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For the 1900 Exposition Universelle in Paris, W.E.B. Du Bois led the creation of a series of modernist drawings that visualized data on the state of Black life in America as a part of the Exhibit of American Negroes. In *Exhibit of American Negroes, Revisited*, jina valentine utilizes 2020 Census information to update Du Bois's works with contemporary data.

valentine's interdisciplinary practice is informed by the intuitive strategies of American folk artists and traditional craft techniques and steeped with curiosity for information and how to organize it. In her inquiries, she reveals and interweaves latent stories found within texts, objects, narratives, and spaces. *Exhibit of American Negroes, Revisited* builds upon her core practice. valentine's drawings maintain the composition, aesthetic, and areas of inquiry of the originals while revealing patterns, progress, and impasses in the socioeconomic development of Black Americans over the past century.

Along with valentine's work, this exhibition presents a selection of prints from Du Bois's original data visualizations that are housed in the Library of Congress. *Exhibit of American Negroes, Revisited* examines the illustrations in the context of the 1900 World's Fair in Paris, where they were first shown, and explores how they have been framed historically and revisited by artists and researchers over time.

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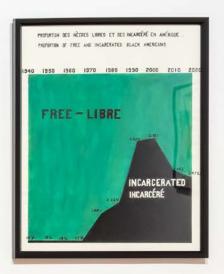




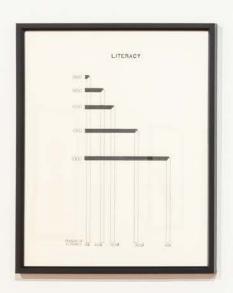


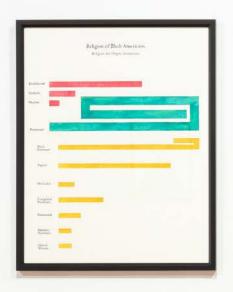


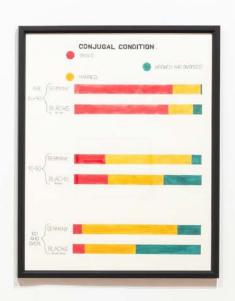


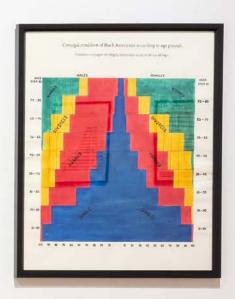












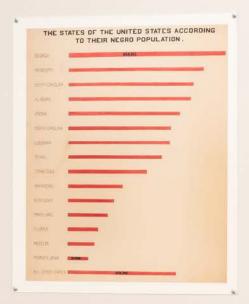






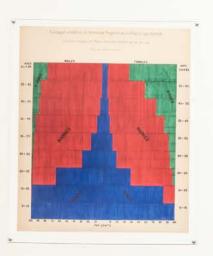


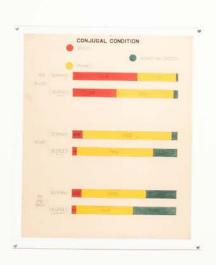


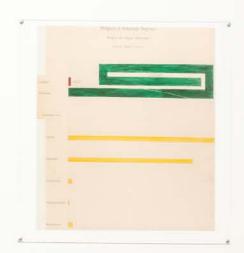


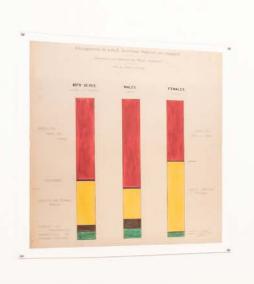


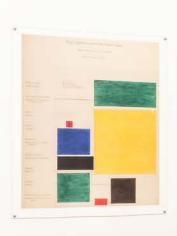












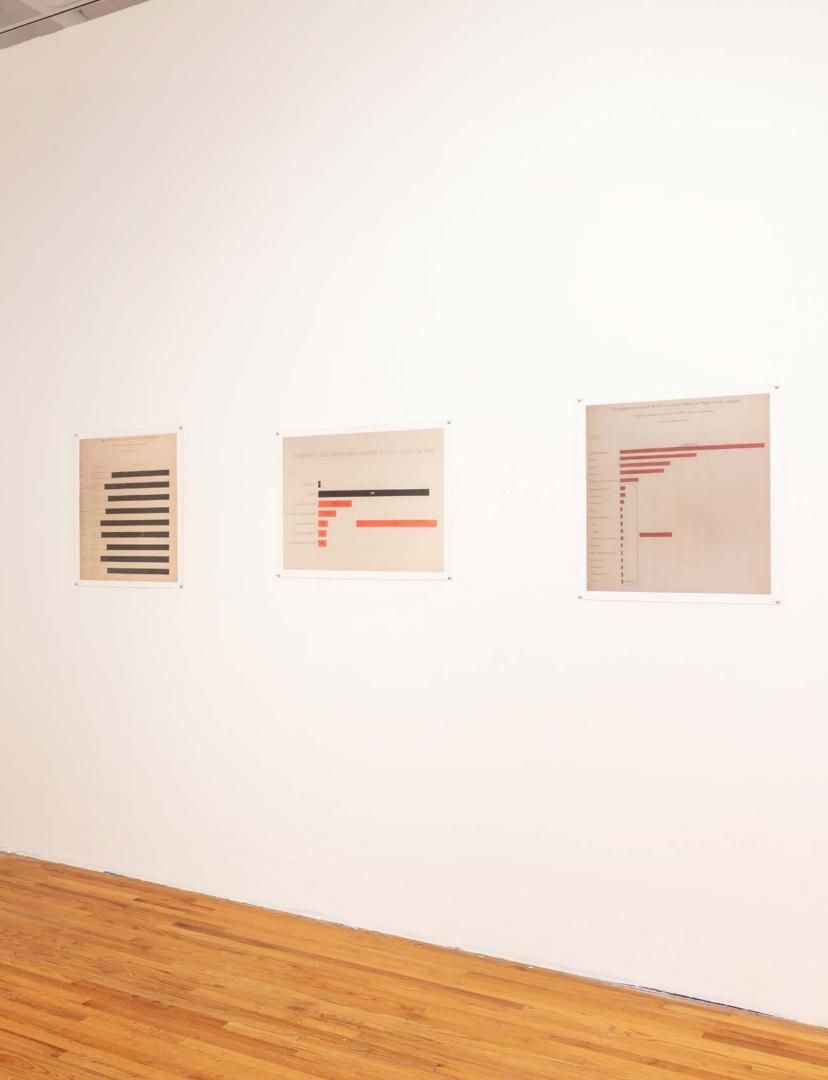










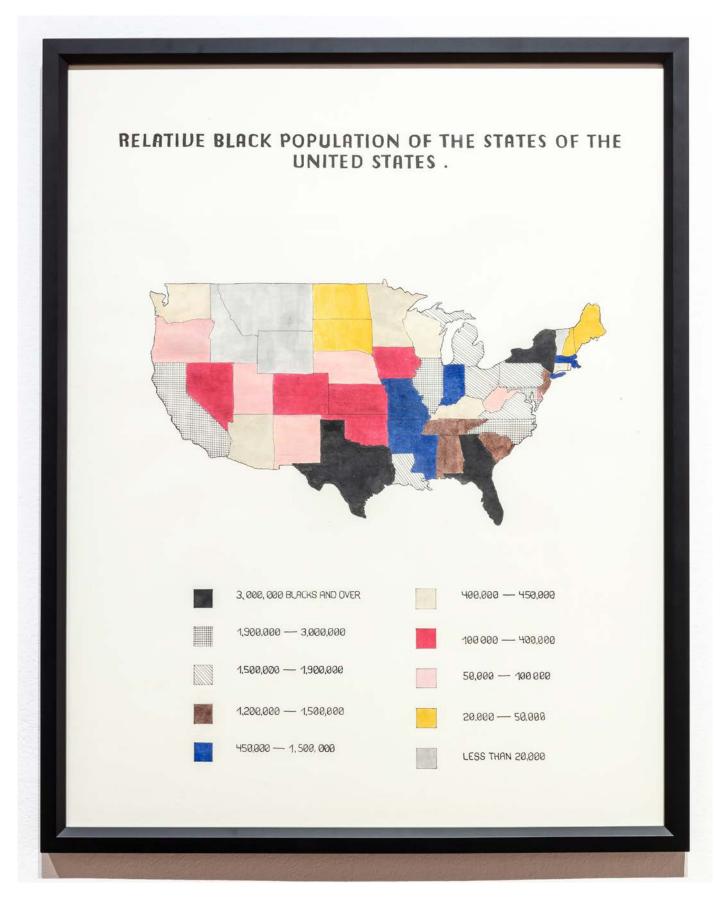


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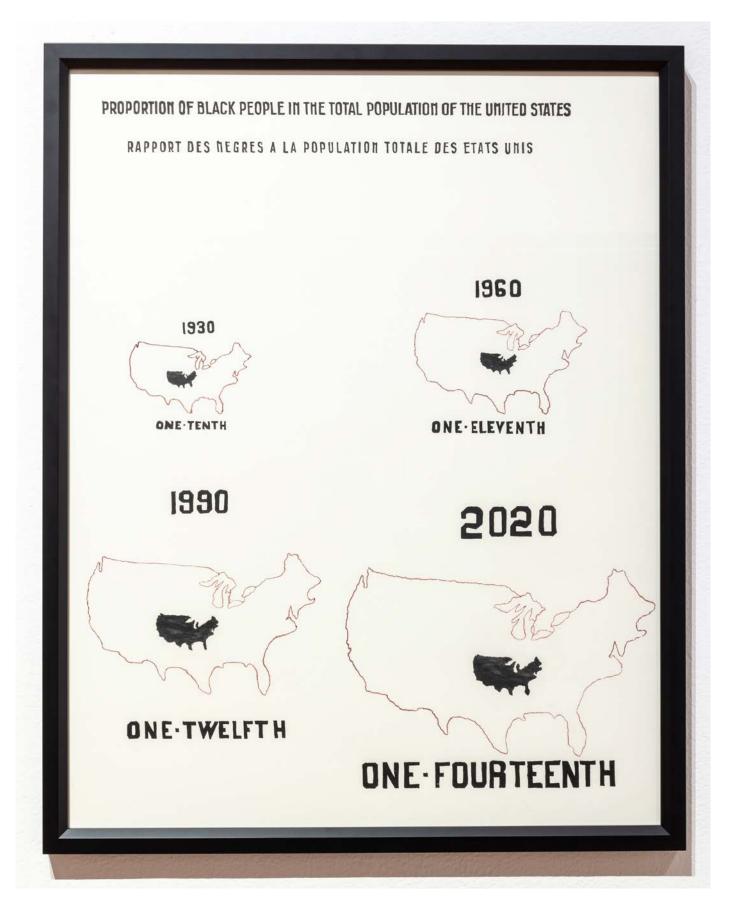
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data visualization rendered in gouache + ink on paper

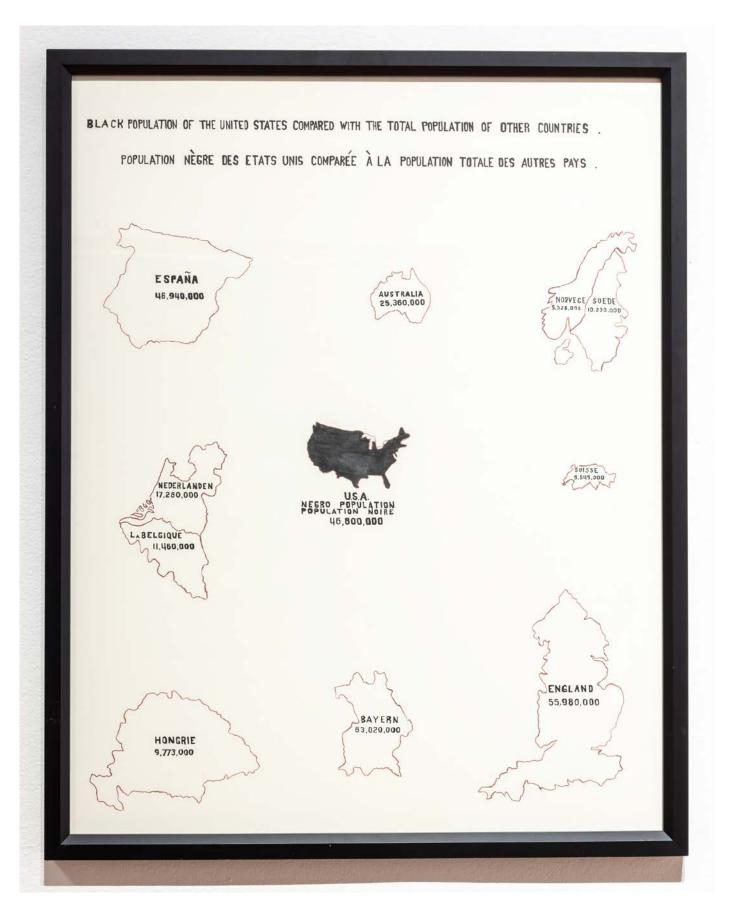
22" x 28"



Relative Black population of the states of the United States.

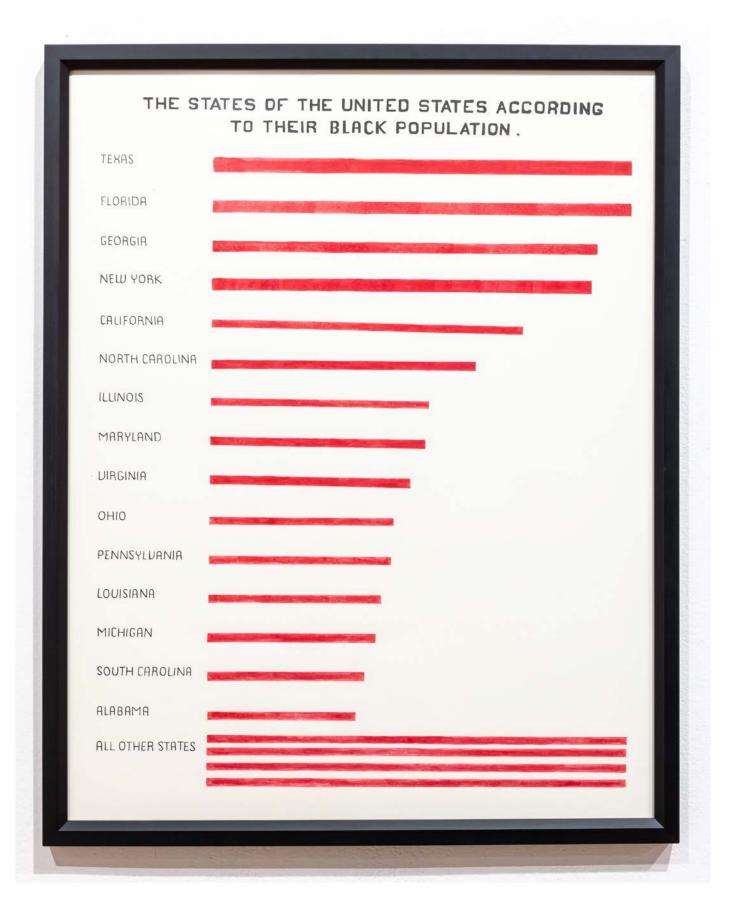


Proportion of Black people in the total population of the United States.



Black population of the United States compared with the total population of other countries.





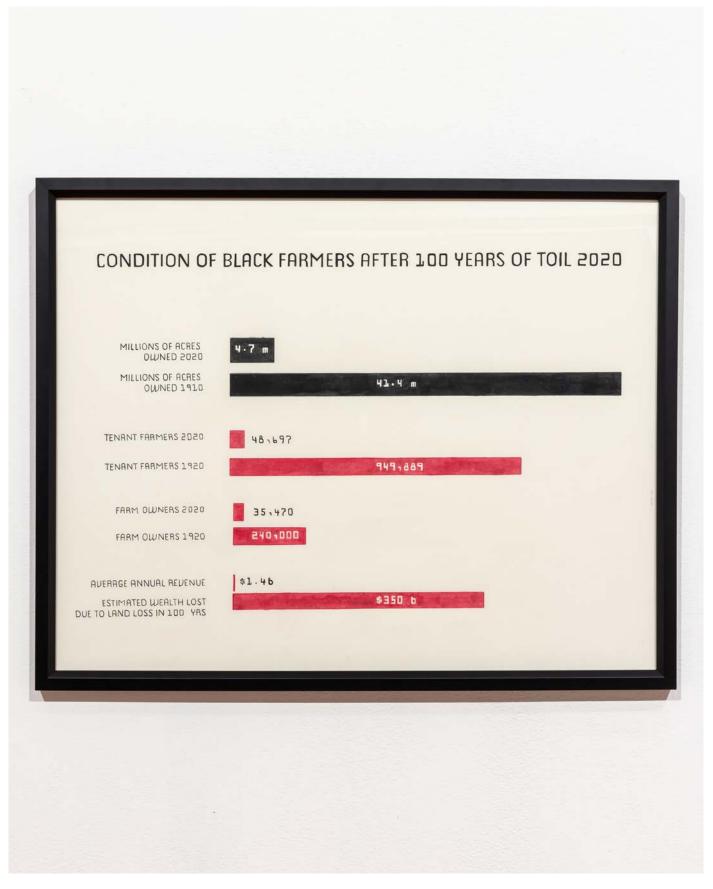
The states of the United States according to their Black population.

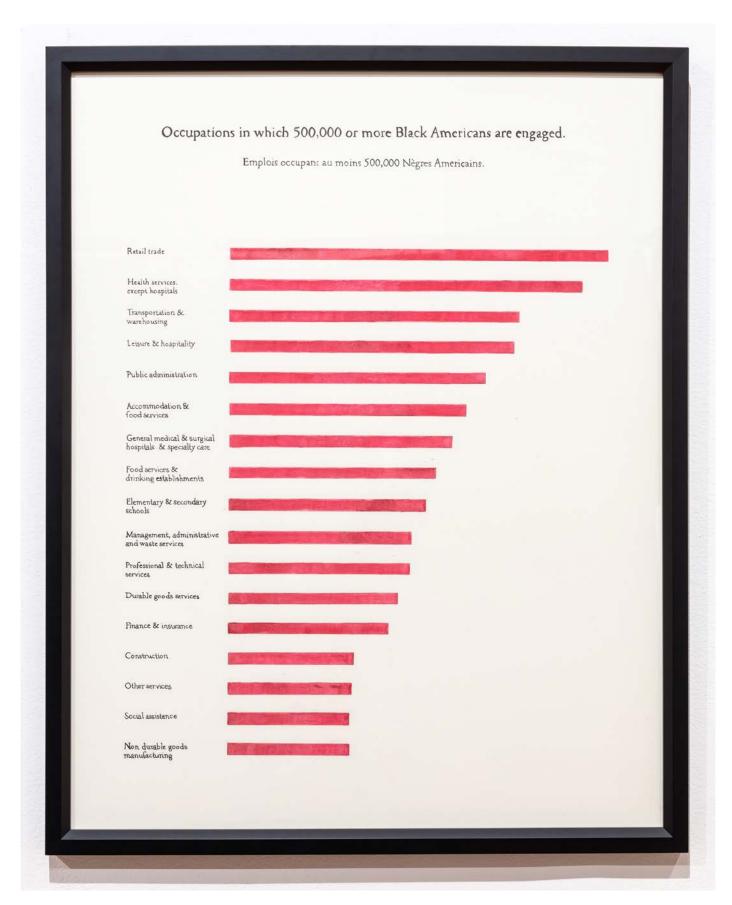


Increase of the Black population in the United States of America.

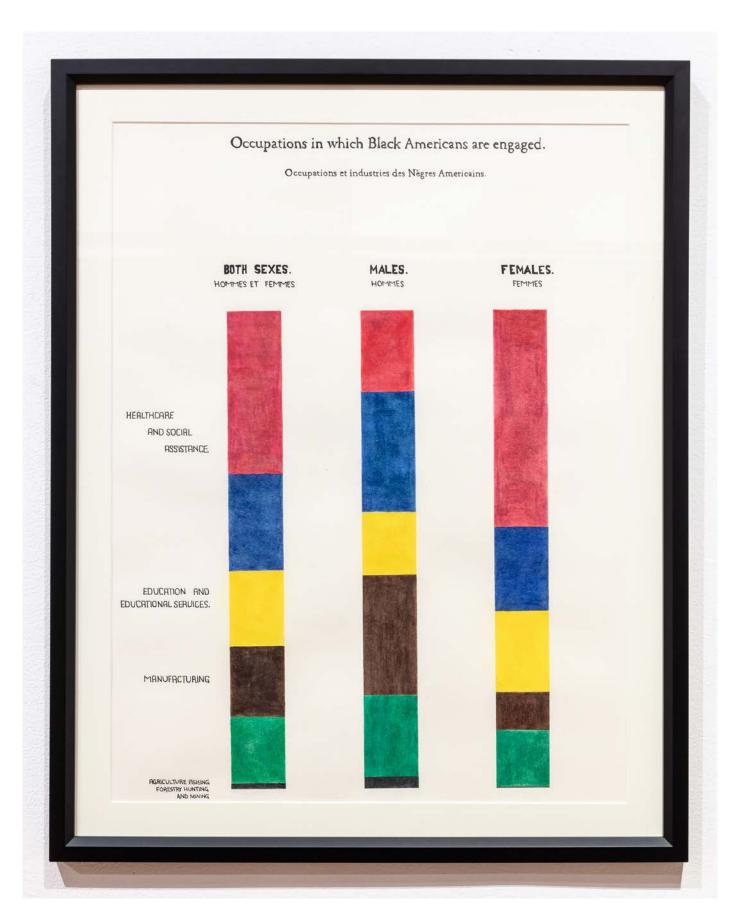


Black landholders in various States of the United States.





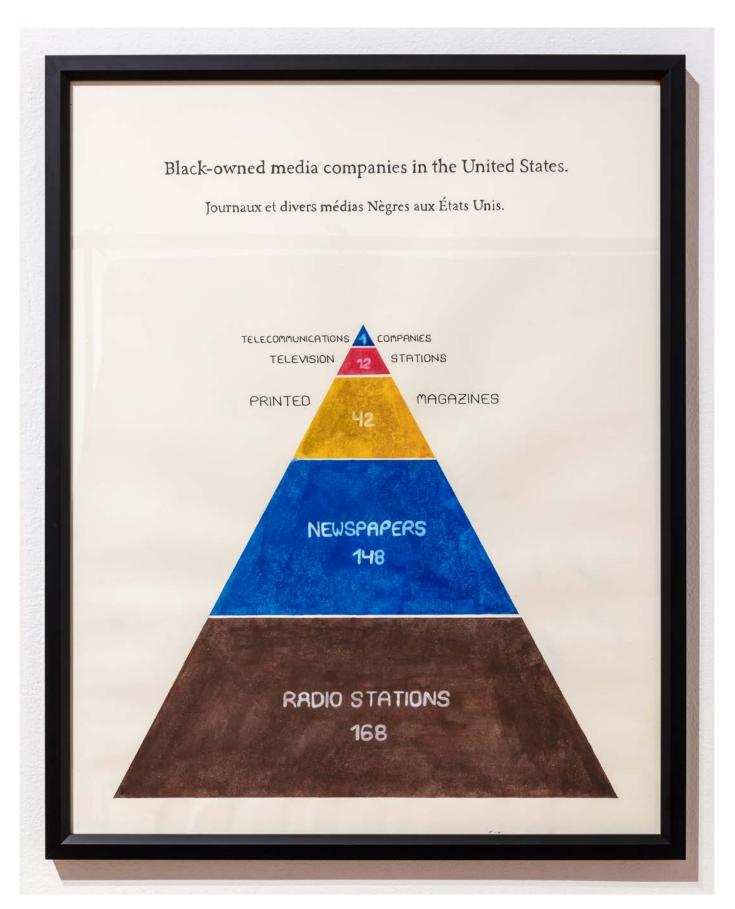
Occupations in which 500,000 or more Black Americans are engaged.



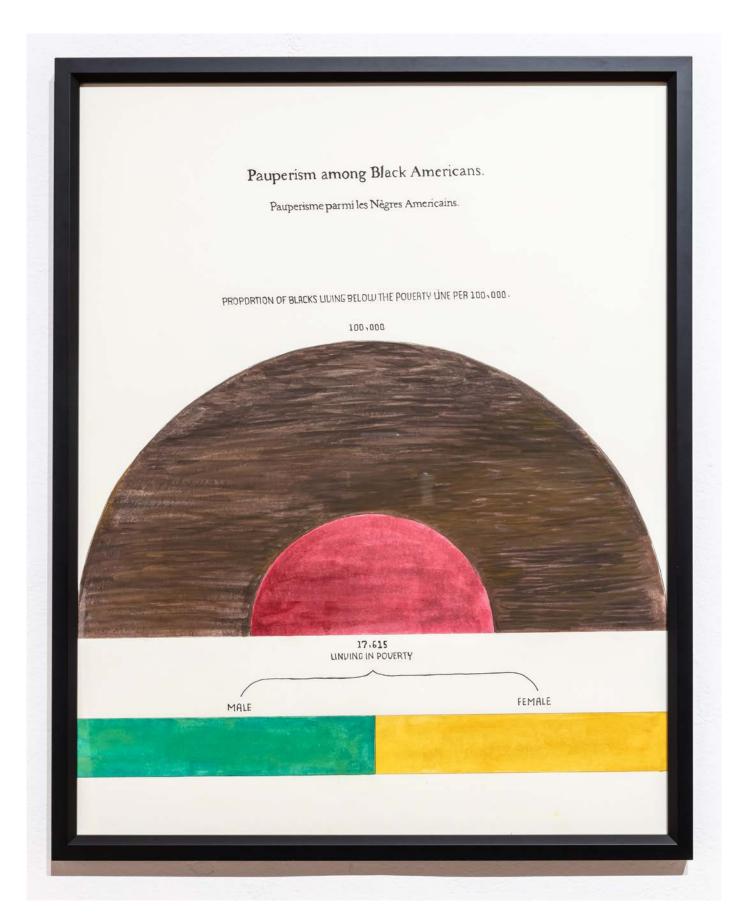
Occupations in which Black Americans are engaged.



Black professionals in the United States.



Black-owned media companies in the United States.



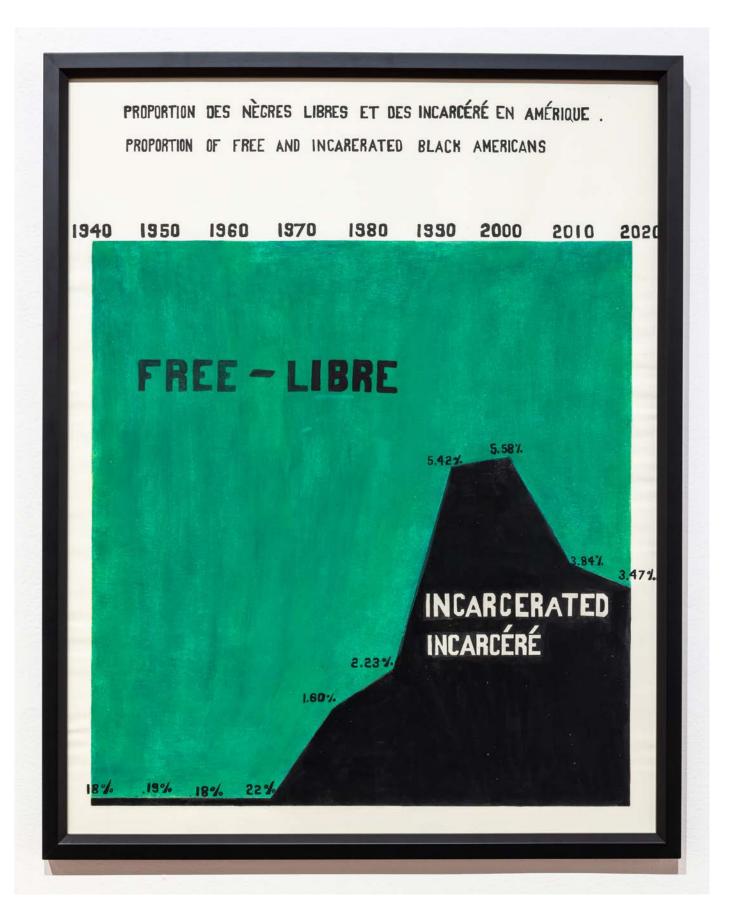
Pauperism among Black Americans.



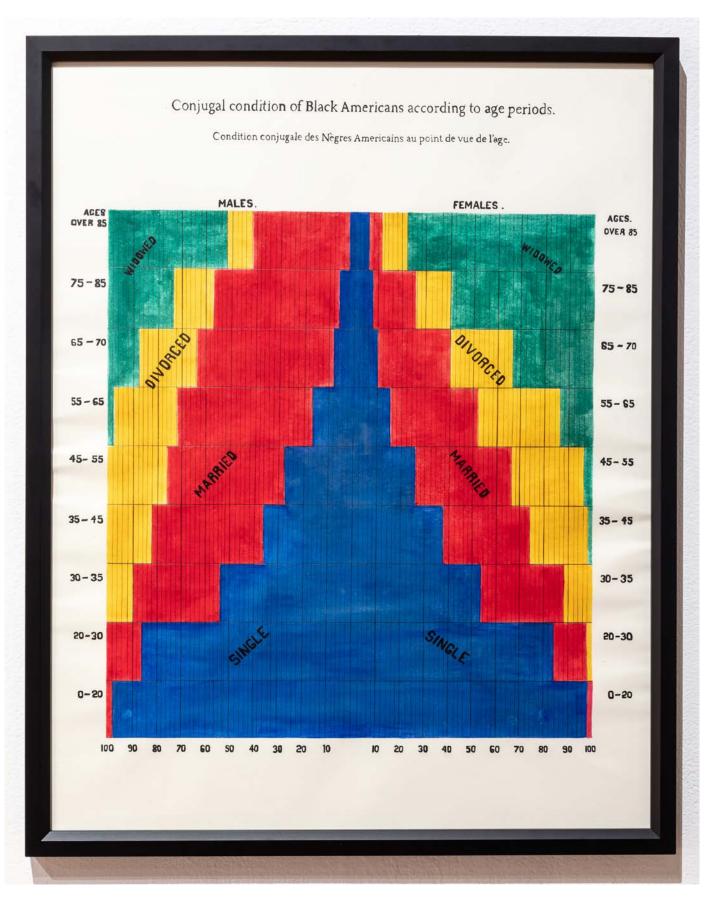
Crime among Black Americans.



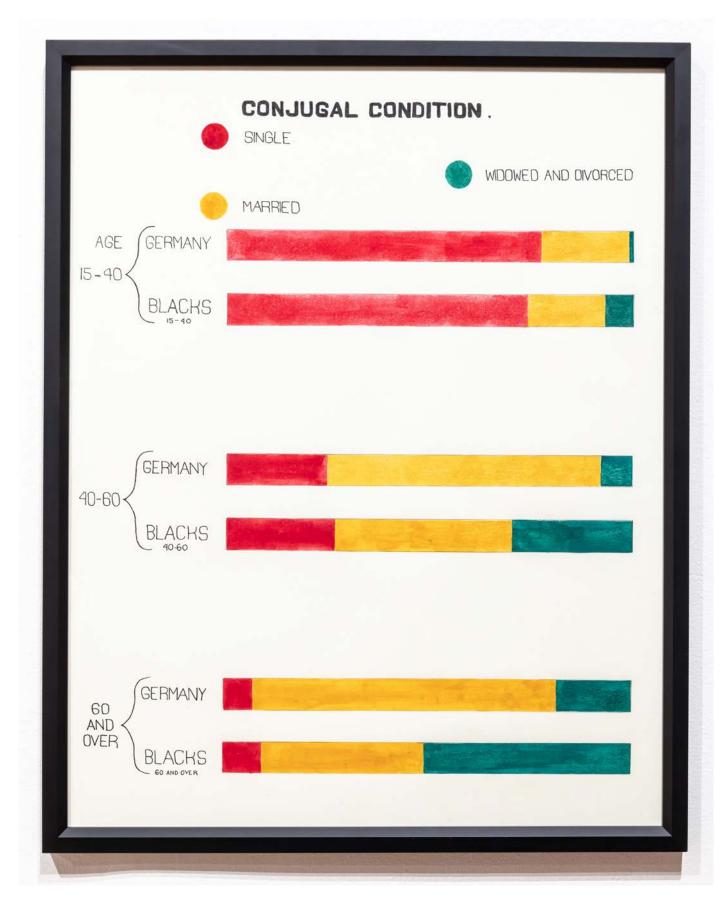
Free and incarcerated Black Americans.



Proportion of free and incarcerated Black Americans.

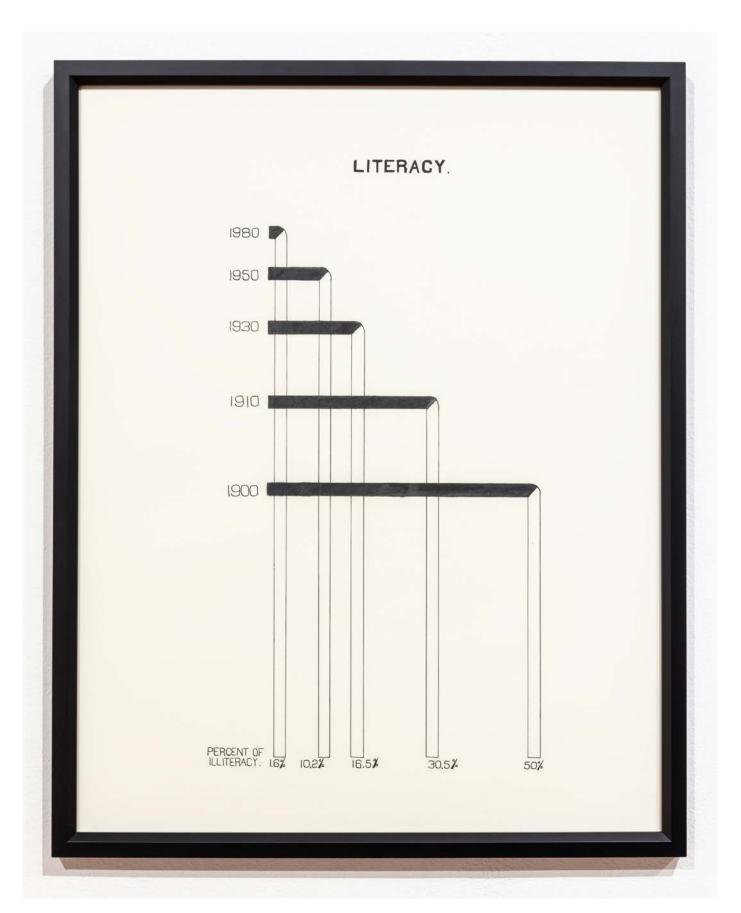


Conjugal condition of Black Americans according to age periods.





Religion of Black Americans.

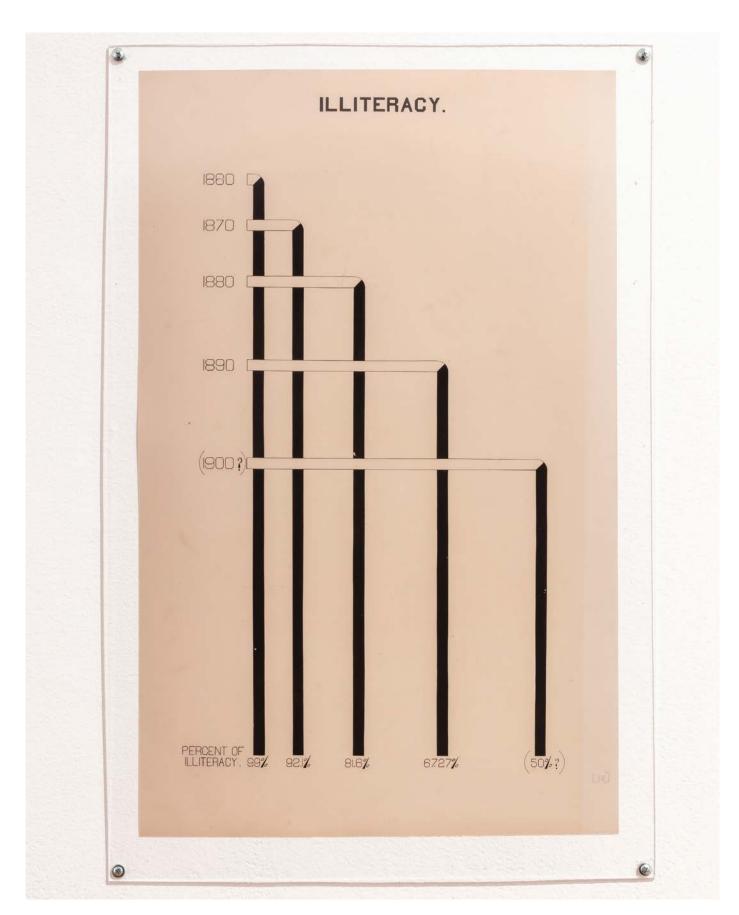


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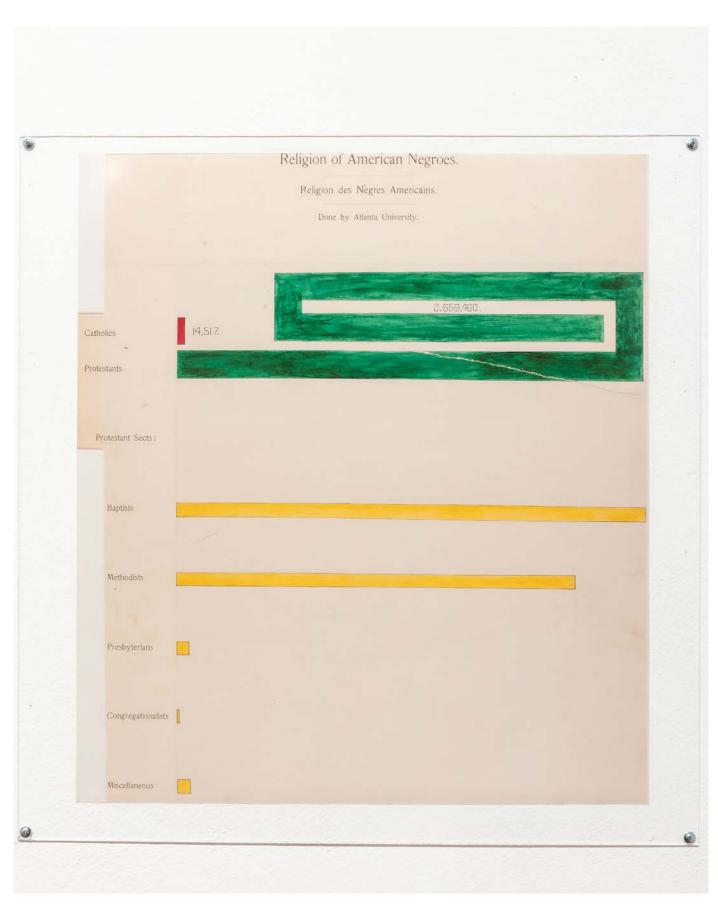
W.E.B. Du Bois

Charts and graphs showing the condition of African Americans at the turn of the century

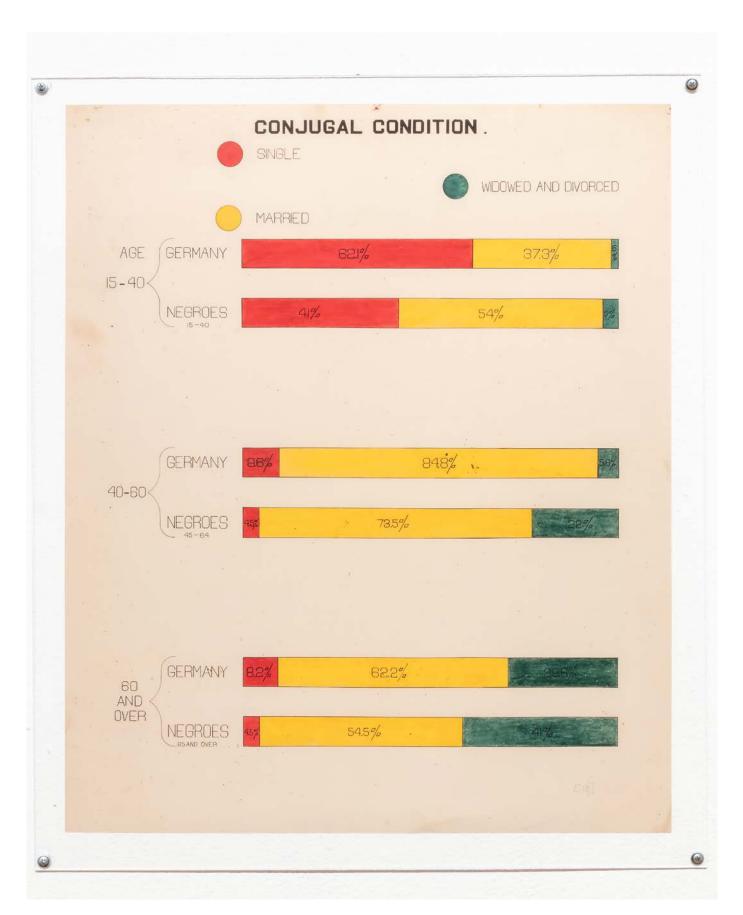
ink and watercolor on board (reproductions)



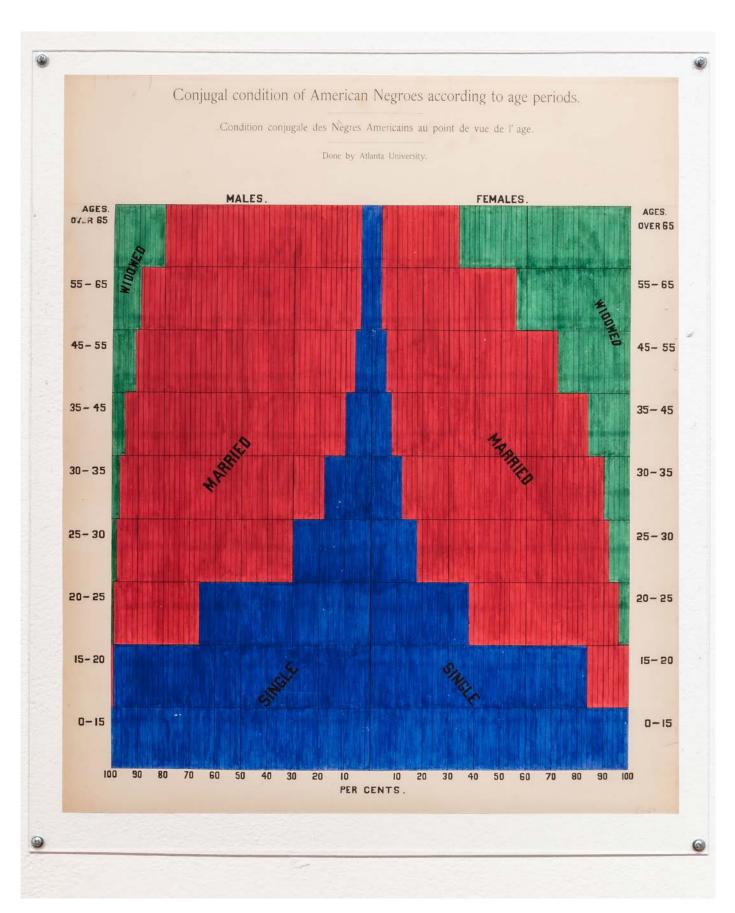
Illiteracy.



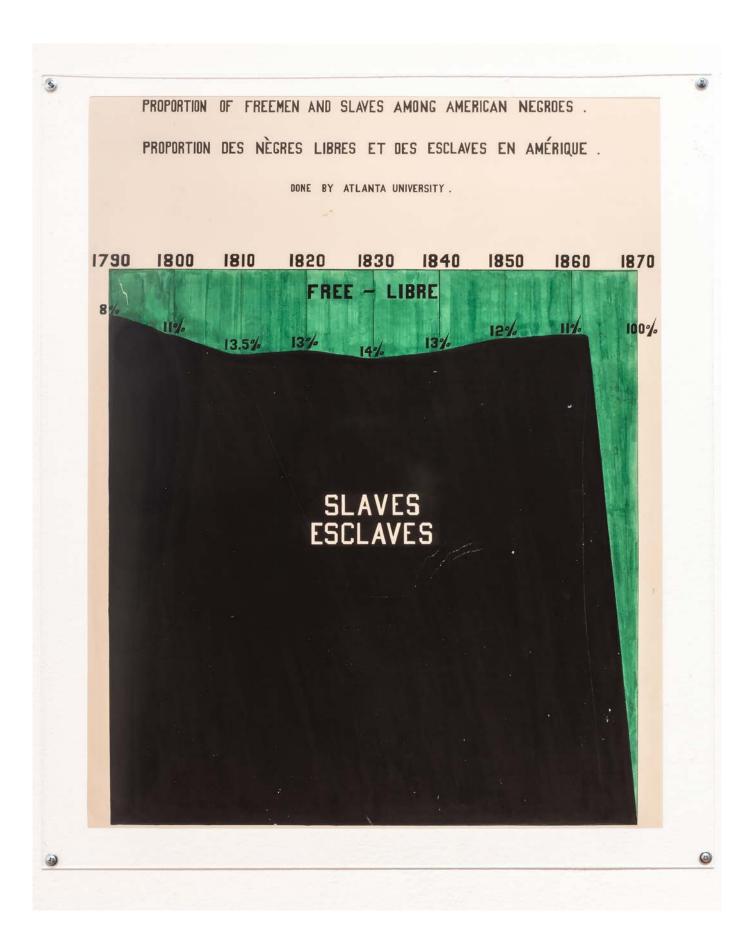
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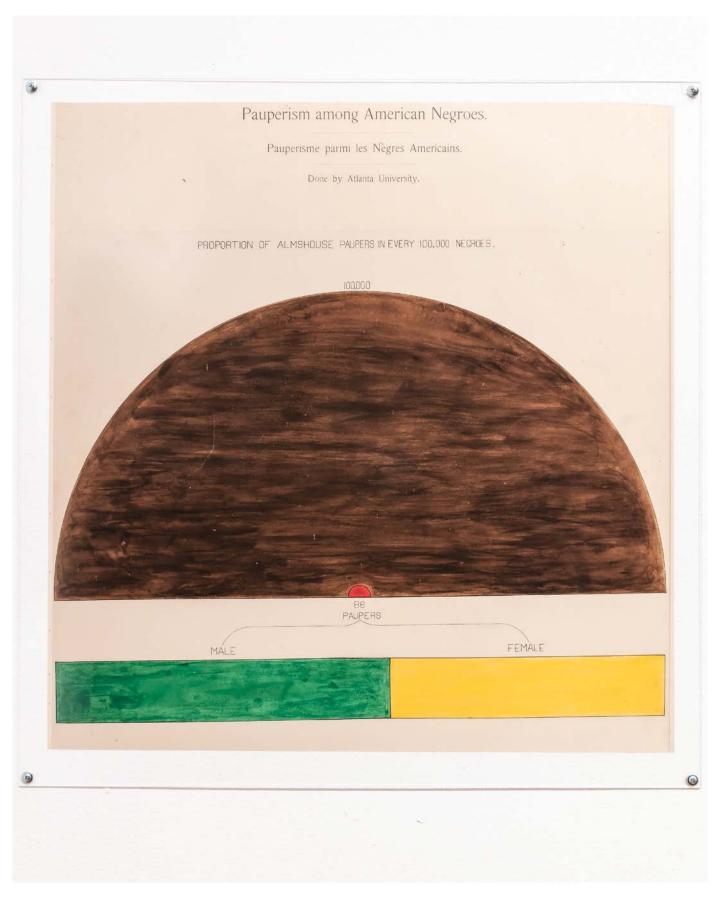
Proportion of freemen and slaves among American Negroes.



Slaves and free Negroes.



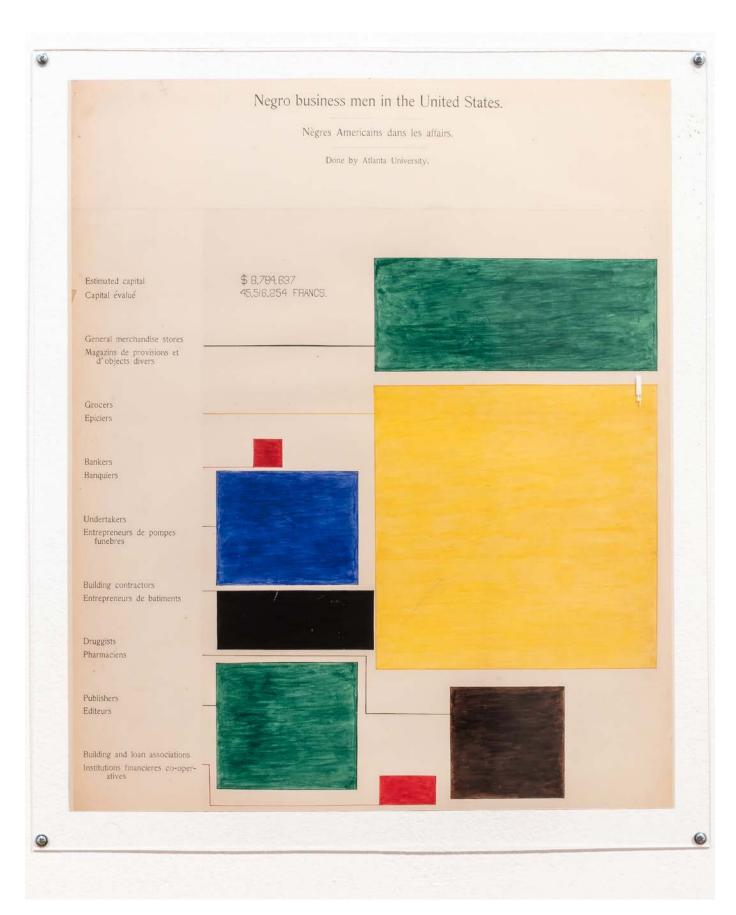
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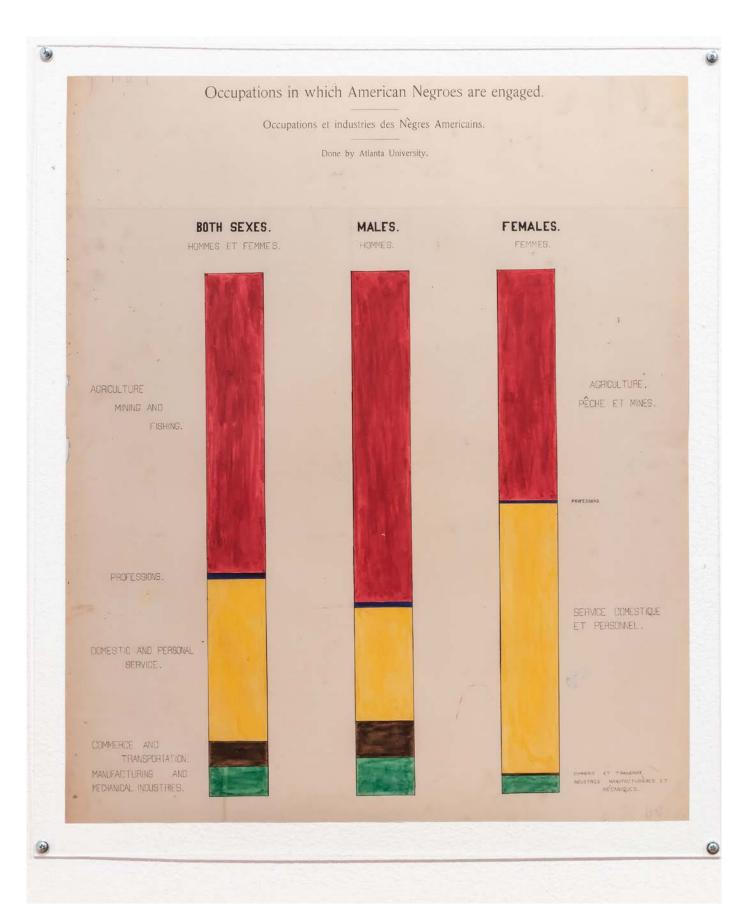
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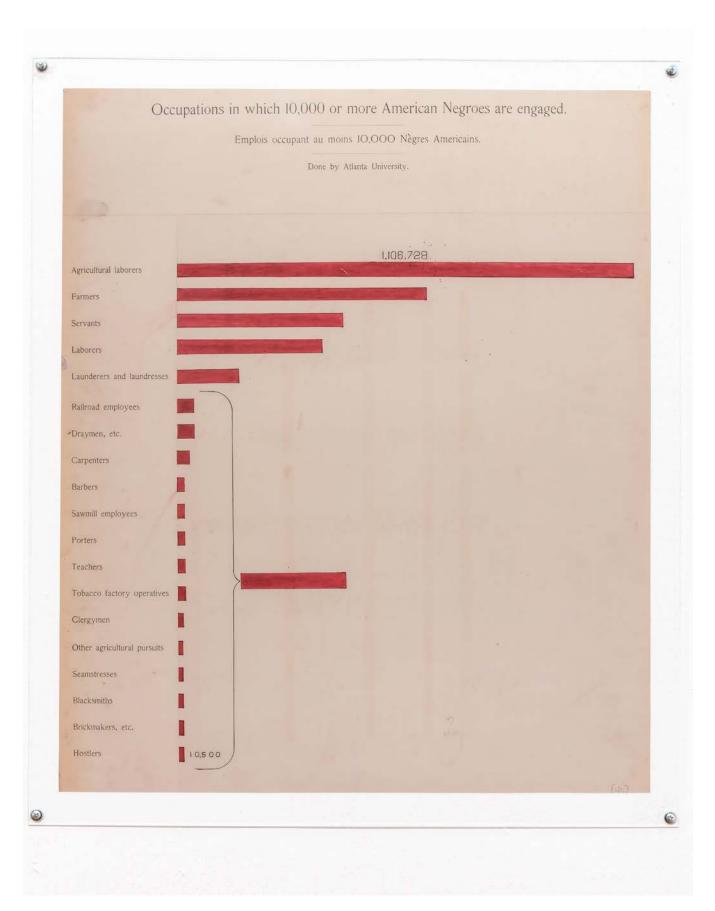
American Negro newspapers and periodicals.



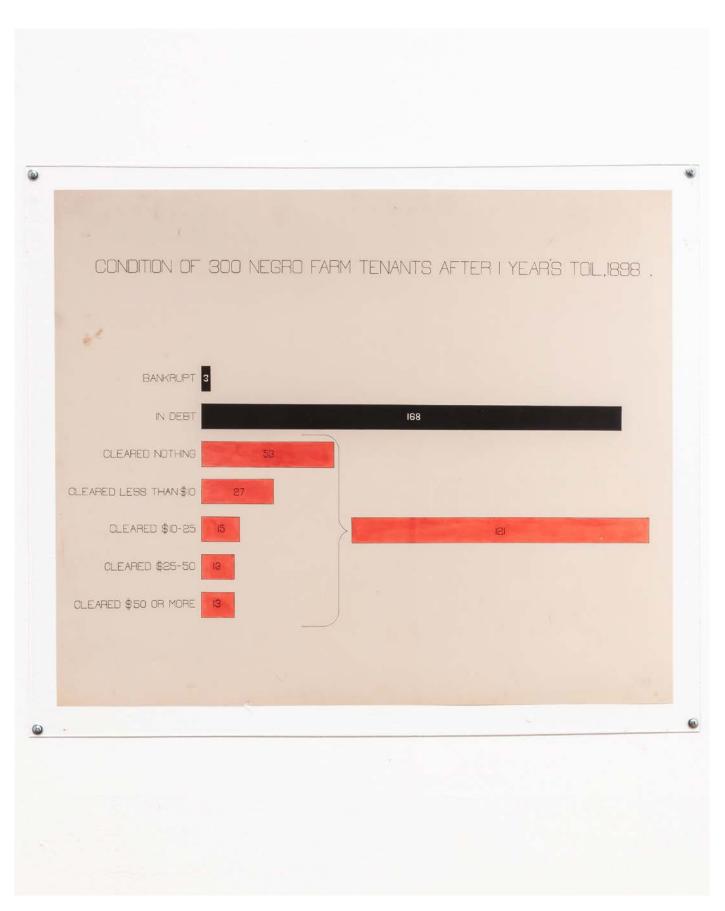
Negro business men in the United States.



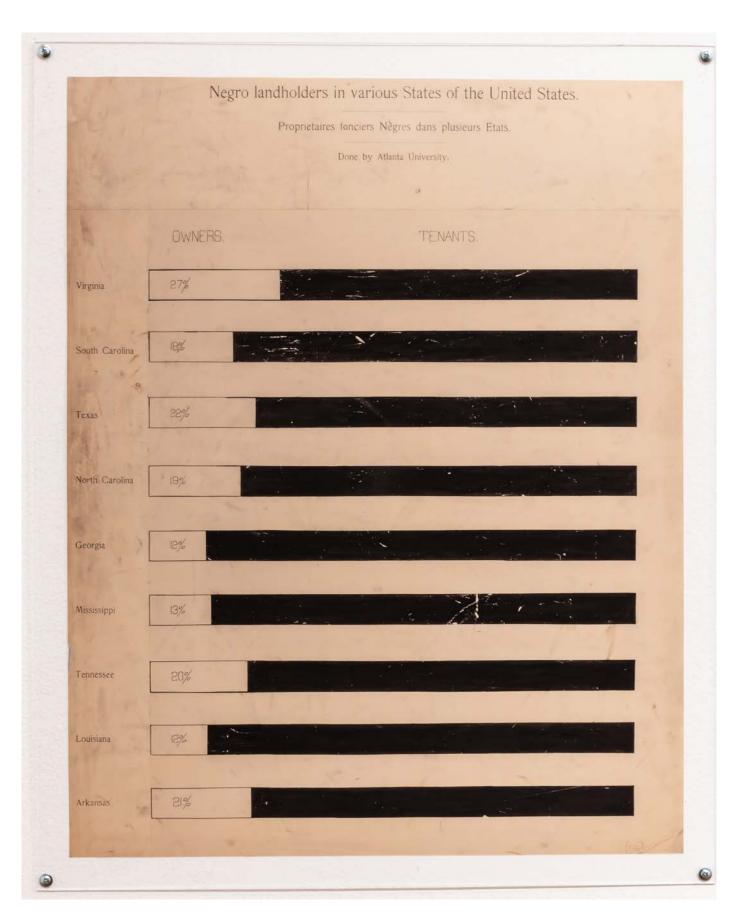
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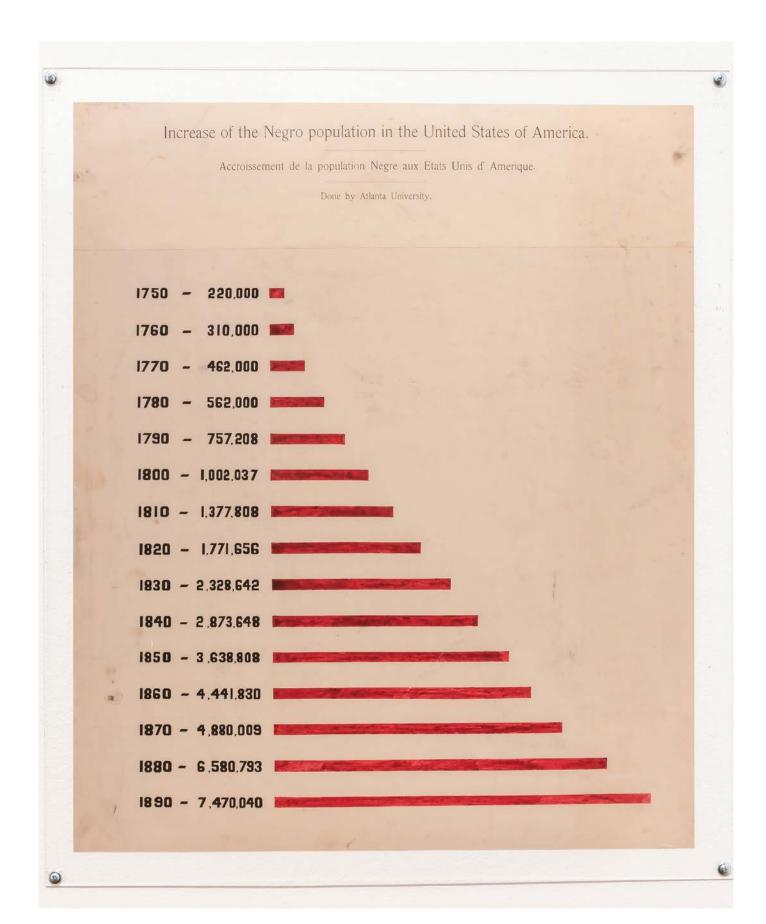
Occupations in which 10,000 or more American Negroes are engaged.



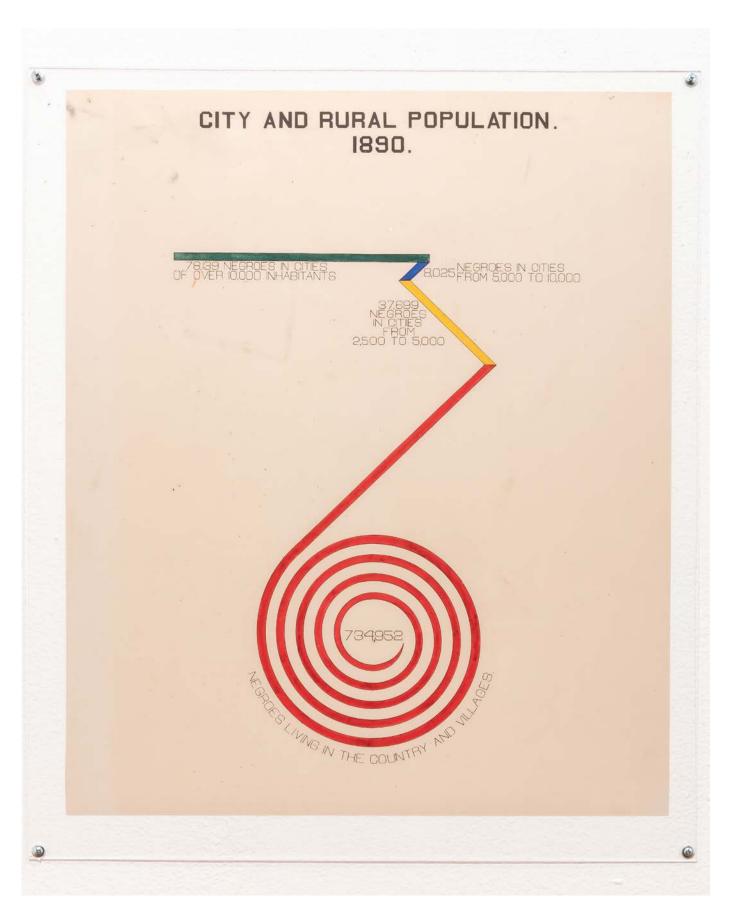
Condition of 300 Negro farm tenants after 1 year's toil, 1898.



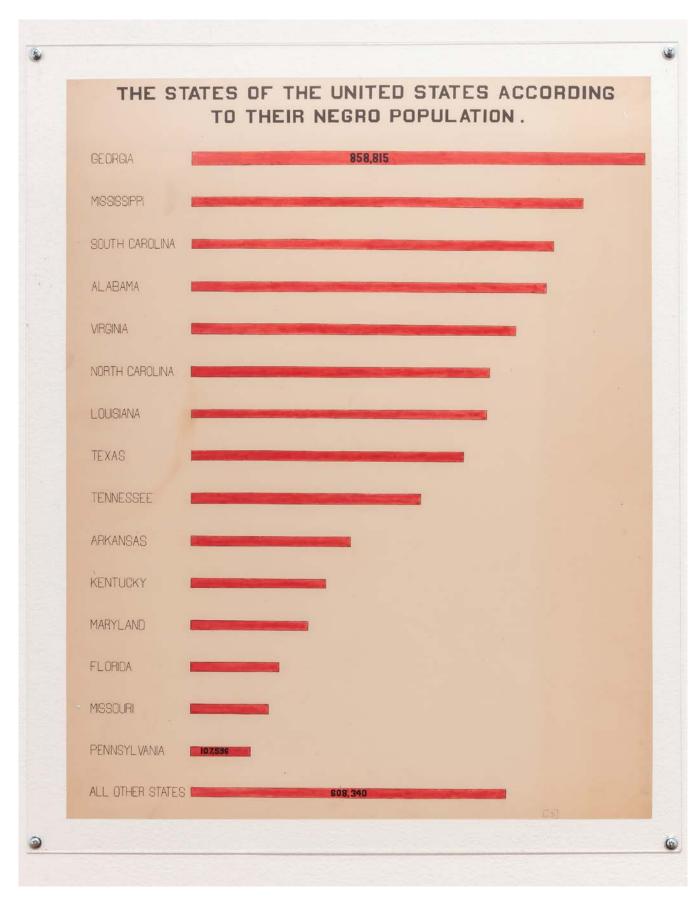
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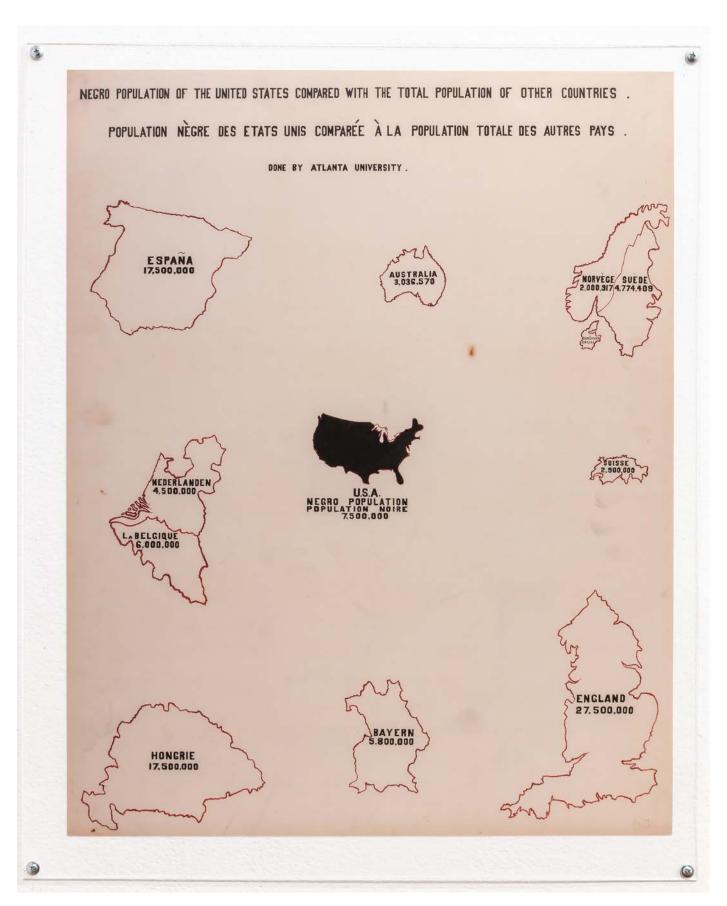


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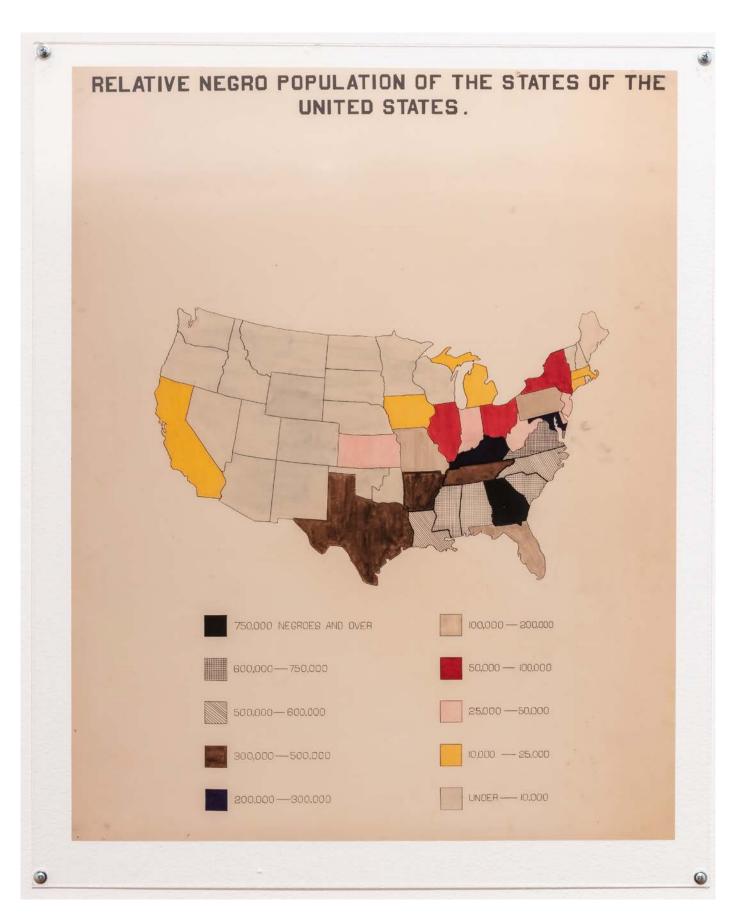


City and rural population. 1890.

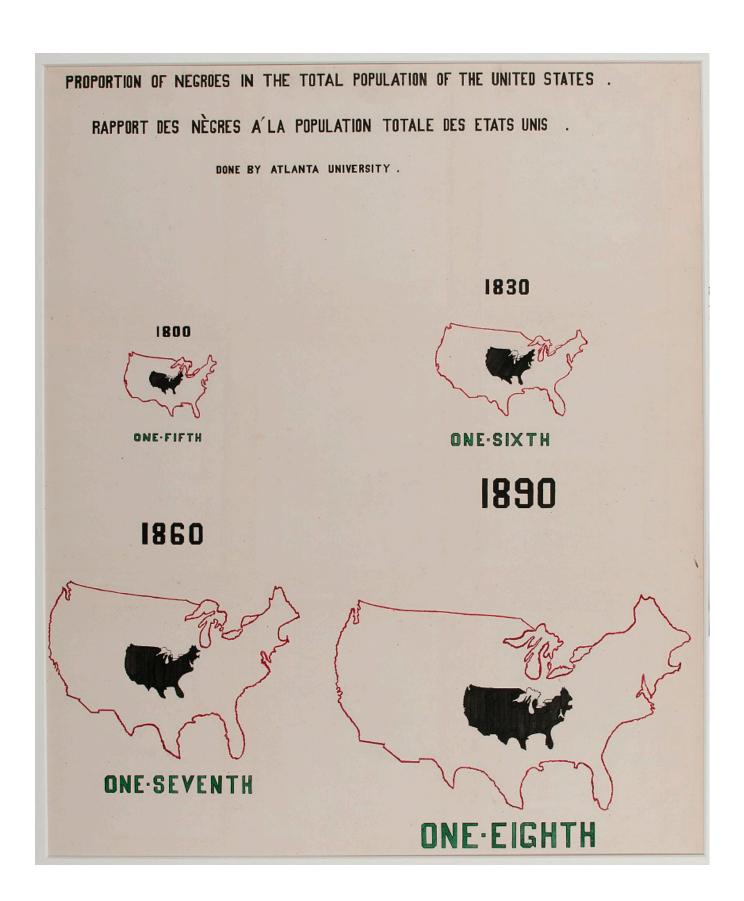




Negro population of the United States compared with the total population of other countries.



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