

Table 1. Black Soldiers in the Union Army and Black Male Population of Military Age in 1860, by State

State	Black male population, ages 18 to 45			Black soldiers	
	Free	Slave	Total	Number credited to the state	Percentage of black men ages 18 to 45
<i>Northern free states</i>					
Maine	272	—	272	104	
New Hampshire	103	—	103	125	
Vermont	140	—	140	120	
Massachusetts	1,973	—	1,973	3,966	
Connecticut	1,760	—	1,760	1,764	
Rhode Island	809	—	809	1,837	
New York	10,208	—	10,208	4,125	
New Jersey	4,866	—	4,866	1,185	
Pennsylvania	10,844	—	10,844	8,612	
District of Columbia ^a	1,823	—	1,823	3,269	
Ohio	7,161	—	7,161	5,092	
Indiana	2,219	—	2,219	1,537	
Illinois	1,622	—	1,622	1,811	
Michigan	1,622	—	1,622	1,387	
Wisconsin	292	—	292	165	
Minnesota	61	—	61	104	
Iowa	249	—	249	440	
Kansas	126	—	126	2,080	
Subtotal	46,150	—	46,150	37,723	
Black soldiers recruited in Confederate states but credited to Northern free states ^b				(5,052)	
Total				32,671	71
<i>Union slave states</i>					
Delaware	3,597	289	3,886	954	25
Maryland	15,149	16,108	31,257	8,718	28
Missouri	701	20,466	21,167	8,344	39
Kentucky	1,650	40,285	41,935	23,703	57
Total	21,097	77,148	98,245	41,719	42
<i>Confederate slave states</i>					
Virginia	9,309	92,119	101,428	5,919 ^c	6
North Carolina	5,150	55,020	60,170	5,035	8
South Carolina	1,522	70,798	72,320	5,462	8
Florida	131	12,028	12,159	1,044	9
Georgia	583	83,819	84,402	3,486	4
Alabama	391	83,945	84,336	4,969	6
Mississippi	130	85,777	85,907	17,869	21
Louisiana	3,205	75,548	78,753	24,052	31
Texas	62	36,140	36,202	47	(less than 1)
Arkansas	22	23,088	23,110	5,526	24
Tennessee	1,162	50,047	51,209	20,133	39
Subtotal	21,667	668,329	689,996	93,542	
Black soldiers recruited in Confederate states but credited to Northern free states ^b				5,052	
Total				98,594	14
<i>Other areas</i>					
	2,041 ^d	2,041	5,991 ^e		
Total for all areas	90,955	745,477	836,432	178,975	21

Note: The percentage of each state's black military-age population that entered the army is merely an approximation, because fugitive slaves frequently enlisted in regiments outside their home states (the number of black soldiers credited to Kansas and the District of Columbia, for example, was notably swelled by such enlistments), and other population movements make the 1860 census figure somewhat inadequate for comparison with enlistment statistics. Because early Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island black regiments recruited throughout the North, state-by-state computation of population percentages for the free states would be misleading; hence, only a regional percentage is given.

^aCongress had already ended slavery in the District of Columbia at the time these population figures were compiled.

^bEnlisted under the act of July 4, 1864, that permitted Northern state agents to recruit blacks in the Confederate states.

See *Official Records*, ser. 3, vol. 5, p. 662. ^cVirginia, 5,723; West Virginia, 196.

^dCalifornia, 1,918; Oregon, 38; Colorado, 5; Nebraska, 15; Nevada, 27; New Mexico, 16; Utah, 5; Washington, 17.

^eColorado Territory, 95; state or territory unknown, 5,896.

Sources: Population figures come from a report by the Superintendent of the Census, based upon the 1860 census (see pp. 87-88); the number of black soldiers credited to each state is given in the 1865 report of the Bureau of Colored Troops (*Official Records*, ser. 3, vol. 5, p. 138).