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SOME FINAL FIGURES
on the
FRANCO-AMERICAN POPULATION OF MAINE

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Table 1

SINGLE FRENCH ANCESTRY PERSONS: SELECTED CITIES AND TOWNS,
MAINE, 1980

City/Town	Single French Ancestry	Single French Canadian Ancestry	Total Single French Ancestry	French-Canadian As A Percent of Total
Auburn City	4,760	1,239	5,999	20.7
Lewiston City	15,465	3,891	19,356	20.1
Caribou City	3,299	47	3,346	1.4
Madawaska Town	4,484	67	4,551	1.5
Presque Isle City	2,047	24	2,071	1.2
Van Buren Town	2,969	40	3,009	1.3
Brunswick Town	1,793	590	2,383	24.8
Portland City	3,703	591	4,294	13.8
South Portland City	1,224	299	1,523	19.6
Westbrook City	2,337	456	2,793	16.3
Augusta City	4,386	917	5,303	17.3
Oakland Town	689	133	822	16.2
Waterville City	4,098	787	4,885	16.1
Winslow Town	2,504	432	2,936	14.7
Rumford Town	2,026	277	2,303	12.0
Bangor City	3,138	320	3,458	9.3
Millinocket Town	1,283	114	1,397	8.2
Old Town City	2,162	95	2,257	4.2
Orono Town	1,063	132	1,195	11.0
Skowhegan Town	1,693	123	1,816	6.8
Biddeford City	8,929	1,531	10,460	14.6
Old Orchard Beach Town	1,210	246	1,456	16.9
Saco City	2,985	681	3,666	18.6
Sanford Town	4,396	1,036	5,432	19.1

SOURCES: 1980 Census of Population and Housing: General Social and Economic Characteristics: Maine 1980, Table 60, 60A;
1980 Census of Population and Housing Summary Tape File 4, Table PA15.

NOTE: The Division of Economic Analysis and Research of the Bureau of Employment Security of the Department of Labor and the State of Maine was commissioned to extract the data from Summary Tape File 4 for Maine.

Work study student Colleen Bell extracted the data from the published sources and calculated the percentages in these tables.

Table 2

SINGLE AND MULTIPLE FRENCH ANCESTRY PERSONS:
SELECTED CITIES AND TOWNS, MAINE 1980

City/Town	Total Single ¹ French Ancestry	Multiple French ² Ancestry	Total French Ancestry	Single As A Percent of of Total
Auburn City	5,999	3,016	9,015	66.5
Lewiston City	19,356	3,960	23,316	83.0
Caribou City	3,346	1,365	4,711	71.0
Madawaska Town	4,551	129	4,680	97.2
Presque Isle City	2,071	1,142	3,213	64.5
Van Buren Town	3,009	207	3,216	93.6
Brunswick Town	2,383	1,676	4,059	58.7
Portland City	4,294	6,612	10,906	39.4
South Portland City	1,523	2,781	4,304	35.4
Westbrook City	2,793	2,152	4,945	56.5
Augusta City	5,303	2,491	7,794	68.0
Oakland Town	822	835	1,657	49.6
Waterville City	4,885	2,216	7,101	68.8
Winslow Town	2,936	1,366	4,302	68.2
Rumford Town	2,303	1,148	3,451	66.7
Bangor City	3,458	3,464	6,922	50.0
Millinocket Town	1,397	876	2,273	61.5
Old Town City	2,257	1,529	3,786	59.6
Orono Town	1,195	1,367	2,562	46.6
Skowhegan Town	1,816	1,367	3,192	56.9
Biddeford City	10,460	2,110	12,570	83.2
Old Orchard Beach Town	1,456	1,162	2,618	55.6
Saco City	3,666	1,853	5,519	66.4
Sanford Town	5,432	2,303	7,735	70.2

SOURCES: 1 From Table 1

2 1980 Census of Population and Housing: General Social and
Economic Characteristics: Maine 1980, Table 60, 60A

Table 3

RATIO OF PERSONS SPEAKING FRENCH AT HOME
TO PERSONS OF SINGLE FRENCH AND FRENCH-CANADIAN ANCESTRY:
SELECTED CITIES AND TOWNS, MAINE, 1980

City/Town	Single French and French-Canadian Ancestry	French Spoken ¹ at Home	Ratio French Speaking to Single French Ancestry
Auburn City	5,999	4,263	71.1
Lewiston City	19,356	16,296	84.2
Caribou City	3,346	1,999	59.7
Madawaska Town	4,551	4,315	94.8
Presque Isle City	2,071	884	42.7
Van Buren Town	3,009	2,724	90.5
Brunswick Town	2,383	1,572	66.0
Portland City	4,294	1,603	37.3
South Portland City	1,523	471	30.9
Westbrook City	2,793	1,197	42.9
Augusta City	5,303	3,777	71.2
Oakland Town	822	304	37.0
Waterville City	4,885	2,649	54.2
Winslow Town	2,936	1,537	52.4
Rumford Town	2,303	1,051	45.6
Bangor City	3,458	941	27.2
Millinocket Town	1,397	408	29.2
Old Town City	2,257	649	28.8
Orono Town	1,195	444	37.2
Skowhegan Town	1,816	467	25.7
Biddeford City	10,460	7,856	75.1
Old Orchard Beach Town	1,456	864	59.3
Saco City	3,666	2,318	63.2
Sanford Town	5,432	3,759	69.2

¹ Age 5 and above only.

SOURCES: Column 1 - Table 1 of this series

Column 2 - General Social and Economic Characteristics,
Tables 116, 156, 156A, 166, 166A.

Column 3 - Calculated at the University of Southern Maine.

Table 4

RATIO OF PERSON'S SPEAKING FRENCH TO TOTAL FRENCH ANCESTRY:
SELECTED CITIES AND TOWNS, MAINE, 1980

City/Town	Total French ¹ Ancestry	French Spoken ² at Home	Ratio of French Speakers to Total French Ancestry
Auburn City	9,015	4,263	47.3
Lewiston City	23,316	16,296	69.9
Caribou City	4,711	1,999	42.4
Madawaska Town	4,680	4,315	92.2
Presque Isle City	3,213	884	27.5
Van Buren Town	3,216	2,724	84.7
Brunswick Town	4,059	1,572	38.7
Portland City	10,906	1,603	14.7
South Portland City	4,304	471	10.9
Westbrook City	4,945	1,197	24.2
Augusta City	7,794	3,777	48.5
Oakland Town	1,657	304	18.3
Waterville City	7,101	2,649	37.3
Winslow Town	4,302	1,537	35.7
Rumford Town	3,451	1,051	30.5
Bangor City	6,922	941	13.6
Millinocket Town	2,273	408	17.9
Old Town City	3,786	649	17.1
Orono Town	2,562	444	17.3
Skowhegan Town	3,192	467	14.6
Biddeford City	12,570	7,856	62.5
Old Orchard Beach Town	2,618	864	33.0
Saco City	5,519	2,318	42.0
Sanford Town	7,735	3,759	48.6

¹ From Table 2 of this series.

² Age 5 and over

SOURCE: General Social and Economic Characteristics, Tables 116, 156, 116A, 166, 166A.

Table 5

SINGLE FRENCH ANCESTRY PERSONS BY COUNTY
MAINE, 1980

County	Single French Ancestry	Single French- Canadian Ancestry	Total Single French Ancestry	French-Canadian As a Percent of Total
Androscoggin	25,514	6,370	31,884	20.0
Aroostook	28,932	534	29,466	1.8
Cumberland	13,854	2,762	16,607	16.6
Franklin	2,335	482	2,817	17.1
Hancock	1,463	199	1,662	12.0
Kennebec	16,209	3,110	19,319	16.1
Knox	1,002	155	1,157	13.4
Lincoln	1,004	112	1,116	10.0
Oxford	4,549	684	5,233	13.1
Penobscot	15,579	1,039	16,618	6.3
Piscataquis	1,653	64	1,717	3.7
Sagadahoc	1,999	387	2,386	16.2
Somerset	6,331	384	6,715	5.7
Waldo	1,877	146	2,023	7.2
Washington	1,292	188	1,480	12.7
York	23,483	4,965	28,448	17.5
Totals	147,067	21,581	168,648	12.8

SOURCES: 1980 Census of Population and Housing: General Social and Economic Characteristics: Maine 1980, Table 60, 60A;
1980 Census of Population and Housing Summary Tape File 4, Table PA15.

Table 6
SINGLE AND MULTIPLE FRENCH ANCESTRY PERSONS BY COUNTY
MAINE, 1980

County	Total Single ¹ French Ancestry	Multiple French ² Ancestry	Total French Ancestry	Single As A Percent of Total
Androscoggin	31,884	11,890	43,774	72.8
Aroostook	29,466	8,563	38,029	77.5
Cumberland	16,607	24,088	40,695	40.8
Franklin	2,817	3,025	5,842	48.2
Hancock	1,662	2,938	4,600	36.1
Kennebec	19,319	13,718	33,037	58.5
Knox	1,157	1,800	2,957	39.1
Lincoln	1,116	1,905	3,021	36.9
Oxford	5,233	5,184	10,417	50.2
Penobscot	16,618	16,163	32,781	50.7
Piscataquis	1,717	1,514	3,231	53.1
Sagadahoc	2,386	2,970	5,356	44.5
Somerset	6,715	5,157	11,872	56.6
Waldo	2,023	1,746	3,769	53.7
Washington	1,480	1,842	3,322	44.6
York	28,448	16,526	44,974	63.3
Totals	168,648	119,029	287,677	58.6

SOURCES: 1 From Table 5.

2 1980 Census of Population and Housing: General Social and Economic Characteristics: Maine 1980, Table 60, 60A.

Table 7

RATIO OF PERSONS SPEAKING FRENCH AT HOME
TO PERSONS OF SINGLE FRENCH AND FRENCH-CANADIAN ANCESTRY:
BY COUNTY, MAINE 1980

County	Total Single French Ancestry	French Spoken ¹ at Home	Ratio French Speaking to Single French Ancestry
Androscoggin	31,884	24,115	75.6
Aroostook	29,466	21,994	74.6
Cumberland	16,607	6,647	40.0
Franklin	2,817	1,133	40.2
Hancock	1,662	390	23.5
Kennebec	19,319	10,669	55.2
Knox	1,157	379	32.8
Lincoln	1,116	289	25.9
Oxford	5,233	2,104	40.2
Penobscot	16,618	4,133	24.9
Piscataquis	1,717	353	20.6
Sagadahoc	2,386	950	39.8
Somerset	6,715	2,221	33.1
Waldo	2,023	307	15.2
Washington	1,480	464	31.4
York	28,448	18,077	63.5
Totals	168,648	94,225	55.9

¹ Age 5 and above

SOURCES: Column 1 - Table 5 of this series
Column 2 - General Social and Economic Characteristics,
Table 172.

Table 8

RATIO OF PERSONS SPEAKING FRENCH AT HOME
TO PERSONS OF FRENCH ANCESTRY: COUNTIES, MAINE, 1980

County	Total French Ancestry	French Spoken ¹ at Home	Ratio of French Speaking to Total French
Androscoggin	43,774	24,115	55.1
Aroostook	38,029	21,994	57.8
Cumberland	40,695	6,647	16.3
Franklin	5,842	1,133	19.2
Hancock	4,600	390	8.5
Kennebec	33,037	10,669	32.3
Knox	2,957	379	12.8
Lincoln	3,021	289	9.6
Oxford	10,417	2,104	20.2
Penobscot	32,781	4,133	12.6
Piscataquis	3,231	353	10.9
Sagadahoc	5,356	950	17.7
Somerset	11,872	2,221	18.7
Waldo	3,769	307	8.1
Washington	3,322	464	14.0
York	44,974	18,077	40.2
Totals	287,677	94,225	32.8

¹ Age 5 and above

SOURCES: Column 1 - Table 6 of this series.

Column 2 - General Social and Economic Characteristics,
Table 172.

Table 9

DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE FRENCH ANCESTRY PERSONS BY COUNTY:
MAINE 1980

County	Single French Ancestry	Single French- Canadian Ancestry	Total Single French Ancestry
Androscoggin	17.3	29.5	18.9
Aroostook	19.7	2.5	17.5
Cumberland	9.4	12.8	9.8
Franklin	1.2	2.2	1.7
Hancock	1.0	1.0	1.0
Kennebec	11.0	14.4	11.5
Knox	.7	.7	.7
Lincoln	.7	.5	.7
Oxford	3.1	3.2	3.1
Penobscot	10.6	4.8	9.9
Piscataquis	1.1	.1	1.0
Sagadahoc	1.4	1.8	4.0
Somerset	4.3	1.8	4.9
Waldo	1.3	.7	1.2
Washington	.9	.9	.9
York	16.0	23.0	16.9
Maine	99.7 (147,067)	99.9 (21,581)	100.2 (168,648)

SOURCE: The totals for Maine and percentages calculated at the University of Southern Maine from U.S. Census of Population and Housing, General Social and Economic Characteristics and Summary Tape File 4.

Table 10

DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE AND MULTIPLE FRENCH ANCESTRY PERSONS BY COUNTY:
MAINE 1980

County	Total Single ¹ French Ancestry	Multiple French ² Ancestry	Total French Ancestry
Androscoggin	18.9	10.0	15.2
Aroostook	17.5	7.2	13.2
Cumberland	9.8	20.2	14.1
Franklin	1.7	2.5	2.0
Hancock	1.0	2.5	1.6
Kennebec	11.5	11.5	11.5
Knox	.7	1.5	1.0
Lincoln	.7	1.6	1.1
Oxford	3.1	4.4	3.6
Penobscot	9.9	13.6	11.4
Piscataquis	1.0	1.3	1.1
Sagadahoc	1.4	2.5	1.9
Somerset	4.0	4.3	4.1
Waldo	1.2	1.5	1.3
Washington	.9	1.5	1.2
York	16.9	13.9	15.6
Maine	100.2 (168,648)	100.0 (119,029)	99.9 (287,677)

SOURCES: 1 From Table 5.

2 1980 Census of Population and Housing: General Social and Economic Characteristics: Maine 1980, Table 60, 60A.