

TABLE 4. *Personal Wealth-Holdings in the Eighteenth Century*

Period	1755–59	1760–64	1765–69	1770–74	1783–87	1788–92
	(Average values, Virginia £)					
Personal estate	248	323	250	254	274	507
Capital	103	98	91	91	93	151
Financial assets	10	9	4	1	4	22
Slaves	136	216	156	162	177	334
Number of estates	132	173	132	158	175	145
with slaves	53%	59%	57%	53%	57%	58%
slaveholding size	8.8	9.2	7.7	7.5	6.5	12.9
slave price	29	40	36	41	48	45

Notes: The years 1775–1782 are excluded in order to avoid dealing with currency depreciation over the course of the American Revolution (e.g., in 1781 the average appraised price per slave was over £13,000 Va., and the average price per slave in individual estates ranged from £49 to £60,000, reflecting inconsistencies across appraisers).

Source: Virginia Inventory data (Albemarle, Bedford, Prince Edward, Richmond, and Surry Counties).

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