

Table 1
Total population by regions, 1500-2000

	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000
Mexico	13108000	2522150	2300265	5510312	13607259	97361711
1 Texas-New Mexico			23000	34087		
2 Baja California			46600	17923	47624	2911216
3 North	1380000	955900	272300	431245	2210382	19030895
4 Center-North		57700	58615	1348326	3653157	17511804
5 Center	10000000	1250000	1606000	2587476	5830636	45446567
6 Oaxaca				495267	948633	3432180
7 Yucatan	1128000	156300	206250	436817	396194	3219167
8 Chiapas	600000	102250	87500	159171	520633	5809882
Central America	5913556	320000	520300	1055262	3883000	36118000
9 Belice	400000			1262	37000	242000
10 Guatemala	2000000	165000	300000	393000	1430000	11385000
11 El Salvador	750000	60000	105000	239000	943000	6276000
12 Honduras	800000	35000	25000	143000	529000	6485000
13 Nicaragua	763556	20000	35000	160000	429000	5074000
14 Costa Rica	400000	15000	15000	49000	288000	3800000
15 Panama	800000	25000	40300	70000	227000	2856000
Caribbean	716000	34000	226156	1766527	6825000	36026000
16 Antigua and Barbuda			5000	40587	5000	68000
17 Bahamas				8276	54000	310000
18 Barbados			60000	93385	196000	259000
19 Cuba	370000	20000	50000	350000	1630000	11139000
20 Dominica				13598	29000	76000
21 Dominican Republic	250000	6000	8000	100000	510000	8443000
22 Grenada				21631	63000	98000
23 Guadeloupe			11000	89479	182000	449000
24 Haiti			10000	420000	1770000	6423000
25 Jamaica	36000		48500	261864	750000	2609000
26 Martinique			16500	48004	208000	408000
27 Montserrat			3775	8442		
28 Netherlands Antilles				81875	60000	221000
29 Puerto Rico	30000	8000	6000	150000	950000	3916000
30 St. Kitts-Nevis			7381	16129	46000	43000
31 Saint Lucia				16056	50000	157000
32 St. Vincent and the Grenadines				18682	48000	112000
33 Trinidad and Tobago				21123	274000	1295000
34 Virgin Islands				7395		
35 Lesser Antilles and Bahamas	30000					

Sources: Gerhard, Peter. 1982. Gerhard, Peter. 1979. Livi-Bacci, Massimo. (forthcoming). Denevan, William M. 1992. Engerman, Stanley L. 2000. Pérez-Brignoli, Héctor. 1997. CELADE. 1997. McCaa. 1993.

Table 2
Indian population of Central America, 1520-2000

A. Indian population on the eve of the Spanish conquest

	Regions	Population Source
1	Chiapa (1511)	275000 Gerhard.1979
2	Soconusco (1511)	80000 Gerhard.1979
3	Belice y Petén	400000 Bolland.1986
	GUATEMALA (1520)	
4	Northwestern	260000 Lovell.1985
5	Verapaz	208000 MacLeod.1973
6	Northeastern	17500 Thompson.1966
7	Southeastern	33000 Feldman. 1980
8	Totonicapán	105000 Veblen. 1982
9	Center-South (Quichés)	823000 Carmack & Veblen. 1982
10	Center-South (Cakchiqueles)	250000 Lovell & Lutz. 1995
11	Center-eastern (Pokomames)	58000 Miles. 1983
12	Center-eastern (Chortíes)	120000 Thompson.1966
13	Atitlán (Tzutujiles)	72000 Madigan.1976; Orellana.1984
14	Southeastern (Pipiles)	100000 Fowler.1989
	EL SALVADOR (1519)	
15	Western of River Lempa	450000 Fowler.1988
16	Eastern of River Lempa	300000 Fowler.1988
	HONDURAS (1524)	
17	Western and center	600000 Newson.1986
18	Eastern	200000 Newson.1986
	NICARAGUA (1524)	
19	Western	546570 Newson.1987
20	Center	178838 Newson.1987
21	Mosquitia	38148 Newson.1987
22	Nicoya	62692 Newson.1987
23	COSTA RICA (without Nicoya)	337308 Denevan.1992
	PANAMA	
24	Western	400000 Denevan.1992
25	Eastern	400000 Denevan.1992
	Total	

Table 2
B. Indian population, 1550-2000

Regions	1550	1580	1680	1800	1900	2000
1 Chiapa	125100	99800	55823		130000	926570
1a Ciudad Real				50115		
1b Tuxtla				17186		
2a Soconusco	7000	6630	3417	5105		
2b Belice						24000
3 Verapaz	52000	15000	16466	54192	140523	926870
4 Altiplano Guatemalteco	323000	207000				
4a Totonicapán			19511	61670	273891	1513458
4b Quezaltenango			11373	25162	150611	846187
4c Sololá			21777	28277	64968	306411
5 Suchitepéquez			17544	13219	42646	352263
6 Valley of Guatemala	31000	11000	63823	89096	137652	801354
7 Escuintla	9000	2700	13442	14984	34768	69222
8 Chiquimula	12000	3300	9020	36937	84942	307637
9 Sonsonate	14000	7840	6273	16495	131433	
10 San Salvador	45000	25200	8124	56627	57444	
11 San Miguel	30000	16800	2477	9888	124	10000
12 Gracias	21000	8845	3876	17330	37208	3000
13 San Pedro Sula & Tencoá		2375	1362	2791	7386	70000
14 Comayagua	12000	8615	3264	3740	16676	50000
15 Olancho	8000	5695	1005	2530	20141	40000
16 Tegucigalpa & Choluteca		3315	2834	6513	29589	
17 León	29000	6001	8950	8297	4744	
18 Nueva Segovia		776	2648	3205	37825	
19 Matagalpa		1562	5903	15612	40324	
20 Granada	25000	7355	9795	17022	50108	
21 Mosquitia					15000	100000
22 Nicoya	3300	1800	532	488		
23 Costa Rica	120000	54000				
23a Central Valley			1545	1575		
23b Térraba & Boruca			73			20000
23c Talamanca					3000	30000
24 Veragua		400	1320	11058	35071	50000
25 Panamá	800	100	1470	7660		
26 Darién		130		556	10929	50000
Total	867200	496239	293647	577330	1557003	6496972

Source : Revised calculation after Perez Brignoli, Hector. 1997.

Table 3
Socio-racial composition of the population of Mexico, 1568-2000

A. After Cook and Borah
1568-1570 (%)

Areas	Spaniards	Mestizos	Pardos	Indians	Total
I	2	0	1	97	100
II	2	0	1	97	100
III	8	0	2	90	100

I= Bishopric of Mexico, Tlaxcala and Antequera (Oaxaca)

II= Bishopric of Michoacan

III= Bishopric of Guadalajara or Nueva Galicia

Source : Cook and Borah. 1978, p. 199.

1646 (%)

Areas	Spaniards	Mestizos	Pardos	Indians	Total
I	8	1	4	87	100
II	8	1	6	85	100
III	13	1	6	80	100

Areas as in previous table

Source. Cook and Borah. 1978, pp. 199-200.

1742-46(%)

Areas	Spaniards	Mestizos	Pardos	Indians	Total
Centro-altiplano	7	7	3	83	100
Centro-costas	2	1	19	78	100
Oeste	16	12	10	62	100
Norte	17	19	13	51	100

Proportions of the total of families. Indians were calculated as a residual.

Cook and Borah. 1978, pp. 203-204.

1777(%)

Areas	Spaniards	Mestizos	Pardos	Indians	Total
Centro-altiplano	4	8	3	85	100
Centro-costas	2	2	23	73	100
Oeste	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Norte	18	11	46	25	100

The North includes data only for Durango

Cook and Borah. 1978, pp. 210-212.

1789-93(%)

Areas	Spaniards	Mestizos	Pardos	Indians	Total
Centro-altiplano	13	11	5	71	100
Centro-costas	10 n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	74	100
Oeste	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Norte	11	4	63	22	100

For the sake of comparisons this table includes data restricted to certain jurisdictions. The North includes data only for Durango.

Centro-altiplano=provincia de Mexico

Centro-costas= 3 jurisdictions

Cook and Borah. 1978, pp. 215-217.

B. After Aguirre Beltrán
(%)

	Europeans	Africans	Indians	Euro- mestizos	Afro- mestizos	Indo- mestizos	Total
1570	0.2	0.6	98.7	0.3	0.07	0.07	100
1646	0.8	2.0	74.6	9.8	6.8	6.0	100
1742	0.4	0.8	62.2	15.8	10.8	10.0	100
1793	0.2	0.1	61.0	17.8	9.6	11.2	100
1810	0.2	0.1	60.0	17.9	10.1	11.5	100

Source. Aguirre Beltrán, Gonzalo. La población negra de México. Estudio etnohistórico. México DF, F.C.E. 1989 (3rd ed.), p. 234

C. After Rosemblat (based on estimates of Humboldt), c.1825.
(%)

Area	Whites	Castas*	Indians	Total
Mexico	18	28	54	100

*Includes blacks, mulattos and all castas with Afro-American mixing.

Source: Rosenblat. 1954, I, p.37.

D. Percentage of people speaking Indian languages, 1900 and 1980

Regions	1900	1980
Lower California	2	2
North	3	2
Center-North	2	3
Center	18	7
South	48	29
Total	15	8

% of total population

Sources: Calculated from census data.

Table 4
Socio-racial Composition of the population of Central America, 1778 and 1900.

1778

(%)

	Spaniards	Ladinos*	Indians	Black Slaves
Guatemala	6	17	78	n.a.
El Salvador	4	44	52	n.a.
Honduras	6	60	34	n.a.
Nicaragua	6	41	53	n.a.
Costa Rica	7	85	8	n.a.
Panama	15	56°	23	6

* Ladinos includes mestizos, mulattos and all categories of mixed “castas”

° “Libres de todos los colores”, Free people of all colors.

Sources: Padrones of the Bourbon Census of 1778. Luján Muñoz, 1990.

1900

Percentage of Indian population

Guatemala	65%
El Salvador	20%
Honduras	21%
Nicaragua	31%
Costa Rica	1%
Panama	14%
Total	36%

Source. Baires. 1989, pp. 86-87.

Table 5

Population of the Caribbean, 1750, 1830 and 1880

	White	Slave	Free persons of color	Total
1750	258454	724925	93240	1076619
	24%	67%	9%	100%
1830	621969	1336892	1064834	3023695
	21%	44%	35%	100%
1880	n.a.	199094	n.a.	5888180
		3%		100%

Engerman. 2000, pp. 494-499.

Table 6

Net imports of slaves in the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America, 1500-1870
In thousands

Areas	To 1700	1700-1760	1761-1810	1811-1870	Total
Spanish Caribbean		20	230	692	942
British Caribbean	264	626	930		1820
French Caribbean	156	365	650	95	1266
Dutch Caribbean	40	239	138		417
Danish Caribbean	4	25	32		61
Caribbean Sub total	464	1275	1980	787	4506
Mexico					200*
Central America					21*
Rest of Spanish America ^o					582
Spanish America (total)	475**	271*	307.4*	692	1745

^o Excluding Mexico, Central America and the Hispanic Caribbean.

* Curtin, pp. 46 y 216.

** Eltis, p. 9.

Sources: Curtin, 1969; Engerman and Highman cited in Engerman, 2000, p. 489. Eltis. 2000.

Table 7

Frequency and intensity of mortality crises

Mexican Parishes			Crises per thousand years
Period	N*	Crises ^o	
1650-1699	91	17	186.8
1700-1749	180	33	183.3
1750-1799	342	54	157.9
1800-1817	64	10	156.3
Total	677	114	168.4

Costa Rica			Crises per thousand years
Period	N*	Crises ^o	
1755-1799	45	3	66.7
1800-1849	50	4	80
1850-1899	50	3	60
1900-1945	45	0	0
Total	190	10	52.6

Mexico City			Crises per thousand years
Period	N*	Crises ^o	
1805-1849	45	4	88.9
1850-1899	50	1	20
1900-1917	17	0	0
Total	112	5	44.6

Period	Havana		Crises per thousand years	
	N*	Crises°		
1807-1849	43	1		23.3
1850-1899	50	4		80
Total	93	5		53.8

* Number of years under observation

° Number of crises (mortality exceeds 50% of the normal level)

Note: The crisis were identified following the procedure suggested by Del Panta and Livi-Bacci, i.e. a) calculating a truncated moving average of deaths over 11 years to establish the “normal” level of mortality in the short-term; b) calculating the % difference, between the number of deaths each year and the corresponding moving average. Any difference over 50% is considered a major crisis.

Data sources: Rabell, 1990; Pérez-Brignoli, forthcoming; Maldonado. 1976; Peñafiel, 1893. Greer, 1966. Le Roy y Cassá, 1913.

Italy

Period	Crises per thousand years
1580-1699	49.4
1700-1799	25.6
1800-1859	51.7

Del Panta and Livi-Bacci, 1977. p. 433.

Table 8

Immigration into the United States from the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America, 1820-1996

	Caribbean	Mexico	Central America	Sub total	% of total	Total immigration from all countries
1820-1860	40487	17766	968	59221	1	5062414
1861-1900	85111	10237	1205	96553	1	14061192
1901-1920	230972	268646	25351	524969	4	14532297
1921-1930	74899	459287	15769	549955	13	4107209
1931-1940	15502	22319	5861	43682	8	528431
1941-1950	49725	60589	25665	135979	13	1035039
1951-1960	123091	299811	44751	467653	19	2515479
1961-1970	470213	453937	101330	1025480	31	3321677
1971-1980	741126	640294	134640	1516060	34	4493314
1981-1990	872051	1655843	468088	2995982	41	7338062
1991-1996	648483	1653896	343947	2646326	43	6146213

Source: U.S. Department of Justice. 1996.