

Gregory King's Tables, 1668ⁱ

Number of Families	Ranks, Degrees, Titles & Qualifications	Heads/Family	Number of Persons	% /Total Persons	Yearly Income/ Family - £	Number of Families	Ranks, Degrees, Titles & Qualifications	Heads/Family	No. of Persons	%/Total Persons*	Yearly Income/ Family - £
160	Temporal Lords	40	6,400	0.18	3,200	40,000	Freeholders of the better sort	7	280,000	5.09	91
26	Spiritual Lords	20	520	0.01	1,300	120,000	Freeholders of the lesser sort	5½	660,000	12.00	55
800	Baronets	16	12,800	0.23	880	150,000	Farmers	5	750,000	13.04	42.10s
600	Knights	13	7,800	0.14	650	15,000	Persons in liberal arts and sciences	5	75,000	1.36	60
3,000	Esquires	10	30,000	0.53	450	50,000	Shopkeepers and tradesmen	4½	225,000	4.09	45
12,000	Gentlemen	8	96,000	1.75	280	60,000	Artisans and handicrafts	4	240,000	4.36	38
5,000	Persons in greater offices and places	8	40,000	0.73	240	5,000	Naval officers	4	16,000	0.36	60
5,000	Persons in lesser offices and places	6	30,000	0.55	120	4,000	Military officers	4	16,000	0.29	60
2,000	Eminent merchants and traders by sea	8	16,000	0.29	400	50,000	Common seamen	3	150,000	2.73	20
8,000	Lesser merchants and traders by sea	6	48,000	0.87	198	364,000	Labouring people and out servants	3½	1,275,000	23.18	15
10,000	Persons in the law	7	70,000	1.27	154	400,000	Cottagers and paupers	¾	1,300,000	23.13	6.10s
2,000	Eminent clergymen	5	40,000	0.22	50	35,000	Common soldiers	2	70,000	1.27	14
8,000	Lesser clergymen	5	40,000	0.73	50		Vagrants, as gipsies, thieves, beggars etc		30,000	0.55	
		Total	5,500,520								

Notes : The "Heads per family" are the persons living under one roof; the "family" includes the servants in the house as well as the children. The poor, therefore, are put down as having much smaller "families" than the rich, although the average children still alive and at home might be number of the same in all classes. The "families and incomes" given are, of course, guesses at the *average* figure: in each class, some householders would have larger "families" and incomes than the figure set down, while others in the same class lived on a smaller scale. The "Freeholders" include not only owners of their own farms, but also copyholders and tenants for life. Finally, it must be remembered that "Labouring cottagers and paupers", the two largest classes in people and out servants", and the community, include many who had small rights in land of one kind or another.

* The Percentage columns were not in the original Gregory Table – these were added by LMF.

ⁱ G M Trevalyan, p279. (Table originally printed in Charles Davenant's Works (1771) Vol II, p.184 with further figures).