

## Chapter 121a -- Overall Population



**Dates:**  
1840

**Sections:**  
• Rapid Growth Continues

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Time: 1840

### Rapid Growth Continues



As Martin Van Buren's term ends and America moves into its sixth decade, its population has grown to 17.1 million people.

#### Total U.S. Population

	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840
<b>Total (000)</b>	3,929	5,237	7,240	9,638	12,866	17,063
<b>% Change</b>		+38%	+33%	+34%	+33%	+33%

We The People

As such, it now out-numbers two of the three global powers of Europe, England and Spain.

#### European Population Trends (MM)

Year	France	England	Spain
<b>1820</b>	30.3	11.9	11.0
<b>1840</b>	34.1	15.7	14.0

Whites account for 83% of the total population, with blacks making up the other 17%.

**U.S. Population By Race (000)**

	1820	1840	% Chg
<b>Whites</b>	7,867	14,190	+80%
<b>Enslaved Blacks</b>	1,538	2,487	+62
<b>Free Blacks</b>	233	386	+66
<b>Total</b>	9,638	17,063	+77

The population is split about equally between males and females, and is quite youthful. For example, the average age of males in New York state in 1840 is 22.1 years old.

**Population Of Males In New York -- 1840**

Ages	Total	0-9 Yrs	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
#	1,206M	345	270	231	158	97	55	31	19
%	100%	29%	23%	19%	13%	8%	5%	2%	1%

Life expectancy is also brief by modern standards, and roughly one in three parents experience the loss of a child to disease. White infants born in 1840 live to be 39.5 years on average; for blacks the average is 23.0 years. Only 8% of all people reach their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**For A Child Born In 1840**

Race	Life Expectancy
<b>White</b>	38.5 years
<b>Black</b>	23.0