

**African Americans in Warwick**  
**STATISTICS FROM THE CENSUS UP TO 1830**  
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This table is intended to give a general idea of the numbers of African Americans living in Warwick during this period.. The terms used by the census changed over time, and did not differentiate between “non white” races. Some may have been Native Americans, in some of the censuses (see notes below.) The determination of “white” or “colored” is also the result of contemporary practice, which by custom determined the race of the individual by his or her mother’s race. In any event it can be seen that the percentage of blacks in Warwick during this time period is a small, but significant, proportion of the population.

Census year	Total Population	Free Blacks	% of free “non white” in population	Slaves	% of slaves in Population	Total of “non white”	% of “non white” both free and slaves
1755 <sup>1</sup>	?	?	?	23	?	?	?
1771 <sup>2</sup>	9,430					662 <sup>3</sup>	7.0 %
1790	3,747	52 <sup>4</sup>	1.4%	92	2.5%	144	3.8%
1800		85 <sup>5</sup>		78		163	
1810	3,978	60 <sup>6</sup>	1.5%	90	2.4%	150	3.8%
1820	4,593	151 <sup>7</sup>	3.3%	105	2.3%	256	5.6%
1830	5,009	222	4.4%	-- <sup>8</sup>	0%	222	4.4%

**Slave Census of 1755:**  
**These two districts appear to be mainly in the Town of Warwick**



<sup>1</sup> This was a census done by the colonial government (see below); list includes only those persons owning slaves. Two districts appear to be primarily in the Town of Warwick

<sup>2</sup> This are totals given for ALL of ORANGE COUNTY given in “The Documentary History of New York” by E. B. O’Callaghan, 1849. Vol. 1, p. 697

<sup>3</sup> “Total no. of blacks”. Slave vs. free is not recorded.

<sup>4</sup> Includes all free persons who are not white

<sup>5</sup> Includes all free persons who are not white

<sup>6</sup> Includes free persons except Indians

<sup>7</sup> The first census to separate blacks from other races by using the term “colored”.

<sup>8</sup> Slavery was outlawed in New York State on July 4, 1827.