Resource #3. The Population of Charleston, South Carolina

These statistics describe the population in the city of Charleston and surrounding Charleston County in 1860. Look for what information you can gather about the African American population in this area.

Population by Color and Status, Charleston County, South Carolina, and Related Jurisdictions, 1860

	White		Enslaved		Free Black	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Charleston	23,376	58	13,909	34	3,237	8
Charleston Co.	29,188	42	37,290	53	3,622	5
South Carolina	291,300	41	402,406	57	9,914	1
All Slave States	9,144,762	66	3,953,696	32	319,960	2

Source: Figures from U.S. Census Office, 8th Census, Population of the United States in 1860 (Washington, 1864). Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Slaveholders and Slaveholding, Charleston County, South Carolina, and Related Jurisdictions, 1860

	Free Households	Slaveholders		Ave. Slave-holding	Owners of 20 or More Slaves	
		Number	% of Free H'seholds Owning Slaves		Number	% of H'seholds Owning 20+ Slaves
Charleston Co.	6,371	2,800	45	13	405	14
South Carolina	58,642	26,701	46	15	5,292	20
All Slave States	1,529,605	395,196	26	10	47,559	12

Source: Calculated from figures from U.S. Census Office, 8th Census, Population of the United States in 1860 (Washington, 1864).