKLAHOMA BY URBAN AREAS BY NUMBER AND PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION:
 1910-1960

Urban Area	1950		1940		1930		1920		1910	
	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.
Oklahoma City	21,163	8.7	19,344	9.5	14,662	7.9	8,241	9.0	6,546	10.2
Tulsa	18,444	10.0	15,151	10.7	15,203	10.8	8,378	12.3	1,959	10.8
Muskogee	7,298	19.5	6,596	20.5	6,576	20.5	7,195	23.8	7,831	81.0
Oklmulgee	3,617	19.7	3,659	18.8	3,213	18.9	3,359	19.3	1,376	83.0
Lawton	3,212	12.9	1,508	8.4	809	6.7	405	4.5	542	7.0
McAlester	2,182	12.2	1,247	10.1	1,348	11.5	2,090	17.3	2,997	23.1
Ardmore	2,023	11.3	2,619	15.5	2,069	13.1	2,008	14.2	1,628	18.9
Guthrie	2,022	19.9	2,081	20.8	1,759	18.4	2,370	20.2	2,976	25.5
Chickasha	1,675	10.5	1,586	11.2	1,625	11.5	1,183	11.6	1,265	12.3
Idabel	1,488	30.7	1,095	29.7	628	24.3	631	20.6	(1)	(1)
Sapulpa	1,379	10.5	1,609	9.9	1,039	9.9	1,317	11.3	406	4.9
Enid	1,360	3.7	1,050	3.7	763	2.9	474	2.9	661	4.8
Wewoka	1,228	18.2	2,017	15.1	1,575	15.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Altus	1,081	11.1	1,072	13.9	992	11.8	145	3.2	104	2.2
Bartlesville	1,056	5.4	748	4.6	610	4.1	526	3.6	212	3.4
Hugo	858	14.3	1,011	17.1	797	15.2	693	10.8	512	11.2
Shawnee	828	3.6	1,045	4.5	1,044	4.5	487	6.3	688	8.7
El Reno	809	7.3	735	7.3	583	5.7	200	2.8	41	1.6
Ponca City	781	3.8	859	4.5	732	4.5	260	6.8	142	4.7
Frederick	723	13.2	814	15.9	550	12.0	260	6.8	(1)	(1)
Sand Springs	631	9.0	700	11.4	710	10.6	413	10.1	(1)	(1)
Ada	623	3.8	753	5.0	479	4.3	343	4.3	159	3.7
Seminole	622	5.2	1,016	8.8	841	7.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Wagoner	609	13.9	516	16.0	497	16.0	543	15.8	1,038	25.8
Anadarko	606	9.8	553	9.9	486	9.7	264	8.5	323	9.4
Clanton	551	7.2	340	5.0	434	5.8	49	1.9	69	2.5
Duncan	547	3.5	335	3.6	312	3.7	76	2.2	(1)	(1)
Stillwater	516	2.5	393	3.2	223	3.2	112	2.4	105	3.1

TABLE IV-Continued

Urban Area	1950			1940			1930			1920			1910		
	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	
Watonga	496	15.2	499	17.6	(1)	9.2	(1)	6.0	(1)	6.0	(1)	6.0	(1)	2.5	
Pawhuska	454	8.5	340	6.2	555	9.2	385	7.1	385	7.1	385	7.1	70		
Cushing	446	5.3	537	7.0	567	6.1	446	6.1	446	6.1	446	6.1	(1)		
Eufaula	395	13.5	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Bristow	394	7.2	577	9.5	558	8.4	345	10.0	345	10.0	345	10.0	(1)		
Chandler	380	14.2	419	15.3	357	13.1	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Claremore	380	6.9	441	10.7	408	11.0	334	9.7	334	9.7	334	9.7	316	11.0	
Nowata	378	7.5	473	14.2	513	14.5	515	11.6	515	11.6	515	11.6	456	12.4	
Vinita	375	6.7	465	8.2	415	9.7	415	6.6	323	6.6	323	6.6	518	12.7	
Holdenville	369	5.9	626	9.4	631	8.7	270	9.2	270	9.2	270	9.2	(1)		
Elk City	339	4.2	18	0.4	2	(2)	4	(2)	4	(2)	4	(2)	1	(2)	
Checotah	344	13.0	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Atoka	343	12.9	325	12.8	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Pauls Valley	332	4.8	381	7.5	340	8.0	320	8.7	320	8.7	320	8.7	330	12.3	
Hobart	331	6.1	408	7.9	276	5.5	6	.2	6	.2	6	.2	21	.5	
Perry	325	6.3	430	8.5	319	7.6	233	7.4	233	7.4	233	7.4	347	11.1	
Kingfisher	311	9.2	476	12.1	310	11.4	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Mangum	290	6.7	261	6.2	321	6.7	55	1.6	55	1.6	55	1.6	48	1.3	
Purcell	244	6.8	234	8.2	250	8.9	250	10.2	301	10.2	301	10.2	422	15.3	
Poteau	224	4.6	247	6.1	198	6.2	113	4.3	113	4.3	113	4.3	(1)		
Madill	181	6.4	233	9.0	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Pawnee	174	6.0	208	7.6	134	5.2	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Antlers	173	6.9	224	6.9	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Tablequah	167	3.5	190	6.3	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Dewey	157	6.2	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Sulphur	144	33.2	160	4.0	151	3.6	103	2.8	103	2.8	103	2.8	164	4.5	
Hollis	124	4.0	146	5.3	145	5.0	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Midwest City	104	1.0	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Nicholas Hill	83	3.1	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)		
Drumright	72	1.4	119	2.8	110	2.2	172	2.7	172	2.7	172	2.7	(1)		

TABLE IV-Continued

Urban Area	1950		1940		1930		1920		1910	
	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.	Number	Percent of Total Pop.
Sallisaw	58	2.0	(1)		(1)		(1)		(1)	
Weatherford	30	0.8	35	1.4	(1)		(1)		(1)	
Okemah	27	0.7	92	2.4	94	2.3	(1)		(1)	
Sayre	9	0.2	43	1.4	9	0.3	(1)		(1)	
Blackwell	9	.09	1	(2)	5	(2)	1	(2)	—	
Norman	9	.04	1	(2)	—		—		—	
Henryetta	7	.08	—		—		—		(1)	
Veterans' Village (unincorporated)	5	.14	—		—		—		—	
Durant	5	0.4	28	0.3	2	(2)	4	(2)	13	.2 (2)
Woodward	5	.08	6	0.1	5	0.1	—		2	
Bethany	5	.08	—		—		—		(1)	
Miami	4	.03	1	(2)	(1)		2	(2)	—	
Tonkawa	4	.01	—		—		(1)		(1)	
Pryor Creek	3	.06	—		(1)		(1)		(1)	
Edmond	3	.04	3	(2)	(1)		(1)		(1)	
Walters	2	.07	—		—		—		—	
Guymon	2	.04	—		—		—		—	
Alva	2	.03	—		—		1	(2)	1	(2)
Cordell	1	(2)	1	(2)	(1)		(1)		(1)	
Broken Arrow	1	(2)	—		—		—		—	
Healdton	1	(2)	—		—		—		—	
Lindsay	1	(2)	—		—		—		—	
Hartshorne	(1)	(2)	311	12.0	396	11.0	377	10.8	517	17.4
Cleveland	(1)	(2)	—		1	(2)	1	(2)	(1)	
Cherokee	—		1	(2)	(1)		(1)		(1)	
Picher	—		—		—		(1)		(1)	
Marlow	—		—		—		—		(1)	
Del City	—		—		—		—		(1)	
Konawa	—		—		—		—		—	

TABLE V
RURAL-URBAN SEX RATIOS OF NEGRO POPULATION OF OKLAHOMA—1910-1950

Area	Males Per 100 Females				
	1950	1940	1930	1920	1910
Urban	88.1	88.1	91.9	99.8	111.5
Rural-Non farm	100.5	105.2	108.0	104.5	108.8
Rural	104.8	108.3	108.8	107.1	(1)
Total	93.8	97.8	101.7	104.3	109.5

(1) Rural-non farm and rural farm were compiled together for 1910

TABLE VI
AGE DISTRIBUTION OF NEGRO POPULATION IN OKLAHOMA—1910-1950

Age Group	1950			1940			1930			1920			1910		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Under 5 years	17,830	12.2	15,356	9.1	17,337	10.1	16,214	10.9	18,186	13.2	18,269	13.3	16,208	11.8	
5-9 Years	15,140	10.4	17,022	10.1	19,972	11.5	18,658	12.5	14,974	10.9	16,518	11.1	14,344	10.4	
10-14 Years	13,170	9.0	17,972	10.6	18,296	10.6	18,684	12.5	14,547	9.7	14,344	10.4	37,007	28.9	
15-19 Years	12,985	8.9	18,093	10.7	18,811	10.9	17,893	10.4	40,464	27.2	19,388	13.0	14,730	10.7	
20-24 Years	10,205	7.0	14,656	8.7	17,893	10.4	14,547	9.7	4,338	2.9	3,303	2.4	591	.4	
25-44 Years	36,060	24.8	49,351	29.1	50,038	29.0	40,464	27.2	172,198	100.0	149,408	100.0	137,612	100.0	
45-64 Years	26,385	18.1	26,178	15.6	24,538	14.3	19,388	13.0	154	(1)	397	2	591	.4	
65 years and over	13,320	9.1	10,221	6.0	5,339	3.2	4,338	2.9	154	(1)	397	2	591	.4	
Unknown															
All Ages	145,095	100.0	168,840	100.0	172,198	100.0	149,408	100.0	137,612	100.0	137,612	100.0	137,612	100.0	

(1) Less than 1/10 of 1%

TABLE VII
RURAL-URBAN DISTRIBUTION OF NEGRO POPULATION OF OKLAHOMA 1940-50

Age Group	State						Urban					
	1950			1940			1950			1940		
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
Under 5 Years	17,830	12.2		15,356	9.1		10,330	12.0		5,863	7.4	
5-9 Years	15,140	10.4		17,022	10.1		8,175	9.5		6,457	8.1	
10-14 Years	13,170	9.0		17,972	10.6		6,615	7.7		7,118	8.9	
15-19 Years	12,985	8.9		18,093	10.7		6,490	7.5		7,549	9.5	
20-24 Years	10,205	7.0		14,656	8.7		6,285	7.2		7,230	9.1	
25-29 Years	9,635	6.6		13,917	8.2		6,615	7.7		7,802	9.8	
30-34 Years	8,515	5.8		12,887	7.6		5,795	6.7		7,460	9.4	
35-39 Years	9,280	6.3		12,847	7.4		6,235	7.2		7,324	9.2	
40-44 Years	8,650	5.9		10,000	5.9		5,610	6.5		5,611	7.0	
45-49 Years	8,775	6.0		8,922	5.3		5,585	6.5		4,814	6.0	
50-54 Years	7,120	4.9		7,048	4.2		4,485	5.5		3,477	4.4	
55-59 Years	5,625	3.8		5,865	3.5		3,415	3.9		2,728	3.4	
60-64 Years	4,965	3.3		4,343	2.6		2,835	3.3		1,900	2.4	
65-69 Years	5,985	4.1		5,000	3.0		3,355	3.9		2,151	2.7	
70-74 Years	3,850	2.3		2,779	1.6		1,795	2.0		1,180	1.5	
75 Years and over	3,985	2.7		2,442	1.4		2,285	2.6		1,089	1.3	
Total	145,086	100.0		168,549	100.0		85,885	100.0		79,696	100.0	

TABLE VII (Continued)

Age Group	Rural-Farm			Rural-non Farm		
	1950		1940	1950		1940
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 5 Years	3,805	13.0	6,682	11.3	3,685	12.2
5-9 Years	3,750	12.8	7,402	112.6	3,215	10.6
10-14 Years	3,550	12.2	7,575	12.9	3,005	9.9
15-19 Years	3,480	11.9	7,269	12.3	3,015	9.9
20-24 Years	1,500	5.1	4,859	8.3	2,440	8.0
25-29 Years	1,165	4.0	3,656	6.2	1,855	6.1
30-34 Years	1,205	4.1	3,326	5.6	1,515	5.0
35-39 Years	1,430	4.9	3,240	5.5	1,595	5.2
40-44 Years	1,595	5.4	2,727	4.6	1,445	4.7
45-49 Years	1,720	5.9	2,637	4.5	1,470	4.8
50-54 Years	1,390	4.7	2,341	4.0	1,245	4.1
55-59 Years	1,145	3.9	2,098	3.6	1,065	3.5
60-64 Years	900	3.0	1,579	2.7	1,130	3.7
65-69 Years	1,190	4.0	1,790	3.0	1,440	4.7
70-74 Years	660	2.2	932	1.6	885	2.9
75 Years and over	605	2.0	764	1.3	1,145	3.7
Total	29,090	100.0	58,877	100.0	30,170	100.0
					2,811	9.3
					3,163	10.4
					3,284	10.8
					3,275	10.8
					2,567	8.5
					2,459	8.1
					2,101	6.9
					1,983	6.5
					1,662	5.5
					1,471	4.9
					1,230	4.1
					1,041	3.4
					864	2.9
					1,059	3.5
					667	2.2
					689	2.1
					30,276	100.0