Demography of Slavery

- Origins of slavery
- Dimensions of the Slave Trade
- Demographic Impact on Africa
- Middle Passage
- Regional differences in slave demography
- Economics of slavery in the U.S.
13th Century Slave Market in present day Yemen
Earliest representation of the people of the new world
Slave Exports from Africa to Americas

Embarkations by country: Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database (2008)
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The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database has information on almost 35,000 slaving voyages that forcibly embarked over 10 million Africans for transport to the Americas between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries. It offers researchers, students, and the general public a chance to rediscover the reality of one of the largest forced movements of peoples in world history.

- Denmark / Baltic
- France
- U.S.A.
- Netherlands
- Great Britain
- Portugal / Brazil
- Spain / Uruguay

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Inferring mortality:
Latest figures from Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database (2008)

- Total embarked: 12,521,336
- Total disembarked: 10,702,565
- Implied death date: 14.52%
Disembarkations by destination: Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database (2008)
Disembarkations by country: Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database (2008)

- Brazil
- Spanish Americas
- Other Caribbean
- French Caribbean
- British Caribbean
- Mainland North America

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Slave Market on the African Coast, early 18th cent.

Sale of Enslaved Africans and Transport to Slave Ship, mid-18th cent.
### Slave Population of British Colonies

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Hypotheses:
Mortality higher in West Indies, due to
- disease environment
- dietary deficiencies (protein, thiamine, vitamin A, and calcium), and overall caloric intake
- brutality of work conditions on large plantations with absentee owners
- Easy availability of additional slaves from Africa
- Infanticide/suicide as slave resistance

Hypotheses:
Fertility lower in West Indies because of
- African lactation practices and taboos on intercourse after giving birth, reinforced by continued high importation from Africa
- dietary deficiencies leading to late menarche and low fecundity
- skewed sex ratios
- absence of slave breeding by planters
- work conditions—excessive labor reduced fecundity
Crude Birth Rates among slaves, early 19th century:

– Jamaica: 23
– United States: 53

Measuring the brutality of slavery

• Fogel and Engerman, *Time on the Cross*:
  – 0.7 whippings per slave per year

• Herbert Gutman, *Slavery and the Numbers Game*:
  – Same data, one slave whipped every 4.56 days
A Cargo of 170 prime young, likely healthy Guinea Slaves, just-arrived, in the Bark Frigate, William Bell Master, distilled from Angola.

To be Sold by WEDNESDAY the 24th of August next

By Cowper & Telfairs,

At the Plantation, containing one hundred acres, on which the said Frigate arrived, very pleasantly situated on Savannah River in Sight of Town. The terms of sale may be known by applying to

RICHARD WILLY.

WANTED

An Overseer thoroughly qualified to undertake the Management of a River-Swamp Plantation on the Alemania River. Any such person, who can bring proper recommendation, may have of great encouragement by applying to

NATHANIEL HALL.

PHILIP BOX

Kam-Ant. An active, laborious slave, of fair complection, of 50 years of age, of a neat and tidy appearance, with a good temper, and good habits.

JOHN BROWN.

Negroes for Sale.

A Cargo of very fine stout Men and Women, in good order and fit for immediate services, just imported from the Windward Coast of Africa, in the Ship Two Brothers.

Conditions are one half Cash or Produce, the other half payable the 1st of January next, giving Bond and Security if required.

The Sale to be opened at 10 o’Clock each Day, in Mr. Bourdeaux’s Yard, at No. 48, on the Bay.

May 19, 1784. JOHN MITCHELL.

Thirty Seasoned Negroes
To be Sold for Credit, at Private Sale.

Amongst which is a Carpenter, one of whom is known to be dilatory.

Also to be sold for Cash, a regular bred young Negro Man-Cook, born in this Country, who served several Years under an exceeding good French-Cook abroad, and his Wife a middle aged Waster-Woman, both very honest) and their two Children, likewise a young Man a Carpenter.

For Terms apply to the Printer.
CASH!

All persons that have SLAVES to dispose of, will do well by giving me a call, as I will give the HIGHEST PRICE FOR Men, Women, & CHILDREN.

Any person that wishes to sell, will call at Hill's tavern, or at Shannon Hill for me, and any information they want will be promptly attended to.

Thomas Griggs.
Charlestown, May 7, 1835.

SALE OF NEGROES,
Mills, Mules, Hogs,
FARMING & MINING TOOLS,
WAGONS AND CARTS.

Will be sold in Columbia County, at the Columbia Mines, 14 miles North of Thomson, on
TUESDAY, August 14th,
the following valuable property of the Columbia Mining Company.

The GRIST, FLOUR, and SAW MILLS, at Little River, known as the Little River Mills, with four ran of Race Stanes. There are 2 2/4 acres of Land, with a Stone House, Dwelling House, and all necessary outbuildings on the premises.

Also—a large lot of Stock Hogs. The Mill has a good run of cotton, was established in 1814, and is currently leased.

TUESDAY, August 14th: the balance in twelve months, with interest at 5%.

Also,—Eight first rate Mules, Wagon, Cart, Carry Log, all with iron shoes; two sets of Blacksmith's tools, Chain, Hoes, Pikes, Shovels, Drills, Axes, and all varieties of Mining Tools; a large quantity of Iron and Steel, and a variety of articles needed in Placeres.

On THURSDAY, August 16th,
At THOMSON, on the Georgia Railroad, 22 miles above Augusta, will be sold, the following valuable Negroes, belonging to the same concern.

LITTLE JOE and SIMON, Blacksmiths; WILSON, a Miller; ANTHONY, LITTLE PETER, GEORGE, RANDAL, WILLIAM, and BARNES, Field Hands; CEPHA, a Carver; REBE
TO BE SOLD.
CONSISTING OF
Thirty-nine Men, Fifteen Boys, and
Sixteen Women, and
Just arrived.

NEGROES,
A Cargo of about 80 fine healthy,
Windward & Rice Coast.

The utmost care has
already been taken, and
shall be continued to keep them free from:
the least danger of being infected.

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10 LIKELY and VALUABLE SLAVES
AT AUCTION.

On THURSDAY the 24th inst.
WE WILL SEL,
In front of our Office, without any kind of notice or reserve for cash,
AT 11 O’CLOCK,
10 AS LIKELY NEGROES
As any ever offered in this market; among them is a man who is a superior Cook and House Servant, and a girl about 17 years old, a first rate House Servant, and an excellent seamstress.

BROOKE & HUBBARD,
Auctioneers.

Wednesday, July 23, 1833.
$100 REWARD!

RANAWAY

From the undersigned, living on Current River, about twelve miles above Doniphan, in Ripley County, Mo., on 3rd of March, 1860, a NEGRO MAN, about 30 years old, weighs about 200 pounds, high forehead, with a rope on it; had no brown pants and coat very much worn, and an old black wool hat; shoes size No. 11.

The above reward will be given to any person who may apprehend this said negro or give information of his whereabouts or help in capturing him.

APOL TUCKER.
Slaves on Smith's Plantation, Beaufort, South Carolina. Photographed in 1862.
Interior view of a slave pen, showing the doors of cells where the slaves were held before being sold. Slave pen, Alexandria, Va. Photographed between 1861 and 1865
Brazilian sugar mill in the 1830s
Newly Enslaved Africans, Brazil, 1830s

Brazilian Plantation
Newly Arrived Slaves, Surinam, 1770s

Sale of a Slave Woman and Her Children, Surinam, 1839
Slave Auction, Martinique, 1826

Slave Auction, New Orleans, 1839
Slave Market, Muscat (Oman), 1840s

Slave Market in Zanzibar, East Africa, 1873
Slave Market, Zanzibar, 1864

Slave Market, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1819-1820
Slave market, Charleston SC, 1850s

Slave Dealer, Alexandria, Virginia, 1863 or 1865