

Population of San Francisco, March 1, 1875.

The following estimate of the population of this city has been prepared from careful investigation made during the progress of the canvass for the present volume and other reliable data; and in directing attention thereto, the compiler believes that the aggregate presented is a fair approximation to the actual number:

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| White Males over twenty-one..... | 77,206 |
| White Females over eighteen (estimated)..... | 44,000 |
| White Males under twenty-one (estimated)..... | 43,572 |
| White Females under eighteen (estimated)..... | 37,804 |
| White Males, names refused, and foreigners not taken in the canvass (estimated)..... | 1,750 |
| Chinese, Male and Female..... | 19,000 |
| Colored, Male and Female..... | 1,800 |
| Total permanent Population..... | 225,132 |
| To which should be added a large element of our population known as "floating," which consists of: 1st. Transient boarders, etc., at hotels, boarding houses, etc. 2d. Soldiers at the fortifications in the harbor. 3d. Persons engaged navigating the bay, who claim this city as their residence. 4th. Inmates of Alms House, Hospitals, and other charitable institutions, County Jail, etc. 5th. A large number of persons who have no permanent place of abode, together amounting to about..... | 5,000 |
| Total Population, March 1, 1875..... | 230,132 |

The estimate of the males over twenty-one in the above table is based upon the aggregate of names contained in the present volume, as follows: The number of references in the register of names is 87,192, of which 76,206 are male residents of this city. These figures are exclusive of numerous lists of names included in the Business Directory and the Appendix, containing the names of officers of societies, incorporations, etc., not obtained in the regular canvass, estimated at 1,000, making a total of 77,206. The two latter named departments of the Directory are compiled from information collected just previous to the publication of the work, and include many names not to be found in the regular list.

The number of females over eighteen is estimated at 44,000, upon the basis of the Federal Census of 1870. The number of females of all ages enumerated, as published in this city, amounts to 61,577, of which 23,261 are under fifteen years. According to the average of the Census throughout the United States, about sixteen per cent of the number under fifteen (3,721) should be added thereto to represent the element between sixteen and eighteen, inclusive, which would give an average as follows: Under eighteen, 26,982; eighteen and over, 34,595. The difference between the last-named figures (34,595) and those included in the table (44,000), amounting to 9,405, will not be considered an over-estimate for the increase since August, 1870. Estimated increase for the year ending February 28, 1875, 4,900. Of this number, at least 2,000 have been contributed by the Eastern immigration alone.

The estimates of males under twenty-one, and the females under eighteen, are based upon the returns published in the San Francisco Directory for 1874. According to the figures referred to the aggregate of these two elements was 73,978; or, males, 39,611; females, 34,367. Estimating an increase of ten per cent for the past year, 7,398, would give as a total 81,376; or, males, 43,572; females, 37,804.

The remainder of the data in our estimate explains itself, and to those who are acquainted with the different elements referred to therein, the figures relating thereto will not be considered over-estimated.

The aggregate of the present year (230,132), as compared with that of last year (200,700), exhibits a gain of 29,432, or about fifteen per cent, a much greater percentage of increase than has taken place for a similar period since 1850.

The number of names enumerated in the register of the present volume (77,206) exhibits an increase over the number published in the San Francisco Directory for 1874 (65,092) of 12,114, or nearly nineteen per cent, a remarkable and unmistakable evidence of the rapid and prosperous growth of the city. Assuming that each name published in a reliable Directory represents three persons, our population on this basis aggregates 231,618.

Meteorological Observations made at San Francisco, from November, 1850, to March, 1875.

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In the following tables the reader will find, in a condensed form, the results of twenty-four years' diligent observation of the climate of San Francisco, with more particular reference to rain.

Rain has fallen in every month of the year. In July it has rained only in one year; August has furnished rain in four years; June in seven years; September in twelve years; October in sixteen years. No account is made of a mere sprinkle, nor of the deposit of summer mist. The greatest quantity of mist which ever falls in twenty-four hours is about three hundredths of an inch. But this quantity is very rare. Near the ocean the mist is much more copious.

The driest season was 1850-51, which gave only seven inches. Next to that was 1863-64, with eight and one half inches. The winter of 1867-68 gave the most rain—forty inches. The average is between twenty-one and twenty-two inches.

The earliest setting in of the rainy season was October 8; the latest, January 12. An early