

There were in this city in 1885, 5,154 families having an average of 5.41 persons to each family. Ward 1 had 698, with a percentage of 5.39; ward 2, 700 with 6.31; ward 3, 699 with 5.31; ward 4, 781 with 5.53; ward 5, 612 with 5.26; ward 6, 1,220 with 5.05; ward 7, 444 with 5.18. It will be seen that ward 2 has the largest proportion of persons to a family. The city has 75 families of one person; 519 of two; 817 of three; 835 of four; 756 of five; 672 of six; 523 of seven; 350 of eight; 289 of nine; 124 of ten; 74 of eleven; 47 of twelve; 19 of thirteen; 13 of fourteen; 8 of fifteen; 4 of sixteen; 3 of seventeen; 1 of eighteen; 5 of nineteen; 1 of twenty; 3 of twenty-one; 1 of twenty-two; 15 of twenty-three and over.

There were in 1885, 2,612 dwelling houses, 2,565 of which were occupied and 47 unoccupied, the number of persons to dwellings being 10.88 and of families, 2.01. The number of wood houses was 1,459 and of brick 1,150, the number of wood and brick combined being three. Ward 6 had the largest number of houses, 698, and ward 5 the smallest, 258.

The following table giving the total valuation of the city for the past 18 years, as drawn from the Assessors' books, will give a definite idea of the manner in which the city has progressed from year to year from a valuation standpoint. The showing is very gratifying to all who have the interest of the city at heart. The total valuation of the city in 1870, was \$5,556,980, but in eleven years it has gained to such a remarkable extent that in 1881 it was \$1,1977,405, an increase