

Appendix C

The Large-Scale Slave Systems

Large-scale slave systems were those in which the social structure was decisively dependent on the institution of slavery. This dependence was often, but not necessarily, economic. Although a critical mass of slaves was important, the proportion need not have constituted a majority. Indeed, slaves were usually no more than a third of the total population (as in the U.S. South and ancient Greece) and in some cases may have been no more than 15 to 20 percent (as in many of the Islamic states). It should also be borne in mind that a static estimate of a slave population can be very misleading, in that systems with high rates of assimilation to freedman status could, at any given point in time, show what appears to be a low proportion of slaves in sharp contrast with the proportion of the total population ever enslaved.

With these important caveats, the following are crude estimates of the size of various world slave populations. Apart from the modern Americas and South Africa, most of these estimates are educated guesses; others have been calculated from rough noncensus estimates. The source of the figures used is indicated in the last column, by a reference number keyed to the Notes to Appendix C.

<i>Name and location of large-scale slave society</i>	<i>Approximate date span of society^a</i>	<i>Estimated proportion of slaves (percent)</i>	<i>Reference note on sources</i>
EUROPE			
Greek states, especially Athens, Corinth, Aegina, and Chios	5th century B.C. to early Roman period	30–33	1
Roman Italy	225–200 B.C.	10	2
	100 B.C.–A.D. 300	30–35	
Roman Empire	A.D. 1–150	16–20	3
Sicily	150 B.C. to A.D. 150	>66	4
Visigothic Spain	A.D. 415–711	>25	5
Muslim Spain	A.D. 756–1492	>20	6
Mediterranean Spain	13th century	>20	7
Central Crete	1350–1500	>20	8
Southwestern Cyprus	1300–1500	>20	9
Majorca	14th–15th centuries	>18	10
Iceland	870–950	>20	11
Western England	9th century to 1080	>20	12
ATLANTIC ISLANDS			
Madeira	1450–1620	30–50	13
Canary Islands	1490–1600	>30	14
AFRICA			
Algiers	1500–1770	>25	15
Early states of western Sudan			
Pre-Islamic Ghana	4th century to 1076	?	—
Islamic Ghana	1076–1600	>30	16
Mali	1200–1500	>30	17
Segou	1720–1861	>40	18
Songhay	1464–1720	>40	19
States of central Sudan			
Darfur	1600–1874; 1898–1916	40	20
Wadai	19th century	50	21
Bagirmi	16th–19th centuries	50	22
Borno	1580–1890	40	23
Kanem	1600–1800	30	24
Hausa city-states	1600–1800	30	25

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Fulani Jihad states of western and central Sudan			
Tokolor	1750–1900	30–>66	26
Fouta-Jalon			
Kita			
Masina			
Liptako			
Sokoto caliphate (Hausaland)			
Banchi			
Adamawa			
Jakhanke diaspora communities			
Tuareg of Sahara and Sahel			
Adrar	1800–1965	14	27
Ahaggar		16–33	
Air		33	
Ioullemeden		50	
Gourma		75	
Wolof and Sereer states of Senegambia			
Period of Jolof dominance	1300–1630	>30	28
Post Jolof	1630–1900	33	29
Sherbro of coastal Sierra Leone	19th century	>40	30
Mende chiefdoms of Sierra Leone	Late 19th century	50	31
Vai Paramount chiefdoms	1826–1890	75	32
	1890–1920	50–60	33
Temme chiefdoms	19th and early 20th centuries	>50	34
Ashanti and Gyaman kingdoms	18th and 19th centuries	33	35
Dahomey	Late 18th and 19th centuries	>33	36
Yoruba Empire of Oyo and Yoruba city-states, especially Ife	1600–1836	33–>50	37
	18th and 19th centuries		
Yoruba state of Benin	1486–1897		

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"House," or city-states and satellites of lower Niger and Delta areas: true Kalabari, Nembe, Bonny, Okrika, non-Ijo groups (especially Abah, southern Ibo, and Efik), and other coastal Ibibio	18th and 19th centuries	>50	38
Duala of the coastal Cameroon	19th century	>50	39
Four petty kingdoms of the Mpongwe (Gabon River)—Glass, Quaben, Denis, and George	1820–1842 1842–1856	50 50–70	40
Decadent Kongo kingdom	1700–1900	>50	41
Decadent Kasanje kingdom of Angola	Late 18th and 19th centuries	>50	42
Cokwe of interior Angola	1850–1900	>50	43
Mataka chiefdom of East Africa	1800–1885	>50	44
Luvale chiefdoms of Zimbabwe	19th century	>50	45
Lozi state	1864–1906	50–75	46
Arab-Swahili slave systems of Eastern Africa	1820–1890		
Zanzibar	1811 1835 1844	75 66 80	} 47
Zanzibar and Pemba	1880–1890s	90	
Mombasa and Malindic	1840–1885	80–90	
Imerina (Madagascar)	1780–1895	50	48
European-dominated slave systems of sub-Saharan Africa and Indian Ocean			49
Cape Verde Islands, especially Santiago	1500–1878	66	50
São Tomé	1506	66	51
	1550–1567	66	52
	1864	32	53

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Portuguese settlements of Angola, including coastal towns from Cabinda to Mocamedes and inland agricultural areas, especially in and around Cazengo, Colunbo Alto, and Pungo Andongo	1830-1900	>75	54
Portuguese settlements in Mozambique, especially urban centers and Zambezia	1750-1910	50->80	55
South Africa	1701	40	} 56
	1750	53	
	1773	53	} 57
	1798	54	
	1820	41	
Mascarene Islands			
Reunion	1713	55	58
	1735	88	59
	1779	76	} 60
	1825	72	
	1848	54	
Mauritius	1735	77	} 61
	1767	80	
	1797	83	
	1827	73	
	1835	75	
Seychelles	1789	82	62
ASIA AND OCEANIA			
Iraq (lower Mesopotamia, especially in the dead lands)	9th-10th century	>50	63
Atjehneses of Sumatra	17th century	?	64
Hukawng Valley and triangular areas of Burma	Late 19th-early 20th centuries	>30	65
Thailand	1600-1880	25-33	66
Norsus (Lolos) of Yunnan province (southwestern China)	Late 19th century to early 1940s	47	67

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Korea			
Unified Silla period	A.D. 660–918	50?	68
Koryŏ dynasty	918–1392	>33	69
Early Yi dynasty	1400s	30–37	70
Northern section of Seoul	1663	75	71
Kumhwa County	1672	25	72
Coastal Ulsan	1729	50	} 73
	1810	17	
Toradja group in central Celebes (To Lage, Onda'e, Palande, and Pada)	1900	>50	74
Banda Islands	1621–1860	>80	75
SPANISH CARIBBEAN			
Española	1560–1570	90–92	76
Spanish Jamaica	1600–1655	37	77
Cuba	1500–1550	>90	78
	1550	37	} 79
	1600–1606	66	
	1650–1774	>25	80
	1792	31	} 81
	1804	36	
	1817	36	
	1827	41	
	1841	43	
	1861	29	
Trajin slave portage system of the Isthmus	1510–1620	90	82
Panama City	1607	66	83
Coastal and mining areas of Venezuela, especially pearl-fishing centers of Cubagua and La Margarita, and Buria mines of the interior	1510–1600	>90	84
Colombian Chocó	1763	30	} 85
	1778	39	
	1781	39	
	1808	20	

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European-dominated urban and rural areas of Mex- ico, non-Indian popula- tion	1570–1650	50	86
Mining areas	1590s	13.5	87
DUTCH SLAVE SYSTEMS OF THE CARIBBEAN AREA			
Surinam	1790	91	} 88
	1805	90	
	1831	86	
	1850	77	
	1862	29	
Curaçao	1700	30	89
	1789	65	90
	1816	47	} 91
	1833	39	
	1857	32	
	1862	29	
Saint Eustatius	1786	53	} 92
	1817	67	
	1829	71	
Saint Martin	1770	84	} 93
	1816	72	
Bonaire	1806	28	94
	1828	37	95
	1857	31	96
	1862	21	97
BRITISH CARIBBEAN			
Jamaica	1658	24	} 98
	1664	57	
	1673	53	
	1730	91	
	1758	89	
	1775	89	
	1800	88	
	1834	82	
Barbados	1643–1645	24–26	99

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Antigua	1673	61	100
	1710	77	
	1731	80	
	1768	80	
	1810	79	
	1833–1834	81	101
	1678	48	
	1720	84	
	1756	90	
	1775	94	
Saint Kitts	1834	83	102
	1678	43	
	1720	72	
	1756	89	
	1775	92	
Nevis	1834	91	103
	1678	52	
	1720	81	
	1756	89	
	1775	92	
Montserrat	1834	81	104
	1678	27	
	1720	69	
	1756	86	
	1775	88	
Barbuda	1834	82	105
	1790	99.9	
	1790	83–87	
	1756	84	
Anguilla			106
British Virgin Islands			107
Windward and Southern Is- lands			
Dominica	1763	77	108
	1773	83	
	1788	90	
	1805	83	
	1832	80	
Saint Vincent	1763	83	110
	1787	89	
	1817	95	
	1834	95	

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Grenada	1777	96	} 111
	1817-1834	90	
Saint Lucia	1772	86	} 112
	1816-1818	92	
	1834	92	
Tobago	1770	93	} 113
	1775	95	
	1820	98	
Trinidad	1797	56	} 114
	1802	69	
	1810	67	
	1825	55	
	1834	50	
Cayman Islands	1802	58	} 115
British Honduras (Belize)	1745	71	
	1779	86	} 116
	1790	76	
	1816	72	
	1826	46	
	1832	42	
Guyana: Dutch period, 1700-1796; British period, 1796-1834			
Essequibo region	1701	92	} 117
	1767	90	
Berbice region	1762	87	118
British Guiana as a whole	1796-1800	86	119
	1816	93	120
	1832-1834	88	121
Bahamas	1671	40	122
	1783	49	123
	1786	67	124
	1820	68	125
	1831	57	126
Bermuda	1670	25	} 127
	1687	33	
	1699	38	
	1721	42	
	1731	43	
	1774	47	
	1822-1823	49	
	1833	43	

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FRENCH CARIBBEAN			
Martinique	1664	54	128
	1696	65	
	1727	77	
	1751	83	
	1784	86	
	1816	81	
	1831	67	
	1848	60	
Saint Dominigue (Haiti)	1681	35	129
	1739	89	
	1754	90	
	1775	86	
	1784	90	
	1789	89	
Guadeloupe	1700	62	130
	1788	84	
	1834	76-83	
French Guiana	1665	33	131
	1700	87	
	1765	70	
	1815	97	
	1820	94	
	1830	84	
DANISH WEST INDIES			
Saint Thomas	1686	53	132
	1691	59	
	1720	88	
	1754	94	
	1848	25	
Saint Croix	1742	92	
	1745	93	
	1755	87	
	1848	97	
Saint John	1728	85	
	1739	87	
	1787	92	

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BRAZIL			
Brazil as a whole	1530-1650	>66	133
	1798	48	134
	1817-1818	50.5	
	1850	31	
	1864	16	
	1872	15	
Major slaveholding areas			
Minas Gerais	1735	98	135
	1749	99	
	1823	33	
	1872	18	
Bahia	1702	>50	136
	1823	35	137
	1872	12	
Pernambuco	1580-1700	>66	138
	1823	59	
	1872	21	
Espírito Santo	1823	50	138
	1872	27	
Rio de Janeiro	1823	33	138
	1872	37	
U.S. SOUTH			
The South as a whole	1690	c15	139
	1700	c22	
	1720	c25	
	1730	c24	
	1740	c30	
	1750	c38	
	1760	c39	
	1770	c40	
	1780	c39	
	1790	33.5	
	1800	33	140
	1810	33.5	
	1820	34	
	1830	33	
	1840	35	
	1850	35	
	1860	34	

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Virginia	1715	24	141
	1756	41	
	1790	42	
	1810	45	
	1830	45	
	1860	40	
South Carolina	1708	57	
	1720	64	
	1740	50	
	1790	43	
	1810	47	
	1830	54	
North Carolina	1860	57	
	1790	26	
	1810	30	
	1830	33	
Georgia	1860	33	
	1760	33	
	1773	45	
	1790	35	
	1810	41	
	1830	42	
Mississippi	1860	44	
	1810	55	
	1830	48	
	1860	55	
Alabama	1830	38	
	1860	45	
Louisiana	1810	45	
	1830	51	
	1860	47	

a. In the great majority of cases the date span given refers to the entire period of large-scale slavery. In a few cases the dates are confined to those periods for which estimates are possible.