

Estimated proportions of the population as noble by region of Europe in 1500-1650

REGION	PERCENTAGE	DATE
A: HEARTLAND		
Bohemia	1%	c.1600
Brittany (France)	1.7%	1668
Venice	1.4%	1594
Holland	.3%	1550
Denmark	.4%	c.1660
Sweden	.5%	c.1650
Valencia	.6%	c.1600
Catalonia	.8%	1626
B: PERIPHERY		
Castile	10%	1541
Poland	↑6.6%	1569
Hungary	↑5%	1600

[Sources: Jonathan Dewald, *The European Nobility, 1400-1800* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 23-4 (adapted); Norman Davies, *God's Playground. A History of Poland*. 2 vols (Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1981), 1, p. 215; M.L. Bush, *Rich noble, poor noble* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1988), ch. 2].