

# AMERICAN POPULATION BEFORE THE FEDERAL CENSUS OF 1790

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## IV. CENSUSES — Continued

Counties	1756		1774	
	Whites	Blacks	Whites	Blacks
<i>Windham</i>				
Canterbury	1,240	20	2,392	52
Coventry	1,617	18	2,032	24
Pomfret <sup>k</sup>	1,677	50	2,241	65
Killingly	2,100	...	3,439	47
Lebanon <sup>l</sup>	3,171	103	3,841	119
Mansfield	1,598	16	2,443	23
Plainfield	1,751	49	1,479	83
Ashford	1,245	...	2,228	13
Voluntown	1,029	19	1,476	35
Union	500	...	512	2
Windham	2,406	40	3,437	91
Woodstock	1,336	30	1,974	80
Total <sup>m</sup>	19,669	345	27,494	634
	[19,670]			
<i>Litchfield</i>				
Barkhamsted	18	...	250	
Canaan	1,100	...	1,573	62
Colebrook	....	...	150	
Cornwall	500	...	957	17
Goshen	610	...	1,098	13
Hartland	12	...	500	
Harwinton	250	...	1,015	3
Kent	1,000	...	1,922	74
Litchfield <sup>n</sup>	1,366	...	2,509	45
New Hartford <sup>o</sup>	260	...	985	16
New Milford <sup>p</sup>	1,121	16	2,742	34
Norfolk <sup>q</sup>	84	...	966	3
Salisbury	1,100	...	1,936	44
Sharon	1,198	7	1,986	26
Torrington	250	...	843	2

<sup>h</sup> Fairfield in 1736 had 450 families: Hobart to Prince, in Conn. HSC, III, 310.

<sup>i</sup> Greenwich in 1762 had 2,021 whites and 52 blacks: Letter of Rev. E. Dibblee, in Conn. CR, XI, 575n.

<sup>j</sup> Stamford in 1762 had 2,746 whites and 86 blacks: *Ibid.*, XI, 575n.

<sup>k</sup> Pomfret in 1729 had 100 families: Rev. E. Williams to Rev. T. Prince, in Conn. HSC, III, 296.

<sup>l</sup> Lebanon in 1741 had 157 ratables in the parish: *N.E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, XX, 45.

<sup>m</sup> Windham County in 1736 had 1,737 militiamen: Talcott Papers, in Conn. HSC, IV, 357-58.

<sup>n</sup> Litchfield in 1729 had 50 families: Letter to Prince, Conn. HSC, III, 316.

<sup>o</sup> New Hartford in 1761 had 110 families and 674 souls: Rev. J. Marsh, in Conn. CR, XI, 575n.

<sup>p</sup> New Milford in 1712 had 12 families: Trumbull, *Hist. Conn.*, II, 84.

<sup>q</sup> Norfolk in 1758 had 27 families: *Ibid.*, II, 113.

## IV. CENSUSES — Continued

Counties	1756		1774	
	Whites	Blacks	Whites	Blacks
<i>Litchfield—Continued</i>				
Westmoreland	....	...	1,922	
Winchester	24	...	327	12
Woodbury	2,880	31	5,224	89
Total	11,773	54	26,845	440
			[26,905]	

B. CENSUS OF 1782 <sup>r</sup>

Counties	Whites	Blacks (Indians and Negroes)
Hartford	55,647	1,320
New Haven	25,092	885
New London	31,131	1,920
Fairfield	29,722	1,134
Windham	28,185	485
Litchfield	33,127	529
	202,877	6,273
	[202,904]	

C. CENSUS OF 1790 <sup>s</sup>

COUNTY	FREE WHITES			OTHER FREE PERSONS	SLAVES	TOTAL
	Males over 16	Males under 16	Females			
Fairfield	9,187	8,398	17,541	327	795	36,248
Hartford	9,782	8,840	18,814	430	263	38,129
Litchfield	10,041	9,249	18,909	323	233	38,755
Middlesex	4,735	4,212	9,631	144	216	18,938
New Haven	7,856	6,858	15,258	425	433	30,830
New London	8,224	7,183	16,478	729	586	33,200
Tolland	3,263	3,192	6,510	94	47	13,106
Windham	7,440	6,551	14,406	340	184	23,921 [28,921]
Total	60,523	54,403	117,448	2,808	2,764	233,946
	[60,528]	[54,483]	[117,547]	[2,812]	[2,757]	[238,127]

## RHODE ISLAND

## GENERAL

1655 258 freemen in the four settlements of Providence, Portsmouth, Newport, and Warwick. R.I. CR, I, 299-302.  
1,200 population, estimated on basis of above figure. Palfrey, II, 362.

<sup>r</sup> Morse, *American Geography*, 218. See note a p. 46.

<sup>s</sup> U.S. Bureau of Census, *Heads of Families*, Conn., 9.



- 1658 200 families or fewer in the colony. Callender, "Historical Discourse," in R.I. HSC, IV, 149.
- 1663 3-4,000 population.<sup>1</sup> Durfee, *Historical Discourse*, 16.  
2,500 inhabitants. Bancroft, I, 363-64.
- 1665 3,000 inhabitants. Palfrey, III, 35.
- 1675 950 houses in the trading towns and ports. See page 64, "An Acct. of New Eng.," in *N.E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, XXXVIII, 380.
- 1678 1,000 to 1,200 men able to bear arms.<sup>2</sup> Gov. Andros, Ans. Quer., April, 1678, in NYCD, III, 262; also in CSPC, 1677-80, 237-38, No. 660.
- 1680 500 planters, above, and about 500 men besides. There may be about 200 whites and blacks born in a year. Gov. Sanford, Ans. Quer., May 8, 1680, in CSPC, 1677-80, 524, No. 1352.
- 1688 6,000 inhabitants. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1688.
- 1690 792 militia. See page 64. Gov. Andros to BT, May 13, 1690, in CO 5: 855, Bb, P: 23, pp. 202-5.
- 1693 1,200 men able to bear arms. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1693.
- 1696 300 families, capable of furnishing 40 or 50 men. Proc. BT, in NYCD, IV, 185.
- 1699 16,000 freemen in New Eng., Conn., and R.I. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1699.
- 1701 10,000 souls, of whom about 150 are Anglicans. Humphreys, S.P.G., 42.  
10,000 or 5,000 souls. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1700.
- 1702 2,000 men fit to bear arms. Repr. BT on Gov. Dudley's letter, *Acts of Privy Council*, Unbound Papers, 16, (75), II, 421.
- 1704 1,200 men. Rept. of Commissioners to Gov. Dudley, Dec. 28, 1703, in CSPC, 1704-5, 668, No. 1424, xlv.
- 1708 1,015 freemen; 1,362 militia; 56 white servants; 426 black servants; total inhabitants 7,181. By census of Dec. 5. Gov. Cranston to BT, in CSPC, 1708-9, 175, No. 230, I; also in R.I. CR, IV, 59. See page 65.
- 1714-1715 8,550 population. Abstracts of records in State Paper Office. *Chalmers Coll.*, R.I., 27. NYPL.
- 1715 9,000 total population: 8,500 whites and 500 blacks. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1715.
- 1721 9,302 whites. See 1731 below.
- 1726 10,000 inhabitants. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1726.
- 1730 15,302 whites, and 2,633 blacks, according to an account taken by order of the BT. "Acct. of People in Colony of R.I.," encl. with

<sup>1</sup> Dexter quotes this but thinks population probably less than 2,000. Rossiter gives 2,000 for 1663.

<sup>2</sup> Rossiter gives 3,000 population for 1675.

- Gov. Hopkins's letter of Dec. 24, 1755, *Proprieties* V. 159 (iv), in HSPT. Cf. Pownall, *Memorial*, 60.
- 17,935 total inhabitants: 15,302 whites; 1,648 blacks; 985 Indians. See page 66, "R.I. State Papers," in MHSC, 2d Series, VII, 113.
- 1731 15,302 whites; 1,648 blacks; 1,889 militia; 985 Indians. Increased about 6,000 in past 10 years. Gov. of R.I., Ans. Quer., 1731,<sup>3</sup> *Kings Ms.*, 205, fol. 227, p. 462, in LCT; *Proprieties* S: 16, Nov. 9, 1731, in HSPT; *Chalmers Coll.*, R.I., 35. NYPL.
- 1740 8,000 militia in Conn. and R.I. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1740.
- 1748 29,755 whites; 4,373 blacks, according to census.<sup>4</sup> "Acct. of People in Colony of R.I.," with Gov. Hopkins's Letter, Dec. 24, 1755, *Proprieties* V; 159 (iv), in HSPT.
- 34,128 total inhabitants: 29,755 whites; 3,101 blacks; 1,272 Indians. Cf. above. Census in "R.I. State Papers," in MHSC, 2d Series, VII, 113.
- 28,439 whites; 3,077 Negroes; 1,257 Indians. R.I. CR, V, 270; Douglass, *Summary*, II, 89; also in Anon., *State of British and French Colonies in North Am.*, 1755, 133; Cf. Pownall, *Memorial*, 60. See page 66-67.
- 1749 35,000 inhabitants. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1749.
- 1755 35,000 white inhabitants. Anon., *State of British and French Colonies in North Am.*, 1755, 133.
- 40,636 total inhabitants: 35,939 whites; 4,697 blacks and Indians, chiefly Negroes.<sup>5</sup> See page 67. "Acct. of the People in the Colony of R.I.," with Gov. Hopkins's letter, Dec. 24, 1755, *Proprieties* V: 159 (iv), in HSPT; also in LC *Ms. Recds.*, Miscel., 1755-75; *Force Transcripts*, 12 (No. 300), citing Dr. Ezra Stiles MSS.; also in "R.I. State Papers," in MHSC, 2d Series, VII, 113, which gives a total of 46,636.
- 30,000 whites; or 35,000 total population including Providence. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1755.
- 1765 15,000 men and 60,000 inhabitants. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1765.
- 1767 8,952 ratable estates and polls. See page 68. R.I. CR, VI, 576. Also given as of 1769 in *Chalmers Coll.*, 45. NYPL.
- 1770 59,678 inhabitants, according to census. See page 68. Potter, "Early Hist. Narragansett," in R.I. HSC, III, 174.
- 1774 59,678 total inhabitants: 54,435 whites; 3,761 blacks; 1,482 Indians. See page 68. "R.I. State Papers," in MHSC, 2d Series, VII,

<sup>3</sup> The Governor was J. Jenckes.

<sup>4</sup> Includes Indians under blacks. Cf. census of 1748 below. Cf. also Brissot de Warville, *New Travels*, 367; Douglass, *Summary*, II, 180.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. also Bancroft, II, 389-91; Winsor, *Narr. Crit. Hist.*, V, 151; Burnaby, *Travels*, 93; Brissot de Warville, *New Travels*, 367.



- 113; R.I. CR, VII, 299, citing *Providence Gazette*, July 2, 1774; Bartlett, *Census of R.I., 1774*, 238.<sup>o</sup>
- 59,678 inhabitants; or 50,000; or 35,939. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1774.
- 1775 58,000 total population. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1775.
- 1776 54,715 inhabitants. See page 68. "List of proportion of salt," in R.I. CR, VII, 616-17.
- 1780 7,467 ratable polls, and 518 slaves from 10 to 20 years. See page 68. Official Estimate in R.I. CR, IX, 169.
- 1783 51,869 total inhabitants: 48,538 whites; 2,342 blacks; 989 Indians. See page 69. Census in "R.I. State Papers," in MHSC, 2d Series, VII, 113; also in R.I. CR, IX, 653.
- 50,400 population. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1783.
- 1786 59,670 inhabitants. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1786.
- 1787 58,000 total population. See Thirteen Colonies: General, 1787.
- 1790 68,825 total inhabitants: free white males over 16, 16,019; free white males under 16, 15,799; free white females, 32,652; other free persons, 3,407; slaves, 948. See page 70. U.S. Bureau of Census, *Heads of Families*, R.I., 8.

## LOCAL

I. TOWNS IN 1675 <sup>a</sup>

Wickford	50	houses
Warwick	50	Do.
Patuxett	50	Do.
Providence <sup>b</sup>	200	Do.
Newport <sup>c</sup>	400	Do.
Portsmouth	200	Do.

[950] houses <sup>d</sup>II. ABSTRACT OF MILITIA, 1690 <sup>e</sup>

Newport	104	
	85	
Portsmouth	105	
Jamestown	34	
	328	328

<sup>a</sup> "An Acct. of New Eng.," in *N.E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, XXXVIII, 380.<sup>b</sup> Providence in 1650 had 51 taxables; in 1671, 85 taxables: *Providence Early Recds.*, XV, 33, 135-36. In 1676 it was estimated at 500 souls: letter of Wm. Harris, quoted in Dow, "Proprietors of Providence," in R.I. HSC, IX, 56n.<sup>c</sup> Newport in 1639 had 96 inhabitants according to a census: Arnold, *Hist. of R.I.*, I, 142.<sup>d</sup> Block Island in 1684 had 60 freemen: Champlin, "Early Settlers of Block Island," in *N.E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, XIII, 37.<sup>e</sup> Gov. Andros to BT, in CO 5: 855, Bb, P: 23, pp. 202-5.<sup>f</sup> Gives most complete reprint of census by sexes, ages, etc.

## II. ABSTRACT OF MILITIA, 1690 — Continued

Providence Plantation		
Providence <sup>f</sup>	175	
Rochester	136	
Warwick	60	
Forsham	56	
Deptford	37	
	464	464
Total militia		792

## III. CENSUSES

A. CENSUS OF 1708 <sup>a</sup>

Towns	Freemen	Militia	White Servants	Blacks	Total Inhabitants
Newport <sup>b</sup>	190	358	20	220	2,203
Providence <sup>c</sup>	241	283	6	7	1,446
Portsmouth	98	104	8	40	628
Warwick	80	95	4	10	480
Westerly	95	100	5	20	570
New Shoreham	38	47	..	6	208
Kingstown <sup>d</sup>	200	282	..	85	1,200
Jamestown	33	28	9	32	206
Greenwich	40	65	3	6	240
	1,015	1,362 <sup>e</sup>	56 [55] <sup>f</sup>	426	7,181

<sup>f</sup> Providence had 123 taxables in 1679; 129 in 1680; 100 in 1681; 122 in 1684; 146 in 1687; 172 in 1688; 104 in 1698: *Providence Early Recds.*, XV, 185-91, 207-14, 223-25; XVII, 44-52, 98-103; Field, *Tax Lists of Providence*, 37-40; *Providence Early Recds.*, XVII, 165-68.<sup>a</sup> R.I. CR, IV, 59.<sup>b</sup> Militia in and about Newport was estimated at 400 in 1701: "Projects vs. New Eng.," in NYCD, IX, 726.<sup>c</sup> Providence in 1705 had 129 taxables: *Providence Early Recds.*, XVII, 209-13.<sup>d</sup> Kingston in 1687 had 138 taxables: "Jeffries Family Papers," in *N.E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, XXXV, 124-27.<sup>e</sup> Militia has increased by 287 since 1704-5, being then 1,075.<sup>f</sup> In this and the following tables for R.I., totals are given as found in the sources cited. Where such figures are incorrect, the true totals are given, in addition in brackets. When a column has only one total and that is in brackets, it signifies that the figure has been computed because the column had not been footed in the original source.

## III. CENSUSES — Continued

B. CENSUS OF 1730 <sup>g</sup>				
Counties	Whites	Blacks	Indians	Total
Newport <sup>h</sup>	4,958			
Providence <sup>i</sup>	5,884			
Kings	4,460			
Total	[15,302]	1,648	985	17,935

  

C. CENSUS OF 1748-49 <sup>j</sup>			
Towns	Whites	Negroes	Indians
Newport	5,335	110	68
Providence <sup>k</sup>	3,177	225	50
Portsmouth	807	134	51
Warwick	1,513	176	93
Westerly	1,701	59	49
New Shoreham	260	20	20
North Kingstown	1,665	184	86
South Kingstown	1,405	380	193
Greenwich	956	61	27
Jamestown	284	110	26
Smithfield	400	30	20
Scituate	1,210	16	6
Gloucester	1,194	8	
Charlestown	641	58	303
West Greenwich	757	8	1
Coventry	769	16	7
Exeter	1,103	63	8
Middletown	586	76	18
Bristol <sup>l</sup>	928	128	13
Tiverton	842	99	99
Little Compton	1,004	62	86
Warren	600	50	30
Cumberland	802	4	
Richmond	500	5	3
Total	28,439	3,077	[2,082]
			1,257

<sup>g</sup> "R.I. State Papers" in MHSC, 2d Series, VII, 113.

<sup>h</sup> Newport was estimated at 6,000 in 1729 by Dean Berkeley, quoted in Vinton, *Annals of R.I.*, 24; and at 400 houses in 1731: Gov. and Assembly, Ans. Quer., 1731, *Proprieties S*: 16 (Vol. 13), in HSPT.

<sup>i</sup> Providence was estimated at 10,000 souls in 1724: Bernon to S.P.G., in Updike, *Hist. Episcopal Church in Narragansett*, I, 57. <sup>j</sup> R.I. CR, V, 270.

<sup>k</sup> Providence Parish, which seemed to include more than the town, was estimated to contain from 14,000 to 18,000 people between 1741 and 1747: Rev. J. Checkley to S.P.G., in *Prince Soc. Pub.*, XXIII, 197, 206, 212-14.

<sup>l</sup> Bristol had 70 families and 423 souls in 1689 according to census: "Orig. Recds. of First Congr. Church," in *N.E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, XXXIV, 404-5. In 1738, Rev. Mr. Usher estimated the town to have 150 families: Updike, *Hist. Episcopal Church in Narragansett*, III, 71.

## III. CENSUSES — Continued

D. CENSUS OF 1755 <sup>m</sup>								
TOWNS	WHITES				BLACKS			
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Men	Women	Boys	Girls
Newport	1,696	1,633	1,099	1,091	400	341	248	245
Providence	747	741	655	754	72	75	51	64
Portsmouth	243	228	261	440	51	60	50	30
Warwick	426	422	413	423	48	62	61	56
Westerly	523	551	541	562	34	28	24	28
New Shoreham	83	77	52	52	29	41	22	22
North Kingstown	544	465	408	403	70	87	72	60
South Kingstown	366	321	342	368	137	109	145	125
East Greenwich	319	238	212	271	33	33	38	23
Jamestown	86	100	103	72	42	41	36	37
Smithfield	448	454	466	486	16	17	21	13
Scituate	392	403	540	460	4	4	7	3
Gloucester	332	327	437	408	4	0	1	2
Charlestown	171	187	195	159	100	112	101	105
West Greenwich	275	292	316	321	12	10	8	12
Coventry	298	232	309	323	4	2	4	6
Exeter	347	236	367	371	16	20	23	24
Middletown	153	206	157	165	29	26	19	23
Bristol	210	252	251	253	44	35	34	21
Tiverton	277	217	278	323	44	67	58	61
Little Compton	244	342	261	295	28	43	29	30
Warren	193	217	214	203	26	23	25	24
Cumberland	230	254	267	319	4	2	4	3
Richmond	199	195	202	207	9	5	2	10
Cranston	375	354	337	306	21	22	27	18
25 Towns:	9,177	8,944	8,783	9,035	1,277	1,265	1,110	1,045
			[8,683]					

## E. CENSUSES OF 1767, 1774, AND 1783

COUNTIES	1767 <sup>n</sup>	1774 <sup>n</sup>	1783 <sup>n</sup>			
	Ratable Polls	Census Inhab.	Whites	Blacks	Indians	Total
Newport	2,194	15,929	10,194	837	168	11,199
Providence	2,838	19,206	16,962	428	150	17,540
Kings	2,318	13,866	11,835	782	516	13,133 <sup>o</sup>
Bristol	406	2,789	2,309	119	43	2,471
Kent	1,196	7,888	7,238	176	112	7,526
Total	[8,952]	59,678 <sup>p</sup>	[48,538]	[2,342]	[989]	[51,869]

<sup>m</sup> Gov. Hopkins to B.T., Dec. 1755, *Proprieties V*: 159 (iv), in HSPT.  
FOR NOTES TO TABLE E, SEE PAGE 68.



III. CENSUSES — *Continued*F. RATABLE POLLS, AND INHABITANTS, 1767 TO 1780<sup>a</sup>

Towns	1767	1770	1774	1776	1780	
	Ratable Polls	Census Inhab.	Census Inhab.	Census Inhab.	Ratable Polls	Slaves
Newport <sup>r</sup>	1,114	9,209	9,208	5,299		
Portsmouth	233	1,512	1,512	1,347		
New Shoreham	100	575	575	478		
Jamestown	101	563	563	322		
Middletown	160	881	881	860		
Tiverton	258	1,957	1,956	2,091	304	8
Little Compton	228	1,232	1,232	1,302	250	6
Providence <sup>s</sup>	453	4,321	4,321	4,355	509	40
Smithfield	458	2,888	2,888	2,781	425	3
Scituate	564	3,601	3,601	3,289	605	1
Gloucester	488	2,945	2,945	2,832	555	5
Cumberland	287	1,756	1,756	1,686	292	2
Cranston	313	1,834	1,861	1,701	297	12
Johnston	152	1,031	1,031	1,022	183	1
N. Providence	123	830	830	813	127	3
Westerly	369	1,812	1,812	1,824	317	13
N. Kingstown	481	2,472	2,472	2,761	394	78
S. Kingstown	428	2,835	2,835	2,779	398	156
Charlestown	204	1,821	1,821	1,835	232	16
Richmond	208	1,257	1,257	1,204	216	4
Hopkinton	299	1,805	1,808	1,845	315	15
Exeter	329	1,864	1,864	1,982	360	45
Bristol <sup>t</sup>	180	1,209	1,209	1,067	171	16
Warren	226	979	979	1,005	168	14
Warwick	355	2,438	2,438	2,376	324	41

<sup>n</sup> For 1767, in R.I. CR, VI, 576; for 1774, *ibid.*, VII, 299; for 1783, "R.I. State Papers," in MHSC, 2d Series, VII, 113.

<sup>o</sup> Kings County was changed to Washington.

<sup>p</sup> Divided as follows: Whites 54,435  
Indians 1,482  
Blacks 3,761

59,678

<sup>q</sup> Census for 1767 in R.I. CR, VI, 576; 1770, R.I. HSC, III, 174; 1774, Bartlett, *Census of R.I.*, 1774, 239; 1776, R.I. CR, VII, 616-17; 1780, *ibid.*, IX, 169.

<sup>r</sup> Newport in 1760 had 800 to 1,000 houses and 6,000 or 7,000 inhabitants: Burnaby, *Travels*, 90.

<sup>s</sup> Providence in 1768 had 2,958 inhabitants, of which 2,619 were white and 339 black: Arnold, *Hist. of R.I.*, II, 280n; quoting *Providence Gazette*, Jan. 2, 1768.

<sup>t</sup> Bristol had 150 families in 1763: Rev. Mr. Usher to S.P.G., in Updike, *Hist. Episcopal Church in Narragansett*, III, 87.

III. CENSUSES — *Continued*

Towns	1767	1770	1774	1776	1780	
	Ratable Polls	Census Inhab.	Census Inhab.	Census Inhab.	Ratable Polls	Slaves
Barrington	...	601	601	538	92	6
E. Greenwich	262	1,663	1,663	1,664	273	18
W. Greenwich	250	1,764	1,764	1,653	317	12
Coventry	329	2,023	2,023	2,300	343	3
	[8,952]	59,678	59,707 <sup>u</sup>	54,715	7,467	518
			[59,706]	[55,011]		

G. CENSUS OF 1783<sup>v</sup>

Towns	Whites	Indians	Mulattoes	Blacks	Total
Newport <sup>w</sup>	4,914	17	51	549	5,530 [5,531]
Providence <sup>x</sup>	4,015	6	33	252	4,310 [4,306]
Portsmouth	1,266	7	11	67	1,350 [1,351]
Warwick	1,951	37	36	100	2,112 [2,124]
Westerly	1,667	9	36	28	1,720 [1,740]
N. Kingstown	2,110	8	22	188	2,328
S. Kingstown	2,190	32	38	415	2,675
E. Greenwich	1,529	10	17	53	1,609
Jamestown	270	...	...	65	345 [335]
Smithfield	2,158	12	7	40	2,217
Scituate	1,613	...	19	3	1,628 [1,635]
Gloucester	2,769	...	...	22	2,791
Charlestown	1,204	280	9	30	1,523
W. Greenwich	1,677	...	7	14	1,698
Coventry	2,093	2	3	9	2,107
Exeter	1,946	18	7	87	2,058
Middletown	646	...	4	29	674 [679]
Bristol	954	2	13	63	1,032
Tiverton	1,792	21	44	93	1,959 [1,950]
Little Compton	1,294	13	...	34	1,341
Warren	867	3	5	30	905
Cumberland	1,537	...	2	9	1,548
Richmond	1,061	1	15	17	1,094
Cranston	1,508	9	17	50	1,589 [1,584]
Hopkinton	1,677	30	11	17	1,735

<sup>u</sup> The 1774 census given in R.I. CR, VII, 299, has a total of 59,678. The difference in the two totals is accounted for by the fact that in the R.I. CR table Newport is listed as having 9,209 inhabitants; Tiverton, 1,957; Cranston, 1,834; and Hopkinton, 1,805.

<sup>v</sup> R.I. CR, IX, 653.

<sup>w</sup> Newport had 790 houses in 1786: Webster in *N.Y. Directory for 1786*, 22.

<sup>x</sup> Providence had 560 houses in 1786: *Ibid.*, 22.

III. CENSUSES — *Continued*

Towns	Whites	Indians	Mulattoes	Blacks	Total
Johnston	928	3	37	28	996
N. Providence	676	5	...	17	698
Barrington	488	...	20	26	534
Foster	1,756	...	...	7	1,763
Total	[48,556]	[525]	[464]	[2,342]	51,869 [51,887]

H. CENSUS OF 1790 <sup>v</sup>

COUNTY	FREE WHITES			OTHER FREE PERSONS	SLAVES	TOTAL
	Males		Females			
	Over 16	Under 16				
Bristol	781	678	1,562	92	98	3,211
Kent	2,157	2,128	4,149	351	63	8,848
Newport	3,231	2,842	7,047	814	366	14,300
Providence	6,154	5,500	11,877	778	82	24,391
Washington	3,696	4,651	8,017	1,372	339	18,075
Total	16,019	15,799	32,652	3,407	948	68,825

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

## GENERAL

- 1639 1,000 souls. Hoyt, "Hist. and Bibliog. Notes on Laws of N.H.," in *Amer. Antiq. Soc. Proc.*, Apr., 1876, 91.
- 1671 1,800 total forces by land. *See* Thirteen Colonies: General, 1671.
- 1675 800 houses. "An Acct. of New Eng.," in *N.E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, XXXVIII, 381.
- 4,000 inhabitants, and 3,000 Indians at most. Bancroft, I, 383 <sup>1</sup>
- 1680 445 taxables in towns. *See* page 73. *N.H. Prov. Papers*, I, 424-28.
- 1682 450 militia, of which 60 are horse, the rest foot. Gov. Cranfield to Lds. of Trade, Oct. 23, 1682, in CSPC, 1681-85, 312, No. 756.
- 1684 4,000 inhabitants. Gov. Cranfield to Lds. of Trade, Jan. 16, 1684, in CSPC, 1681-85, 576, No. 1508.
- 1688 6,000 inhabitants. *See* Thirteen Colonies: General, 1688.
- 1692 754 men between 16 and 60. Lt. Gov. Usher to Lds. of Trade, Oct. 29, 1692, in CSPC, 1689-92, 728, No. 2586.
- 1701 10,000 total population; or 3,000. *See* Thirteen Colonies: General, 1701.

<sup>v</sup> U.S. Bureau of Census, *Heads of Families, R.I.*, 8.

<sup>1</sup> Dexter and Rossiter quote Bancroft, but Dexter thinks this figure too high.

- 1702 700-800 effective men. "Memorial of Lt. Gov., Counc., and Reps. of N.H. to the King, May 29, 1702," in CSPC, 1702, 358, No. 544.
- 1708 1,000 men, "and that number daily lessening." Mr. Vaughn, Agent for N.H., to BT, July 6, 1708, in CSPC, 1708-9, 21, No. 19.
- 1709 5,150 souls. Estimated as follows: on basis of muster rolls there were 5,000 in 1702; plus an increase of 150; result 5,150. Gov. Dudley, Ans. Quer., March 1, 1709, in CSPC, 1708-9, 243, No. 392.
- 1712 6,642 population; militia 1,107, being 1/6 of total. Gov. Dudley to BT, Apr. 8, 1712, in CSPC, 1712, 260, No. 375, 1 (e).
- 1715 9,650 total population: 9,500 whites; 150 Negroes. *See* Thirteen Colonies: General, 1715.
- 1716 9,000 people, of which 1,500 men, very few white servants, and 150 blacks. Repr. BT to King, Sept. 8, 1721, *Kings MS.*, 205, fol. 7, p. 10, in LCT; also, NYCD, V, 595.
- 1721 9,500 people, the increase for the last 4 years being 500. Repr. of BT to King, *Kings MS.*, 205, fol. 7, p. 10, in LCT; also NYCD, V, 595.
- 9,000 inhabitants, of which about 150 are blacks; 1,500 militia; no Indians. Henry Newman to Wm. Popple, Apr. 12, 1721, in CO 5: 868, X: 35, p. 113.
- 1726 7,000 inhabitants. *See* Thirteen Colonies: General, 1726.
- 1730 10,000 white inhabitants, and 200 blacks; 1,800 militia; no Indians; increase about 4,000 in 10 years past, of which 1,000 are Irish. Gov. Belcher, Ans. Quer., March 25, 1731, in CO 5: 872, Z: 191,192, p. 427; *N.H. Prov. Papers*, IV, 532-33; N.H. HSC, I, 229.
- 1732 2,946 ratable inhabitants; 25 incorporated townships; <sup>2</sup> 1,316 two-story and 606 one-story dwelling houses. Holmes, *Annals*, II, 539, from Docs. in Sec'y's office.
- 1737 11,000 inhabitants, men, women, and children; blacks, about 200; no Indians; militia, 1,900 men. Increase about 1/10 in last 4 years. Gov. Belcher, Ans. Quer., Apr. 4, 1737, in CO 5: 880, Cc. 54.
- 1741 20,000 planters. Chalmers, *Revolt*, II, 249.
- 1742 5,172 ratable polls, excluding Nottingham, Barrington, and Gosport, from which no returns. <sup>3</sup> *N.H. Prov. Papers*, VII, 723.

<sup>2</sup> "This view of the province embraced the towns of Portsmouth, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton-Fall, Dover, Durham, Somersworth, Exeter, Newmarket, Newcastle, Stratham, Kingston, Newington, and Londonderry. The remaining ten townships had been granted but a few years and some of them had not been settled." Holmes, *Annals*, II, 539.

<sup>3</sup> Report furnished by Sec. of State J. Pearson in 1792. He is not sure whether 5 or 6 times the number of ratable polls will give the number of people with any degree of certainty.