



Exploring Diversity in Pennsylvania History

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The Demography of Philadelphia's Free Black Community Student Worksheet 1847 Census of the Condition of Colored People Age/Sex Data Handout

1. Write details of your age group. For example if you are 15, examine the population data and write down the information for the 15-19 year old group.

Age group _____ Percentage _____

2. Circle the age group that contains the largest percentage of the population in your group's sample.

0-5 5-15 15-50 Over 50

3. What single age group represents the largest percentage of the free black population in the aggregate (total) data?

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Why do you believe this age group has the largest percentage of the population?

4. What percentage of Philadelphia free black population is male and what percentage is female in your group's sample?

Males _____ Females _____

5. What percentage of Philadelphia's free black population is male and what percentage is female in the aggregate (total) data?

Males _____ Females _____

Why do you believe this is the case?