Population Increase 1920-1930

Estimated U.S. Population Now

125 550 076

Change in Population

- One birth every 14 seconds
- One death every 23 seconds
- One immigrant every 14 minutes
- One emigrant every 5 minutes
- Net gain-1 every 37 seconds

Decrease 11,283
employment to 10,330,728 persons; to 11,602 mines and quarries; and to 1,543,158 retail stores and 169,702 wholesale establishments, with a total of 6,115,182 employees.

THE PERMANENT CENSUS BUREAU

Since the beginning of the twentieth century, the Bureau of the Census has been in continuous existence. It makes, at decennial, quinquennial, biennial, annual, semianual, quarterly, and monthly intervals, scores of inquiries covering many of the major aspects of American life, industry, and commerce and ranging in importance from the decennial population census to the numerous monthly inquiries relating to production, shipments, and stocks of various commodities. Data on births, deaths, marriages and divorces, financial statistics of cities and states, and cotton ginning and consumption are now collected annually. The census of manufactures was taken at five-year intervals from 1899 to 1919 but has been taken biennially since 1919. The censuses of electrical industries and of agriculture have been taken every fifth year, the former since 1902 and the latter since 1919. The censuses of religious bodies and wealth, public debt, and taxation have been taken decennially.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "If we could first know where we are and whither we are tending we could better tell what to do and how to do it." It is the function of a great statistical office such as the Bureau of the Census to show where we are by compiling current, up-to-date statistics, and to show also whither we are tending by conducting periodical statistical surveys by censuses.