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was 7,234,684, of which 6,247,432 were natives, and 987,252 were Europeans. The rate of increase during the five-year period 1931 to 1936 had been 681,233, so that during the ten-year period which has intervened since the last census, it is probable that the population has increased by about 1,300,000, and now stands close to 8,500,000.

The density of population in the three northern departments is 81.4 to the square mile, although when the Southern Territories are included, density is 8.4 to the square mile. The native population is increasing at a very much faster rate than that of the Europeans, although the influx of refugees at the beginning of the war may have helped to balance the two populations, since the refugees -- estimated at between 100,000 and 150,000 -- have in many cases settled down in the country.

The European population is mostly French, but there were in 1936 some 128,000 Europeans of Spanish origin, a figure which has been greatly increased as a result of the freeing from concentration camps of large numbers of Republicans who have remained in Algiers because they could not return to their own country. At the same date there were 50,000 of Italian origin, 15,000 of Maltese origin and 18,000 of other nationalities.

Among the natives, the Arabs or Arabized Berbers are the predominating group, with about 60% of the population. The Berbers account for about 1,200,000 inhabitants, while the native Jew probably accounts for 100,000.

The populations of the chief cities in 1936 were as follows. In most cases the population has greatly increased since that time due to a movement away from the country, and in the case of Algiers the number of inhabitants has gone up to over 500,000.

URBAN POPULATION - 1936

|                | <u>NATIVE</u> | <u>EUROPEAN</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Algiers        | 81,729        | 182,503         | 264,232      |
| (with suburbs) |               |                 | 367,093      |
| Oran           | 48,068        | 152,603         | 200,671      |
| Constantine    | 59,368        | 54,409          | 113,777      |
| Bone           | 40,250        | 46,082          | 86,332       |
| Philippeville  | 32,276        | 33,836          | 66,112       |
| Sidi Bel Abbes | 20,944        | 33,810          | 54,754       |
| Tlemcen        | 40,881        | 13,382          | 54,263       |
| Blida          | 30,113        | 13,930          | 44,043       |
| Mostaganem     | 20,405        | 18,150          | 38,555       |
| Setif          | 26,013        | 10,028          | 36,041       |
| Mascara        | 18,404        | 15,118          | 33,522       |
| Bougie         | 25,510        | 6,109           | 31,619       |