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STATES AND TERRITORIES

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ALABAMA.

Constitution and Government.—Alabama was settled in 1802, organised as a Territory, 1817, and admitted into the Union on December 14,
1819. The legislature consists of a Senate of 35 members and a House of Representatives of 106 members, all elected for four years. The State is divided into 67 counties. The Capital is Montgomery. The State is represented in Congress by two Senators and nine Representatives.

Governor.—B. M. Miller, 1931–1935 (7,500 dollars).
Secretary of State.—John Brandon.

Area and Population.—Area, 51,998 square miles, including 719 square miles of water. Census population April 1, 1930, 2,546,248, an increase of 298,074, or 12.7 per cent., over that of 1920.

The population at the date of each Federal census was as follows:—

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<th>Years</th>
<th>White</th>
<th>Negro</th>
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<td>1800</td>
<td>834,912</td>
<td>678,489</td>
<td>1,513,401</td>
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<td>1910</td>
<td>1,229,811</td>
<td>908,282</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>1,447,522</td>
<td>900,652</td>
<td>2,348,174</td>
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<td>1930</td>
<td>1,701,414</td>
<td>944,834</td>
<td>2,646,248</td>
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1 Including Indians and Asians.

By sex and race the population in 1930 was thus distributed:—

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<th>Indian 1</th>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>857,522</td>
<td>457,144</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>255</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>843,253</td>
<td>487,690</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>279</td>
<td>1,331,229</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>1,700,775</td>
<td>944,834</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>534</td>
<td>2,646,248</td>
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1 Including Mexicans.

Number of families, 1930, 592,530 (of 4.5 persons); 1920, 508,769. The foreign-born white population numbered 15,710 (0.6 per cent. of the total population of the State), of whom 2,114 (13.5 per cent.) were German, 1,760 (11.2 per cent.) English, 575 Irish, 860 Scotch, 1,067 (6.6 per cent.) Russian, and 2,140 (13.6 per cent.) Italian. Of the total population in 1930, 28.1 per cent. were urban, 35.7 per cent. Negro, and 38.4 per cent. (771,918 males and 254,402 females) were gainfully employed.

The large cities (census population in 1930), Birmingham 259,678; Mobile, 68,202; Montgomery (capital), 66,079. In 1930 (census), 7,307 men and 13,019 women had been divorced.

Religion and Education.—Protestant churches are in the ascendancy in the State. The leading religious bodies are: Baptist (Negro Baptists with 364,565 members in 1926, and the Southern Baptists with 271,992), Methodist (197,219), Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ. Total membership, all denominations, 1,217,170.

In 1930, illiterates 10 years of age or over numbered 251,095 (12.6 per cent.), of whom 188,673 were negroes; of persons between the ages of 5 and 20 years of age, 610,529, or 62 per cent., were attending school.

The public elementary schools in 1931 reported 12,080 teachers and 501,856 enrolled pupils; the public high schools, 4,923 teachers and 129,032 pupils; the 5 white public normal schools, 11,742 pupils; the 1 coloured normal school, 317 students. Total public expenditure on education