

### Section IX.—Nationality.

106. **Questionnaire.**—The instruction on the census form appeared as follows:—

State the nation of which you are at present a subject. If a British subject by naturalization add N., or if a British subject by annexation add A.

This question has been asked at previous censuses but, in view of the increased importance it has assumed since the European war, and also of the fact that South Africa is an immigrant country, a special feature has been made of the tabulation in this report, and nationality has been correlated with the several other items of information on the forms. The full detailed tables appear in Volume VI—Nationality and Parentage.

**South Africans.**—Although at past censuses a certain number of persons used the term *South African* as indicating nationality the particulars were not separately tabulated. On this occasion, however, arrangements were made to extract the particulars separately and the numbers so returned are shown in the tables.

In tabulating the figures it was observed that a great many who might have used the term *South African* did not. This, of course, is obvious when the number 672,758 is compared with the total of 1,428,071 who were born in South Africa. Although many *South African* born used the term *British*, a considerable number of persons born overseas used the term *South African*. No change was made in the designations, except obvious errors, and the terms were tabulated as stated. It will be observed that the question included an item regarding *British subjects by annexation*. The replies to this were so obviously incorrect that it was evident that the purport of the question was misunderstood and it was useless to tabulate it. After eliminating those who could not possibly have been *British* by annexation, the remainder were classified as *South Africans*.

The *Union Nationality Act* which defines *South African* nationality had not become law at the date of the census.

107. **British Subjects by Naturalization and Foreign Subjects.**—  
(i) **British Subjects.**—At the census of 1918, 23,295 persons returned themselves as naturalized *British subjects*. This figure increased to 30,900 in 1921 and to 35,633 in 1926, an increase between the former censuses of over 7,000 in three years, and of over 4,700 in the five years between the latter two censuses. There is no check as to the accuracy of these figures, because the issue of a certificate of naturalization to a married applicant, automatically naturalizes his wife and minor children and, therefore, the number of certificates issued bears no relation to the actual numbers naturalized. Moreover, all children subsequently born to a naturalized parent are *British* by birth; but if returned on a census form as *British* by naturalization, as they frequently do doubt are, the statement must be accepted in the absence of the date of naturalization which would form a check in conjunction with the age of the child against the statement of nationality.

During tabulation it was further observed that many of the older burghers of the late Republics who became *British* by annexation, stated that they were *British* by naturalization. It is possible to correct many such obvious misstatements but there are always a number of doubtful cases which cannot be dealt with in such manner. The figures for naturalized must, therefore, be used with a certain amount of caution although the percentage of error is probably not very great.

(ii) **Foreign Subjects.**—The principal interest of this section of the report lies in the subjects of other countries who were resident in the Union or were in Union waters at the date of the census. There were 12,433 males and 8,207 females who gave their nationality as foreign. The total of 20,640 formed only 1.2 per cent. of the total European population; 4,441 of the foreigners claimed to be *Russian subjects*; 3,247 to be *German subjects*; 1,826 *Netherlanders*; and 1,432 *Portuguese*. These four nationalities account for more than half of the total foreign subjects.

Full details giving sex and provincial distribution will be found in Volume VI. At the census of 1921 there were 24,711 foreign subjects or 1.6 per cent. of the total population.

A summary showing the numbers and proportions of *British* and foreign subjects at the past three censuses is given hereunder, and Graph XLIV illustrates the increase from census to census of the numbers of naturalized subjects and the decrease in the number of foreign subjects.

TABLE XCV.—NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN SUBJECTS (EUROPEANS) IN EACH PROVINCE, 1918, 1921, AND 1926.

Nationality.	Census.	Cape.	Natal.	Transvaal.	O.F.S.	Union.
South African.....	1926	240,946	37,201	281,366	113,245	672,758
British.....	1926	448,246	116,240	297,300	85,633	947,424
	1921	632,555	131,652	514,561	184,833	1,463,601
	1918	600,571	114,210	471,270	177,690	1,363,741
British Naturalized.....	1926	11,096	2,933	18,561	3,043	35,633
	1921	10,342	1,913	16,101	2,544	30,900
	1918	8,841	1,319	11,253	1,882	23,295
Total British.....	1926	700,288	156,374	597,227	201,926	1,655,815
	1921	642,897	133,565	530,662	187,377	1,494,501
	1918	609,412	115,529	482,523	179,572	1,387,036
Foreign Subjects.....	1926	5,806	2,473	11,346	1,015	20,640
	1921	7,630	3,250	12,667	1,164	24,711
	1918	9,103	6,304	16,850	2,026	34,313
Total (including Unspecified)	1926	706,137	158,916	608,622	202,985	1,676,660
	1921	650,609	136,838	543,485	188,566	1,519,488
	1918	618,825	121,931	499,347	181,678	1,421,781

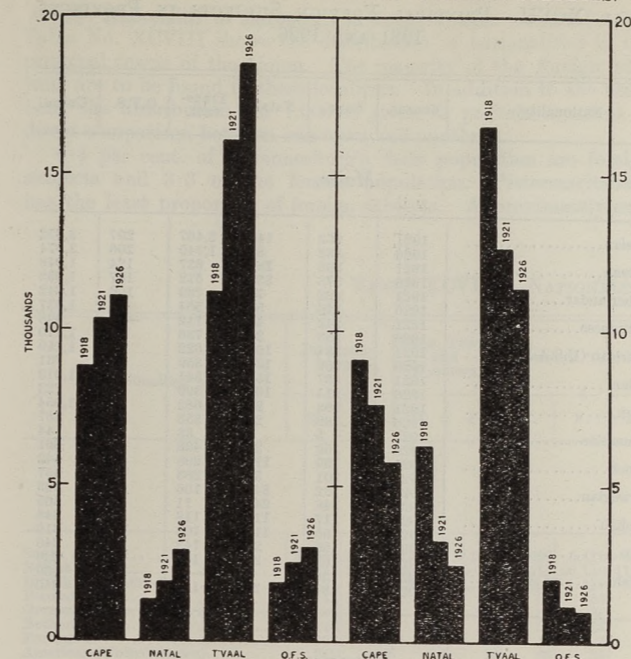
(b) Percentage Distribution in each Province.

South African.....	1926	34.12	23.41	46.23	55.79	40.12
British.....	1926	63.48	73.14	48.85	42.19	56.51
	1921	97.22	96.21	94.68	98.02	96.32
	1918	97.05	93.67	94.38	97.80	95.91
British Naturalized.....	1926	1.57	1.85	3.05	1.50	2.13
	1921	1.59	1.40	2.96	1.35	2.03
	1918	1.43	1.08	2.25	1.04	1.64
Total British.....	1926	99.17	98.40	98.13	99.48	98.76
	1921	98.81	97.61	97.64	99.37	98.35
	1918	98.48	94.75	96.63	98.84	97.55
Foreign Subjects.....	1926	0.82	1.56	1.86	0.50	1.23
	1921	1.17	2.37	2.33	0.62	1.63
	1918	1.47	5.17	3.32	1.12	2.40
Total (including Unspecified)	1926	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	1921	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	1918	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

(c) Percentage Distribution in the Union.

South African.....	1926	35.82	5.33	41.82	16.83	100.00
British.....	1926	47.31	12.27	31.38	9.04	100.00
	1921	43.22	9.00	35.16	12.62	100.00
	1918	44.04	8.37	34.56	13.03	100.00
British Naturalized.....	1926	31.14	8.23	52.09	8.54	100.00
	1921	33.47	6.19	52.11	8.23	100.00
	1918	37.95	5.66	48.31	8.08	100.00
Total British.....	1926	42.29	9.44	36.07	12.20	100.00
	1921	43.01	8.94	35.51	12.54	100.00
	1918	43.93	8.33	34.79	12.95	100.00
Foreign Subjects.....	1926	28.13	11.98	54.97	4.92	100.00
	1921	30.88	13.15	51.26	4.71	100.00
	1918	26.76	18.53	48.75	5.96	100.00
Total (including Unspecified)	1926	42.12	9.48	36.30	12.10	100.00
	1921	42.81	9.01	35.77	12.41	100.00
	1918	43.52	8.58	35.12	12.78	100.00

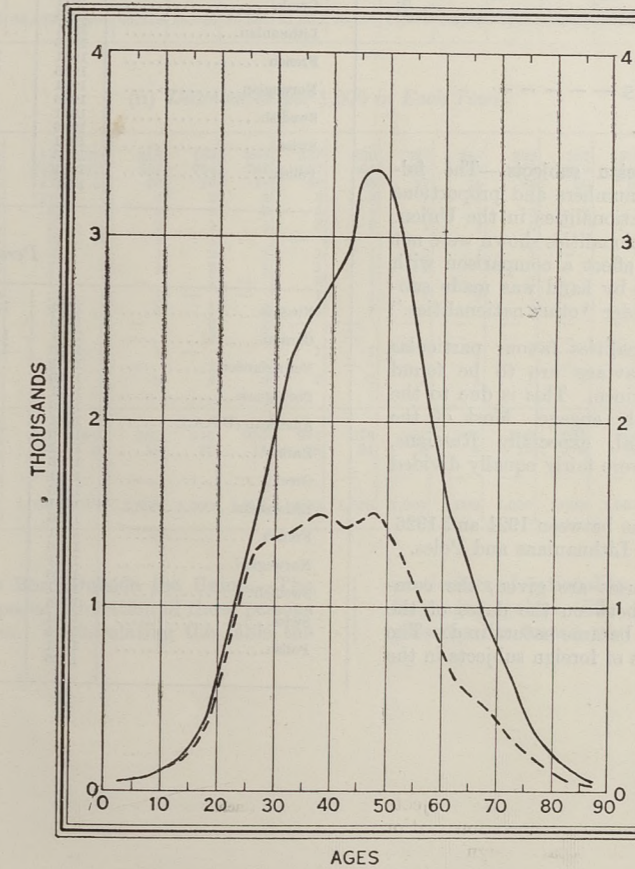
NATURALIZED BRITISH SUBJECTS. FOREIGN SUBJECTS.



Graph XLIV.

(iii) **Ages and Sex.**—Table No. XCVI and Graphs Nos. XLV and XLVI indicate the ages and sex of the foreign and naturalized foreign subjects. As the majority of them are immigrants, the preponderance is naturally at the mature ages, with very few at

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF NATURALIZED BRITISH SUBJECTS (EUROPEANS)—UNION 1926. NUMBERS OF MALES AND FEMALES IN QUINQUENNIAL AGE GROUPS.



MALES ——— FEMALES - - - - -  
Graph XLV.

the early ages of childhood. There were more males at all age groups than females except in the cases of foreign subjects at ages from 10 to 14 years and in the case of naturalized subjects at ages 0-4 and 10-14 years. The differences in the latter case were so small that they are not apparent in the graph.

There were more French women than French men. In all other cases the position was reversed. The same feature was noticeable at the census of 1921, except that at that census there were also more German women than men, whereas the German men now exceed the women by 17.

TABLE XCVI.—FOREIGN AND NATURALIZED SUBJECTS IN THE UNION, 1926.

Ages.	Foreign Subjects.			Naturalized Subjects.		
	M.	F.	P.	M.	F.	P.
0-4.....	485	452	937	46	51	97
5-9.....	449	372	821	68	56	124
10-14.....	429	491	920	145	152	297
15-19.....	811	535	1,346	368	318	686
20-24.....	1,432	738	2,170	1,003	937	1,940
25-29.....	1,470	944	2,414	1,621	1,333	2,954
30-34.....	1,318	804	2,122	2,300	1,398	3,758
35-39.....	1,232	773	2,005	2,629	1,498	4,127
40-44.....	1,098	590	1,688	2,913	1,417	4,330
45-49.....	1,070	619	1,689	3,365	1,508	4,873
50-54.....	895	585	1,480	2,939	1,275	4,257
55-59.....	648	432	1,080	2,062	973	3,055
60-64.....	462	329	791	1,421	600	2,021
65-69.....	304	241	545	993	465	1,458
70-74.....	170	166	336	633	291	924
75-79.....	102	74	176	296	159	455
80-84.....	38	38	76	129	62	191
85-89.....	12	16	28	51	28	79
90-94.....	2	5	7	9	5	14
95-99.....	1	3	4	1	3	4
100+.....	4	—	1	—	—	—
Unspecified.....	—	—	4	6	3	9
TOTAL.....	12,433	8,207	20,640	23,101	12,532	35,633

