

## Using the Three-Fifths Compromise

The Three-Fifths Compromise was used to determine how many slaves would count as a part of the population, for the purpose of taxation and representation. Basically, officials calculated 3/5 of the total slave population and added that number to the total FREE population.

For example: 
$$\frac{100 \text{ slaves}}{1} \times \frac{3}{5} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ SLAVES COUNTED}$$

Directions: Calculate the number of slaves that would be counted under the Three-Fifths Compromise using the information provided. **BE SURE TO SHOW YOUR WORK** [as in example above]!

1. **Virginia's** total slave population: **292,625**

2. **North Carolina's** total slave population: **100,570**

3. **Maryland's** total slave population: **103,035**

\*4. Calculate each state's TOTAL population by combining it with the state's free population:

- Virginia: **399,112**

- North Carolina: **293,181**

- Maryland: **216,693**

**Slave Population of the thirteen original states  
from the 1790 census**

**Directions:** Calculate the  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the slaves to be counted and then **ADD** that number to the existing free population to figure out the state's **total population**.

KEY: Free Population  
Slave Population

<u>Connecticut</u>	235,199 <b>2,765</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>Delaware</u>	50,211 <b>8,885</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>Georgia</u>	53,283 <b>29,265</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>Maryland</u>	216,693 <b>103,035</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>Massachusetts</u>	378,787 <b>0</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>New Hampshire</u>	141,725 <b>160</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>New Jersey</u>	172,719 <b>11,420</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>New York</u>	318,795 <b>21,325</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>North Carolina</u>	293,181 <b>100,570</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	430,638 <b>3,735</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>Rhode Island</u>	67,875 <b>950</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>South Carolina</u>	141,978 <b>107,095</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted +	free pop. =	<b>total:</b>
<u>Virginia</u>	399,112 <b>292,625</b>	$\times \frac{3}{5} =$	slaves counted <b>175,575</b> +	free pop. <b>399,112</b> =	<b>total:</b> <b>574,687</b>