

Table 3. *Maximum likelihood fits of the negative binomial model to the first x_0 values of n_x ; $\hat{\beta} = \hat{\gamma}/(1 - \hat{\gamma})$*

x_0	$\sum_{x=1}^{x_0} n_x$	$\hat{\alpha}$	$\hat{\gamma}$	$\hat{\beta}$	$\chi^2_{x_0-3}$
5	23 517	-0.3834	0.9795	47.82	0.027
10	26 305	-0.3906	0.9884	85.44	2.024
15	27 521	-0.3889	0.9861	70.78	3.815
20	28 266	-0.3901	0.9875	78.77	8.832
30	29 147	-0.3944	0.9899	97.92	16.874
40	29 660	-0.3954	0.9905	104.26	30.437