

About One-Quarter of Springfield's

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Population is of Foreign Birth

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Almost one-quarter of the population of Springfield was born outside of the United States. This is the striking fact revealed by the preliminary statistics on foreign-born white population issued by the census bureau. There are 129,563 persons living here and according to the figures just issued 31,104 of them were born in foreign parts. In other words about one out of every four inhabitants of this city came into the world in a land not covered by the stars and stripes.

Most of the foreign-born are Irish. There are 5582 Irish-born living here. Including the English, the Scotch, and the Welsh, 8870 of our citizens once owed allegiance to the British crown.

Next to the Irish in point of numbers come the Italians. They number 4491. Following them are the Russians with 3844 and very close on their heels are the French Canadians

who total 3719. There are 2078 other Canadians, making a total of 5797 persons in this city from the Dominions. The Germans are not, comparatively speaking, very strong numerically in Springfield. They number 1152, and the Swedes with 1221, are more numerous than the Teutons.

There are 36 countries represented in Springfield, and this does not take into consideration those counted as being from "South America," "Pacific islands," and other indefinite places. Little Luxembourg is last on the list with only 3 of its former nationals living here. A surprising fact is there are only five here who were born in Mexico. There are almost as many as that residing in this city who are classified as being from the Pacific islands. Of the four who are mentioned as being from these islands, no clue is found as to whether the famous island of Yap is represented in Springfield.

CENSUS BUREAU TABULATION

(Preliminary figures—subject to correction)

	Boston	Cambridge	Springfield	Worcester
Total foreign-born white...	238,919	32,104	31,250	53,418
England	12,408	1,601	1,947	3,343
Scotland	5,079	822	1,309	936
Wales	279	62	32	36
Ireland	56,806	8,448	5,582	9,008
Norway	1,875	185	92	334
Sweden	6,780	1,106	1,221	7,751
Denmark	935	92	84	227
Belgium	580	28	34	27
France (incl. Alsace Lorraine)...	1,269	129	179	119
Luxemburg	11	..	3	1
Netherlands	691	20	38	69
Switzerland	358	22	87	17
Germany	5,915	418	1,152	467
Poland	7,650	1,486	2,442	3,632
Austria	1,530	111	410	189
Hungary	360	38	115	25
Czechoslovakia	256	27	111	15
Jugo-Slavia	135	7	22	23
Russia	37,883	1,759	3,844	4,778
Finland	562	50	180	2,175
Lithuania	4,127	1,346	110	4,220
Portugal	1,207	1,946	55	67
Spain	326	39	15	7
Italy	38,179	2,730	4,491	4,296
Greece	3,054	352	939	720
Bulgaria	19	2	7	8
Rumania	673	81	52	3
Turkey, Europe	102	13	12	2
Other Europe	312	20	15	33
Asia	3,712	508	696	2,082
Africa	76	8	15	5
Australia	74	20	9	4
Canada, French	1,743	949	3,719	4,292
Canada, other	40,265	6,744	2,078	3,833
Newfoundland	2,797	472	56	53
Cuba and other West Indies*...	278	63	36	28
Mexico	50	3	5	1
Central America	23	2	..	1
South America	179	40	38	30
Atlantic Islands	294	346	5	10
Pacific Islands	23	6	4	4
At sea	37	3	9	12
Country not specified	7

*Except Porto Rico.