

Inflation of Honours (c.1500-1650)

A: High Nobilities

England (peers)	France ('ducs et pairs')	Naples	Spain 'nobleza titulada de España'	Hungary and Lower Austria
1487 : 57	1589 : 11	1528 : 99	1520 : 55	Hungary : ↑100
1559 : 62	1610 : 17	1599 : 165	1598 : 99	titles (1606-
1603 : 55	1643 : 28	1613 : 239	1621 : 144	1657)
1615 : 81	1661 : 38	1620 : 296	1665 : 236	Lower Austria :
1628 : 126		1672 : 446		212 new titles (1612-1720)

B: Military Orders: Entry to the Military Orders of St-Michel and St-Esprit (France) and Santiago (Spain)

Date	Santiago	St-Michel (+ St-Esprit)
1520-1529	152	40
1530-39	215	37
1540-49	142	47
1550-59	103	49
1560-69	200	343
1570-79	112	148 (+44)
1580-89	169	19 (+74)

1590-99	193	19 (+62)
1600-09	226	30 (+3)
1610-19	332	45 (+65)
1620-29	1,074	72 (+2)
1630-39	772	54 (+49)
1640-9	966	53 (+1)

[Sources: Jonathan Dewald, *The European Nobility, 1400-1800* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), p. 27; L.P. Wright, 'The Military Orders in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century Spanish Society: the Embodiment of a Historical Tradition', *Past and Present*, 43 (1969), p. 55; Charles Wendell Herman, 'Knights and Kings in Early Modern France. Royal Orders of Knighthood, 1469-1715' (PhD, University of Minnesota, 1990), Appendix IV].