

Table 4. Patterns of Wealth Holding in Categories of British Colonies, circa 1774

<i>Measure of wealth holding</i>	<i>Category of colonies</i>			
	<i>New England</i>	<i>Middle Atlantic</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>West Indies^a</i>
Total wealth per capita (£)	36.6	41.9	54.7	84.1
Nonhuman wealth per capita (£)	36.4	40.2	36.4	43.0
Total wealth per free capita (£)	38.2	45.8	92.7	1200.0
Nonhuman wealth per free capita (£)	38.0	44.1	61.6	754.3

Source: Galenson (1995).

a. The estimates for wealth holding in the West Indies pertain to Jamaica. Since Galenson's compilation of the estimates of wealth holding in the late eighteenth century, new research has tended to raise assessments of the absolute and relative prosperity of the colonies in the Caribbean. See, for example, Burnard (2001).