

The Magnitude of the Atlantic Slave Trade

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1. Slave Trading Nations

Country	Voyages	Slaves
Portugal and Brazil	30,000	4,650,000
Britain	12,000	2,600,000
Spain and Cuba	4,000	1,600,000
France	4,200	1,250,000
Netherlands	2,000	500,000
British N.A. including U.S.	1,500	300,000
Denmark	250	50,000
Other	250	50,000
Total	54,200	11,000,000

2. Origin of Enslaved Africans

Congo/Angola	3,000,000
Senegambia, Sierra Leone	2,000,000
Slave Coast (Dahomey, Adra, Oyo)	2,000,000
Benin to Calabar	2,000,000
Gold Coast (Ashanti)	1,500,000
Mozambique/Madagascar	1,000,000
Loango	750,000
Windward Coast	250,000
Ivory Coast	250,000
Cameroons/Gabon	250,000
Total leaving African ports	13,000,000

3. Delivery of Enslaved Africans

Brazil	4,000,000
Spanish Empire	2,500,000
British West Indies	2,000,000
French West Indies	1,600,000
British N.A. including U.S.	500,000
Dutch West Indies	500,000
Europe	200,000
Danish West Indies	28,000
Total	11,328,000

4. New World Labor (first employment)

Sugar plantation	6,000,000
Coffee plantation	2,000,000
Mines	1,000,000
Domestic labor	1,000,000
Cotton fields	500,000
Cocoa fields	250,000
Building	250,000
Total	11,000,000