

## The Role of the Average Immigrant during the Industrial Revolution

Using statistics is an excellent way to make a point about an issue or support an opinion. Statistics are data collected and organized to help identify effects and make predictions.

The two tables below are of two sets of data, *Manufacturing Companies* and *Immigrant Populations* both in the same year, 1870. Study the statistical information below, and then answer the questions that follow in the spaces provided.

<b>Manufacturing Establishments: Top Five States in 1870</b>	
State	Number of Manufacturing Establishments
Pennsylvania	37,200
New York	36,206
Ohio	22,773
Massachusetts	13,212
Illinois	12,597

<b>Foreign-Born Population: Top Six States in 1870</b>	
State	Number of Foreign-Born Residents
New York	1,138,353
Pennsylvania	543,309
Illinois	515,198
Ohio	372,493
Wisconsin	364,499
Massachusetts	353,319

1. What information do these two tables provide?

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2. What correlation do you see between the statistics in the two tables?

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3. What conclusions can you draw from this correlation?

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