

An examination of the foregoing table exhibits at a glance a vast difference between the population of this city and county, as there stated, and as found by the national enumeration made last November, the official return of which presents an aggregate of 56,805. A dissection of the data upon which our enumeration is founded will confirm its correctness, and satisfactorily prove the inaccuracy of the Federal census, after making a liberal allowance for the increase of population in the interval between the two periods of enumeration.

It will be observed that our register of names includes nearly 30,000, of whom 27,000 are white males over twenty-one years of age. There is, also, a class which, in San Francisco, has always been numerous, who may be termed for the occasion municipally nomadic, who are residents, but who either from frequent change of abode or other cause, refuse to give name and residence, and hence are not registered, although permanent residents in this city. We have spared no pains to obtain an approximation to the actual number of such, and have not overstated it. When we inform our readers that San Francisco contains three hundred and forty hotels and boarding houses, they will not be disposed to question the accuracy of our figures, which assigns 4,100 as the number of boarders, over and above those regular residents whose names are registered as inmates of these establishments. The figures which make up our aggregate need no further explanation than our statement that they have been arrived at by the exercise of careful industry, with an anxious desire to avoid error.

We might further fortify our returns by alluding to the number of dwellings and other data, but we feel that we have presented sufficient facts and suggestions to enable any intelligent gentleman to arrive at a just conclusion upon this subject. We shall, therefore, close by giving our patrons the result of our own reflections, after a careful review of the figures presented, not only by ourselves but by the United States census, and this is, that San Francisco possesses at this writing nearly 75,000 permanent inhabitants and a floating population of nearly 10,000.

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The observations made during the progress of the canvass for the present issue of the Directory, fully confirm the accuracy of our population statistics of last year, which are again presented as a basis for forming an estimate of the progress of the city during the past twelve months, and the extent of our population at the present time.

The number of names contained in the present volume of the Directory exceeds thirty-four thousand, of which thirty-two thousand are white males over twenty one years of age. This exhibits an increase over that of last year of four thousand, or nearly nineteen per cent. The number of females over eighteen, at present in this city, is estimated at seventeen thousand five hundred, an increase of twenty-three hundred, or over fifteen per cent. The aggregate number of males under twenty-one, and females under eighteen,