

## Just Folks



INTERESTING POPULATION FIGURES
T HE Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, has
sued a preliminary statement giving the composition of the
the the population of the United States according to colo
ce, as shown by the census taken as of January $1,1920$. The total population of the United States, $105,710,620$, com-
prises $94,822,431$ white persons. $10,466,013$ Negroes: 242,959
Indians, 111,025 Japanese, 61,686 Chinese. 5,603 Filipinos, 2,505 Hindus, 1,230 Koreans, and 147 others (Siamese, Ha
waiians, Malays, Maoris and Samoans). The corresponding fig ares for 1910 were as follows: $81,731,957$ white persons, 9
827,763 Negroes, 265,863 Indians, 72.531 Chinese, 160 Filipi nos, 2.545 Hindus 462 Koreans, and 8 others (Maris). Th Total population, 14.9 per cent; white, 16 per cent; Negro, 6.5
per cent; Japanese, 53.9 per cent. The Indian population de creased by 8.6 per cent and the Chinese population by 13.8 per
cent. The rate of increase in the white population during the re
cent decade, 16 per cent, is considerably less than the corre sponding rate for the period $1910-1920$, which was 22.3 per
cent. This decline is accounted for mainly by the great reduce ton in the volume of immigration during the period of the
World War. An estimate based on the excess of births over World War. An estimate based on the excess of births over
deaths and on the excess of immigration over emigration yield deaths and on the excess of immigration
a total differing by only a small fraction of 1 per cent from the total white population enumerated.
The rate of increase in the negro population, which is not
perceptibly affected by immigration or emigration, is by far the perceptibly affected by immigration or emigration, is by far the
lowest on record. This element of the population has been lowest on record. growing at a rapidly diminishing rate during the past 30 years, its percentage of increase having declined from 18 per cent be
tween 1890 and 1900 to 11.2 per cent during the following dec tween 1890 and 1900 to 11.2 per cent during the following dec
ado and to 6.5 per cent during the 10 years ended January de and to 6.5 per cent during the in regard to birth and death rates among the negroes indicate that the birth rate has de-
creased considerably since 1900 , while the death rate has no changed greatly.
The decrease in the population, as enumerated, is probably to be accounted for in part by the enumeration, as Indians in
1910 and as whites in 1920 of certain persons having only slight traces of Indian blood. In 1900 a special effort was made to se cure a complete enumeration of all persons having any percep
tible amount of Indian blood, for the purpose of preparing special report showing tribal relations, purity of Indian blood rte.; ; and it is probable that for this reason a considerable num-
ser of persons who would ordinarily have been reported as whites were enumerated as Indians in 1910. This assumption population at the last four censuses-the only ones at which complete enumeration of the Indian population has been at
tempted. These are: $1920,242,950 ; 1910,237,196 ; 1890$ 248,253. Of the total decrease in the Indian population be part 18,876, took place in Oklahoma alone. The only pro1 pounced increase was reported for North Carolina-from 7,85
to 11,824 . The only other states which had, in $1920,1,000$ or more inhabitants and which reported increases in Indian pop
lotion were Louisiana. Texas. Montana, Arizona and California lotion were Louisiana, Texas, Montana, population in Oregon is 783,389 and of these 769 ,
The 46 are whites. Other races are as follows, negro, 2144 , Indian $: 7,360$, Chinese, 3,090 , Japanese, 4151 and all others 268 . Du ing the past 10 years the negro population has increased 700 in
Oregon, the Chinese population has been cut in half and the Jap Oregon, the Chinese popul
anese have increased 700.

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on that subject after the returns are in on duly
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