

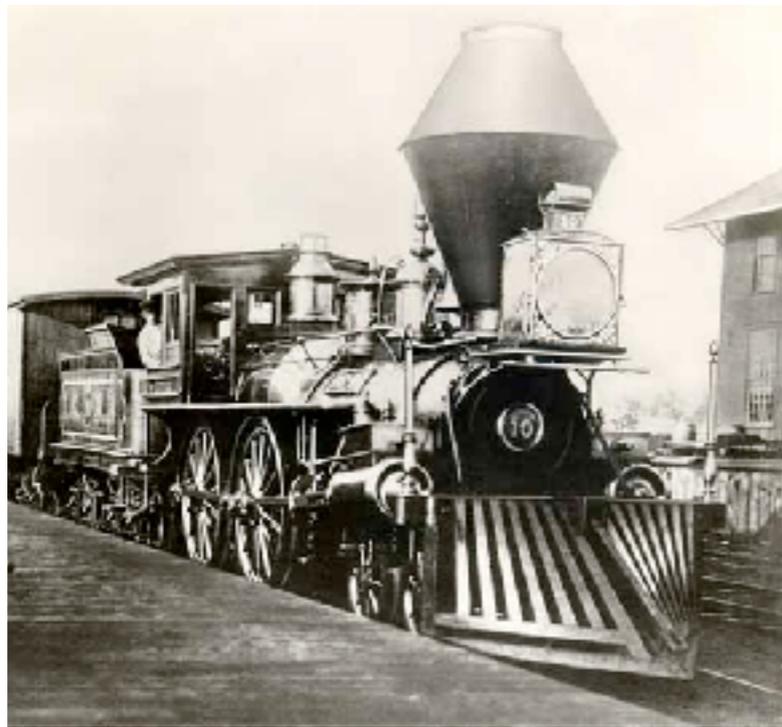
Civil War

Strengths & Weaknesses of the
Union and Confederacy



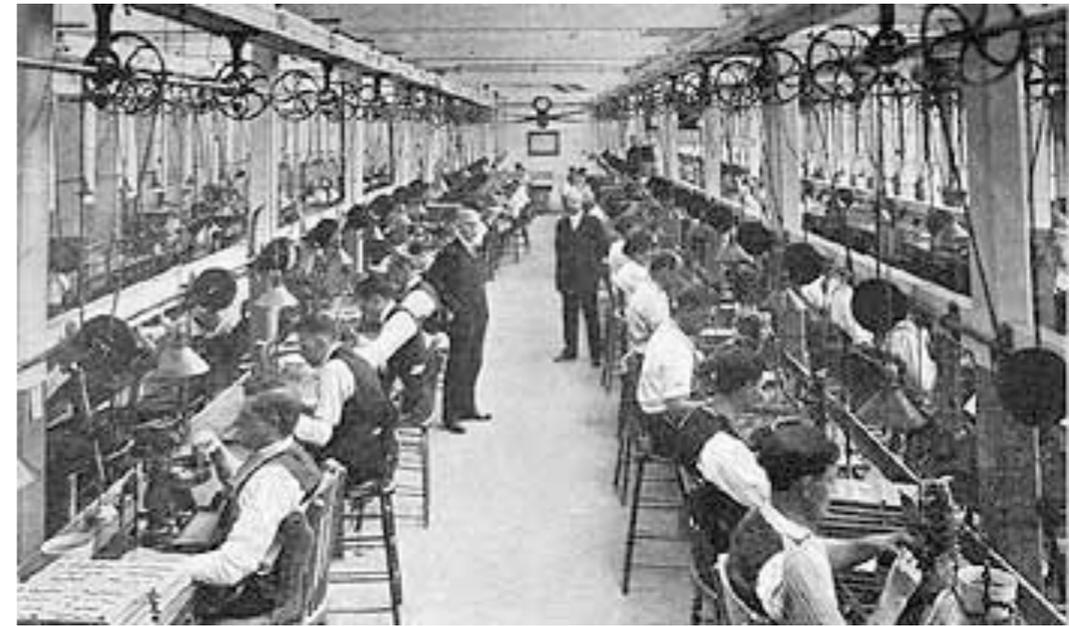
STRENGTHS

Railroads



The North has developed a dependence on the railroad. 20,000 miles of interconnected rail line is critical in transporting goods across the region.

Factories



Due to the North being an Industrial society, they are capable of manufacturing goods needed during wartime.

Union

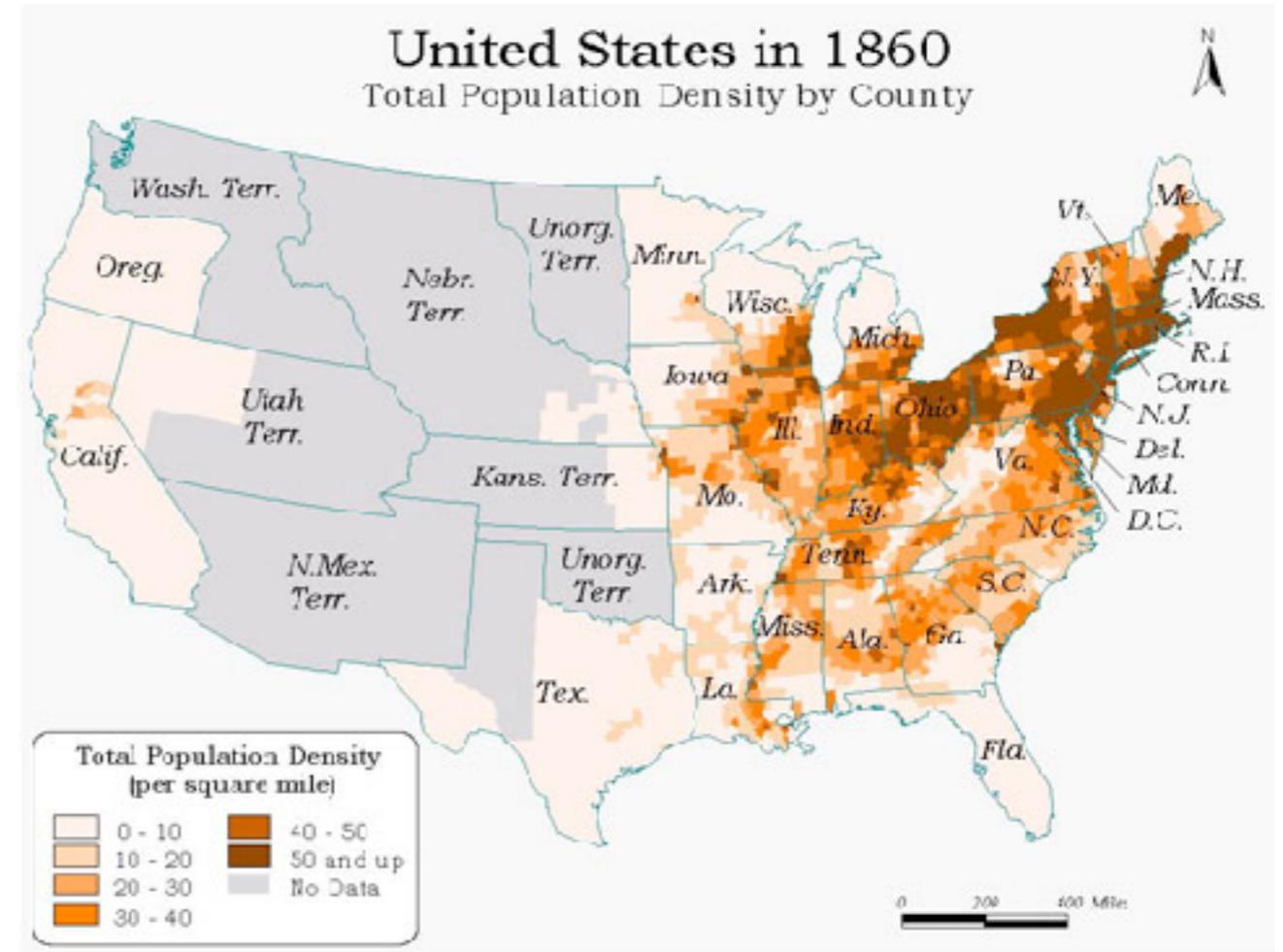
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Navy



The North has a developed Navy due to being an established nation. This also includes a large fleet of trading ships.

Population



With more cities being in the North, more people live in the region. 22.3 million people live in the North.

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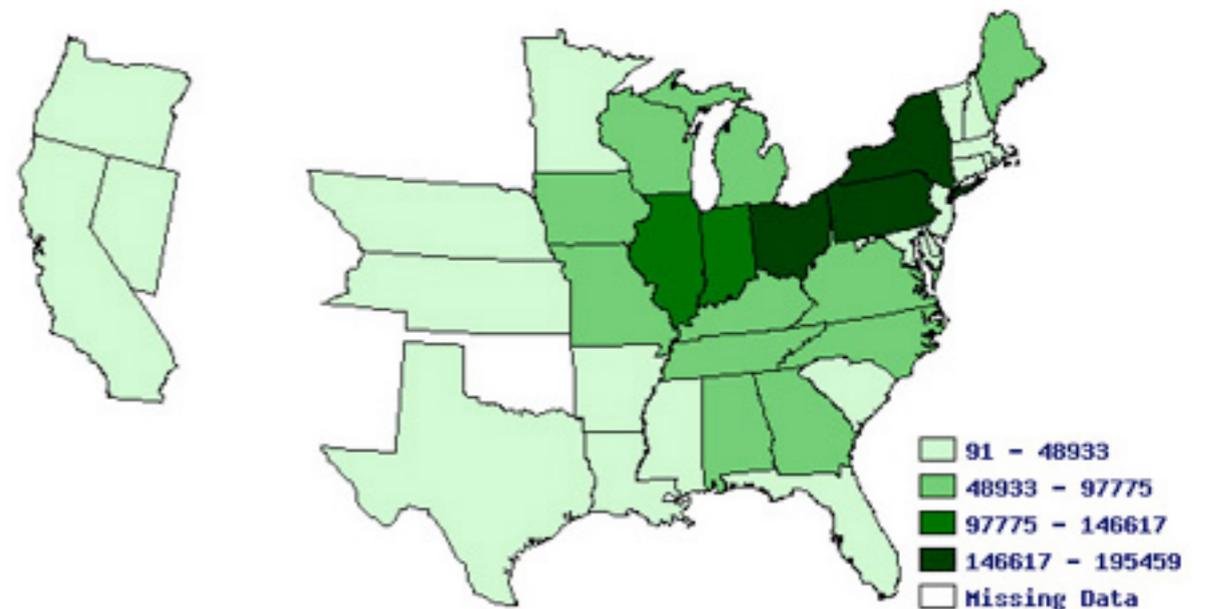
Government Structure



The North is a developed society with complete, established government.

Farming

Total Farms in U.S. (1860)



Though the South is known for agriculture, the North has more farmland and consumable crops that will support the military.

WEAKNESSES

Leadership



The North lacked the best military leaders. The majority of the nation's military officers with experience lived in the South.

Poorly Trained



Many men in the North worked in the Industrial society therefore did not have significant military training.

Union

WEAKNESSES

Location of Capital



The capital of the North was Washington DC which bordered the South and was located about a 100 miles from the Southern capital.

Geography

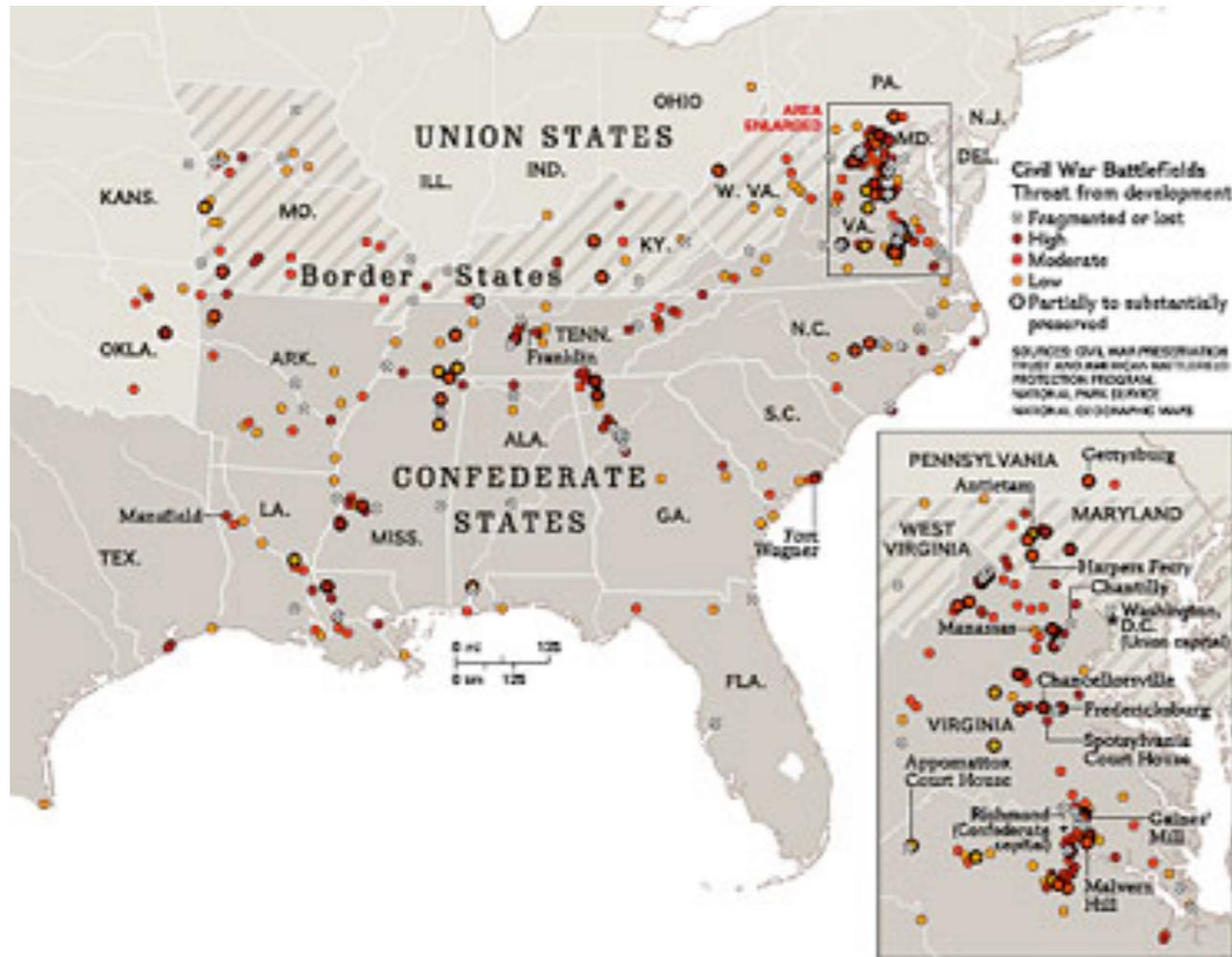


The North needed to conquer the South in order to bring it back to the Union. Therefore, the war was fought on Southern soil. They were unfamiliar with the land.

Confederate

STRENGTHS

Local Geography



The South is fighting on their home soil and therefore more comfortable and familiar with the land.

Rural Lifestyle



Hunting is an important part of life in the South. Effective use of guns and horse are learned early on.

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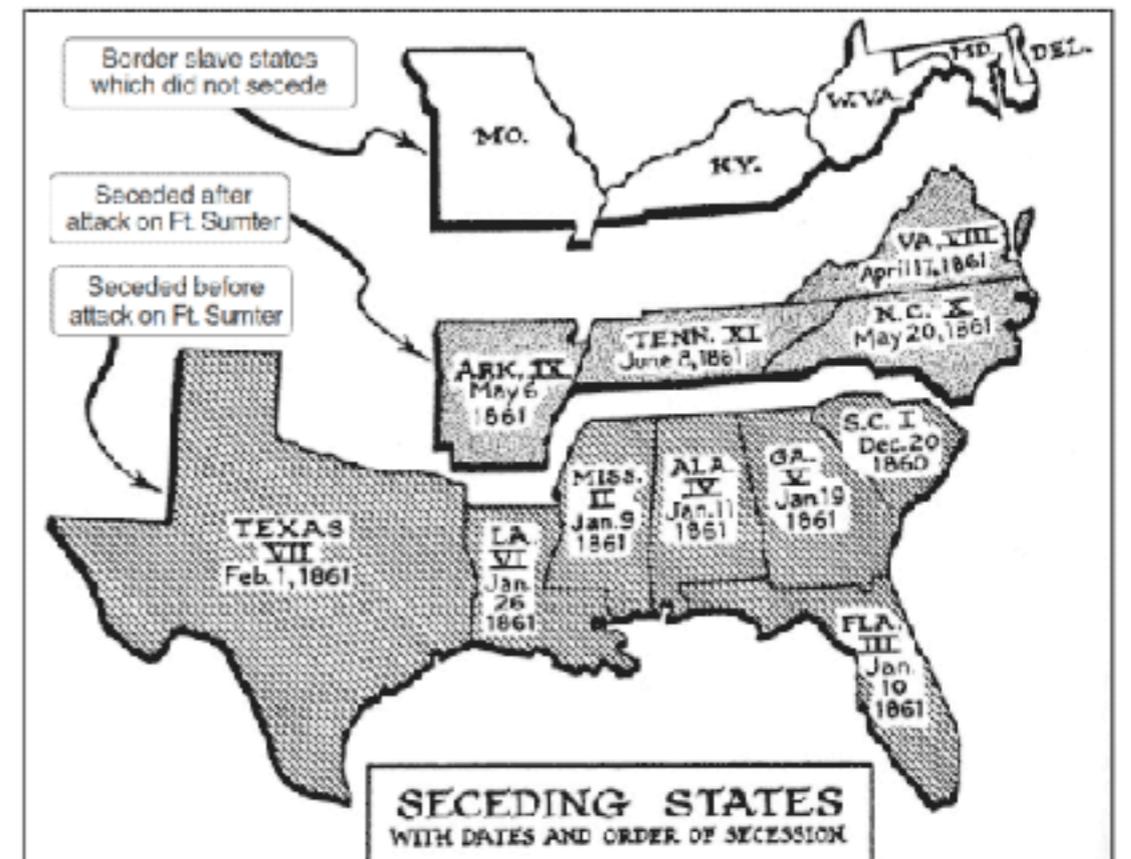
STRENGTHS

Well Trained



Many young men in the South attended military school as a way to gain recognition and find success.

Motivation



Source: Kennedy and Bailey, eds., *The American Spirit, Volume I: To 1877*, Houghton Mifflin, 2002 (adapted)

Southerners believe that secession is justified. They are essentially fighting for their freedom.

WEAKNESSES

Lack of Railroad



The Southern railroads did not connect throughout the region. Leading to a lack of goods being supplied to various parts of the South.

Lack of Industry

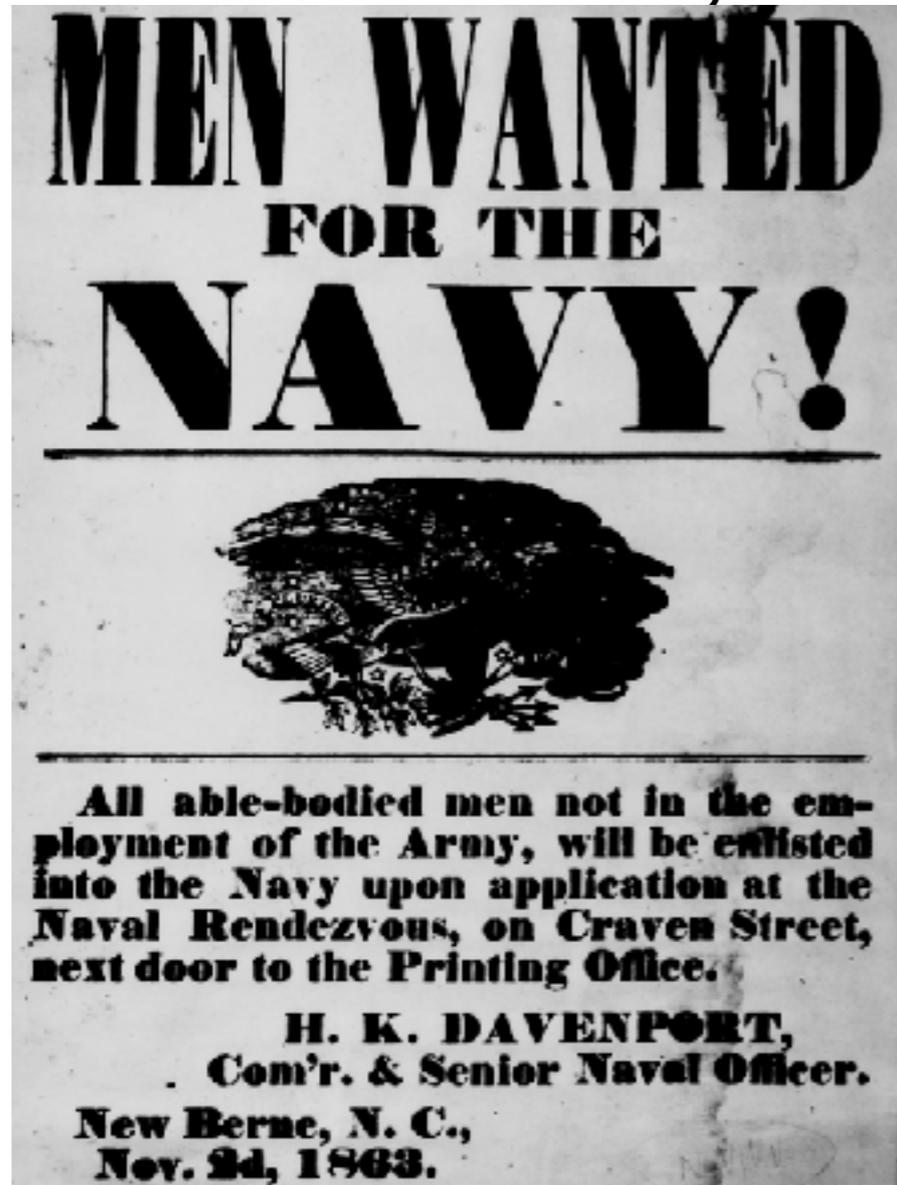


The South did not have the ability to manufacture goods needed during wartime.

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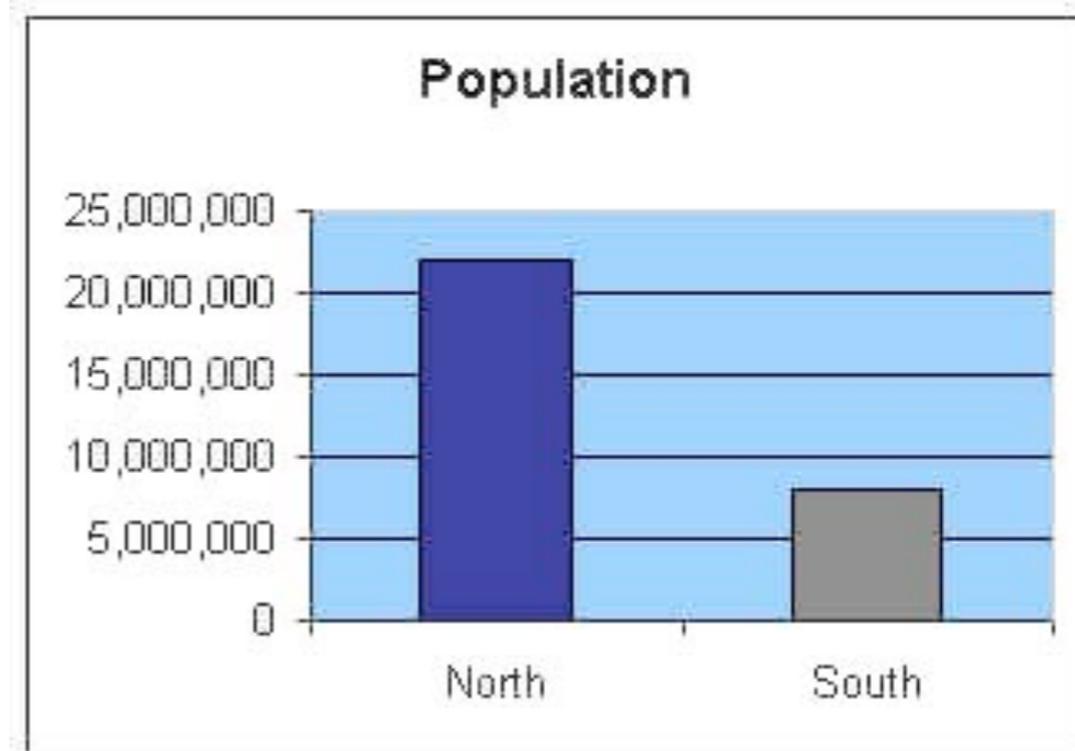
WEAKNESSES

Lack of Navy



The South lacks a formal navy.

Population



There are less people to fight in the South. 9 million are free with 3.9 million slaves.

Confederate

WEAKNESSES

Government Structure



The South did not have an established national government. They favored state's rights over federal control.

Economy



The South lacks financial support as a nation due to its lack of industry and infrastructure