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1. Title

- World Countries Total Population Size, 1500-2000.

2. Author(s)

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3. Production date

- 29-4-2015.

4. Version

- 1st version.

5. Variable group(s)

- Demography.

6. Variable(s)

- Total Population.

7. Unit of analysis

- thousands of inhabitants.

8. Keywords (5)

- Demography, population sizes, world countries

9. Abstract (200 words)

- The World Countries Population Size ratio dataset comprises information on total population per each country for the period 1500-2000. Data has been gathered and organized in 50-years intervals for the period 1500-1800 and in 10-years intervals for the period 1800-2000, using as geographical reference the current list of existing world countries.

10. Time period

- 1500-2000.

11. Geographical coverage

- Entire World.

12. Methodologies used for data collection and processing

- This dataset is a slightly revised version of the one produced by Filipa Ribeiro da Silva for the CLIO Infra Project in December 2012. The most important differences can be summed up as follows:

- Whenever estimates by Maddison where available, his figures are being followed in favor of estimates by Gapminder;

- For Africa, estimates by Frankema and Jerven (2014) for the period 1850-1960 have been added to the existing database;

- For Latin America, estimates by Abad & Van Zanden (2014) for the period 1500-1940 have been added.

13. Data quality

i. Central statistical agencies

ii. Historical reconstructions

iii. Estimates

iv. Conjectures

14. Period of collection

- April 2015.

15. Data collector

- Jonathan Fink-Jensen

16. Sources

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17. Text

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