



The Size & Scale of Andersonville

(1): How many prisoners died in the month of August? You can use the chart “Daily Returns, August 1864” and add the number of deaths for each day.

(2): What was the total square footage of Andersonville Prison before it was expanded? And after?

* 1 acre = 43,560 square feet.

Before expansion – 16 acres, after expansion – 26.5 acres.

(3): What fraction of the total prison population tried to escape during August? Express your answer as both a fraction and percent. To calculate attempted escapes, use the “Daily Returns, August 1864”

- Divide the number of escapes by the number of total prisoners on hand in August.
- Multiply the number found in step “a” by 100 to get the percentage.

(4): What fraction of escape attempts was successful? What percent?

Students can use the chart labeled “Daily Returns, August 1864”

A successful escape is defined as a prisoner that escapes but avoids recapture.

- To calculate the successful escapes, add the number of recaptured prisoners, and subtract these from the total number of escapes.
- Divide the number of successful escapes by the number of attempted escapes.
- Multiply the number found in step “b” by 100 to get the percentage of escapes that were successful.

Andersonville Prison, as it appeared in August of 1864
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