

Table 2.1. Clergy and nobility in France 1380-1780
(% of total population)

	1380	1470	1560	1660	1700	1780
Clergy	1,4%	1,3%	1,4%	1,4%	1,1%	0,7%
Nobility	2,0%	1,8%	1,9%	2,0%	1,6%	0,8%
Total Clergy + Nobility	3,4%	3,1%	3,3%	3,4%	2,7%	1,5%
Third Estate	96,6%	96,9%	96,7%	96,6%	97,3%	98,5%
Total population (millions)	11	14	17	19	22	28
incl. Clergy (thousands)	160	190	240	260	230	200
incl. Nobility (thousands)	220	250	320	360	340	210

Interpretation: in 1780, the clergy and the nobility included respectively about 0,7% and 0,8% of total population in France, hence a total of 1,5% for the two dominant orders (about 410 000 individuals out of 28 millions). Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/ideology.