The Danish West Indies Panel Codebook

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Introduction

The construction of the panel has been described in detail in the following publication:

> Stefania Galli, Klas Rönnbäck and Dimitrios Theodoridis (2023): *Reconstructing a slave society: Building the DWI panel, 1760-1914*. Göteborg Papers in Economic History. https://gupea.ub.gu.se/handle/2077/78393

The reader is advised to consult this working-paper for a general introduction to the construction of the panel. The following codebook only specifies in detail all the variables constructed from the primary sources.

The panel dataset has been constructed by merging together information from a number of different historical records. The records have all been digitized by the Danish National Archive, and are available online:

https://www.sa.dk/ao-soegesider/en/collection/theme/8

The codebook below first reports a number of generic variables, pertaining to several of the types of records and used for linking the information between the records. We then report the variables by the type of source the variable in question was collected from. The sources were the following:

Tax records (matrikler)

Contains information on the geographical location of a house or plantation, the number of people living there, including the number of enslaved persons, the size of the house or plantation, and taxes paid to the government. Separate records exist for urban and rural parts of the island. The records vary somewhat over time. Original records can be found here specifically: https://www.sa.dk/ao-soegesider/en/other/index-creator/106/3348662/17226869

Plantation inventories

These records are only available for rural plantations. They contain information on the acreage under cultivation of various crops, and assets owned by plantation (animals, mills). The records only begin in the 1860s. Original records can be found alongside the tax records above.

Plantation workers

These records are only available for rural plantations. They contain information on the number of workers of different categories employed on the individual plantations. The records only begin in the 1860s. Original records can be found alongside the tax records above.

Bailiff/auction protocols

These records contain information on transactions between individuals. For this project, only transactions of real estate have been recorded, including the location, price and size of the real estate. Original records can be found here specifically: https://www.sa.dk/ao-soegesider/en/other/other-collection/111

Historical maps

The maps report information on the location of mills (horse/wind) on individual plantations on the island prior to when this is reported in the plantation inventories above. The maps also report information on the location of roads and other geographical information. Original records can be found here specifically: https://www.sa.dk/ao-soegesider/en/other/other-collection/153

Censuses

The censuses record information on the place of residence, age, gender, occupation and other personal information about every individual on the island. Original records can be found here specifically: https://www.sa.dk/ao-soegesider/en/other/other-collection/98

1. General variables

Variable-name	Type of data	Description
ID	numeric	GENERAL: Dataset-assigned unique ID of individual
Year	numeric	GENERAL: Year
linking_number	string	GEOGRAPHY: number on street or plantation
Geocode	string	GEOGRAPHY: particular geocode of location
Neighborhood_Qvarteer	string	GEOGRAPHY: specific street or rural quarter
Urban_dummy	numeric	GEOGRAPHY: urban vs rural dummy variable
Collectiveinstitution	numeric	OWNER OF LOCATION: collective/institution dummy variable
Owner	numeric	OWNER OF LOCATION: dummy variable
Familyrelation	numeric	OWNER OF LOCATION: dummy variable for family member
Free_Negro_owner	numeric	OWNER OF LOCATION: dummy variable if owner is a free negro
Name	string	OWNER OF LOCATION: name
Former_owner	string	OWNER OF LOCATION: name of previous owner, if ownership has changed
Title	string	OWNER OF LOCATION: title
Family_relation	string	OWNER OF LOCATION: title indicating some kind of family relation to (previous) owner
Otherremarks	string	SOURCE: other remarks or comments in source
Folio	string	SOURCE: page of folio in primary sources

2. Variables from tax records (matrikler)

Variable-name	Type of data	Description
Rentier	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: dummy variable for slaves hired by someone else
Slave_Field_born_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: female field slaves born during the year
Slave_House_born_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: female house slaves born during the year
Slave_Field_1792_B	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: field slaves born during the year (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_House_1792_B	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: house slaves born during the year (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_Field_born_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: male field slaves born during the year
Slave_House_born_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: male house slaves born during the year
Rentiers_names	string	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: name of owner of slaves hired by someone else
Slave_Field_Cap_Teen	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of capable field slaves, teens, unknown gender
Slave_Field_Cap	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of capable field slaves, unknown gender and age
Slave_House_Cap_A	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of capable house slaves, adult, unknown gender
Slave_House_Cap_Teen	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of capable house slaves, teen, unknown gender
Slave_House_Cap	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of capable house slaves, unknown gender and age
Slave_Field_dead_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of deaths of female field slaves during the year
Slave_House_dead_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of deaths of female house slaves during the year
Slave_Field_1792_D	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of deaths of field slaves during the year (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_House_1792_D	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of deaths of house slaves during the year (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_Field_dead_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of deaths of male field slaves during the year
Slave_House_dead_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of deaths of male house slaves during the year
Slave_Field_Cap_A_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female field slaves, adults
Slave_Field1792_AF	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female field slaves, adults (pre-1792: gender-division extrapolated)
Slave_Field_Child_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female field slaves, children
Slave_Field1792_CF	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female field slaves, children (pre-1792: gender-division extrapolated)
Slave_Field_Child	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female field slaves, children, unknown gender
Slave_Field_Cap_Teen_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female field slaves, teens
Slave_Field1792_TF	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female field slaves, teens (pre-1792: gender-division extrapolated)

Slave_House_Cap_A_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female house slaves, adult
Slave_House_Child_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female house slaves, child
Slave_House_Child	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of house slaves, child, unknown gender
Slave_House_Cap_Teen_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of female house slaves, teen
Slave_Field_Cap_A	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of field slaves, adult, unknown gender
Slave_Field_1792_A	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of field slaves, adults (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_Field_1792_C	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of field slaves, children (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_Field_1792_T	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of field slaves, teens (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_House_1792_A	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of house slaves, adults (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_House_1792_C	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of house slaves, children (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_House_1792_T	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of house slaves, teens (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Slave_Field_Maq	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of incapable field slaves, unknown gender and age
Slave_House_Maq	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of incapable house slaves, unknown gender and age
Slave_Field_Cap_A_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of male field slaves, adults
Slave_Field1792_AM	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of male field slaves, adults (pre-1792: gender-division extrapolated)
Slave_Field_Child_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of male field slaves, children
Slave_Field1792_CM	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of male field slaves, children (pre-1792: gender-division extrapolated)
Slave_Field_Cap_Teen_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of male field slaves, teens
Slave_Field1792_TM	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of male field slaves, teens (pre-1792: gender-division extrapolated)
Slave_House_Cap_A_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of male house slaves, adult
Slave_House_Child_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of male house slaves, child
Slave_House_Cap_Teen_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of male house slaves, teen
Slave_Bosaler_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of newly arrived female slaves
Slave_Bosaler_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of newly arrived male slaves
Slave_Bosaler_1792	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: number of newly arrived slaves (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
TOT_Slave_Field_born	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of births of field slaves born during the year
TOT_Slave_House_born	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of births of house slaves born during the year
CAPable_Slave_SUM	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of 'capable' slaves
TOT_Slave_dead_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of deaths of female slaves during the year

TOT_Slave_Field_dead	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of deaths of field slaves during the year
TOT_Slave_House_dead	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of deaths of house slaves during the year
TOT_Slave_dead_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of deaths of male slaves during the year
TOT_Slave_dead	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of deaths of slaves during the year, both genders
TOT_Slave_born_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of female slaves born during the year
TOT_Field_slaves	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of field slaves
TOT_Rent_Field_Slaves	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of field slaves hired by the owner of location
TOT_Field_slaves_HR	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of field slaves including hired in
TOT_House_slaves	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of house slaves
TOT_Rent_House_Slaves	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of house slaves hired by the owner of location
TOT_House_slaves_HR	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of house slaves including hired in
UNcapable_Slave_SUM	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of 'incapable' slaves
TOT_Slave_born_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of male slaves born during the year
TOT_Slave_Bosaler	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of newly arrived slaves
TOT_slaves	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of slaves
TOT_Slave_born	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of slaves born during the year
TOT_slaves_rented	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of slaves hired by the owner of location
TOT_slaves_HR	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of slaves including hired in
TOT_slaves_owned	numeric	MATRIKLER - ENSLAVED PERSONS: total number of slaves owned by the owner of location
Indi_type_cat	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: identification of individual type
TOT_family_ext	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of extended family members
TOT_family	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of family members
Servant_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of female servants
FrAdultF	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of free adult females in household
FrAdultM	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of free adult males in household
Free_Negro_1792	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of free coloured (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
Free_A_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of free coloured adult females
Free_A_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of free coloured adult males
Free_C_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of free coloured child females

Free_C_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of free coloured child males
Free_Negro	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of free coloured, unknown gender and age
Servant_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of male servants
Servant_1792	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of servants (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
White_A_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of white adult females
White_A_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of white adult males
White_1792_C	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of white child (pre-1792: no division of gender in source)
White_C_F	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of white child females
White_C_M	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: number of white child males
TOT_Non_family	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: total number of non-family members
TOT_servant	numeric	MATRIKLER - HOUSEHOLD: total number of servants
Land_unused	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: acreage of plantation not under cultivation
Cotton_Acreage	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: acreage of plantation under cotton cultivation
Other_cult_Acreage	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: acreage of plantation under cultivation other than cotton/sugar
Sugar_Acreage	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: acreage of plantation under sugar cultivation
Plantation_Acreage	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: acreage of plantation, in agers of 40 sq.foodmaal per ager
Plantation_size	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: acreage of plantation, in square foodmaal
Plantation_B	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: breadth of plantation
Plantation_L	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: length of plantation
Plantation_name	string	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: name of plantation
Plantation_manager	string	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: name of plantation manager
Cotton_Output	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: output of cotton
Sugar_Output	numeric	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: output of sugar
Sugar_Output_ref1	string	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: reference to which other plantation that output from the present plantation was reported under
Sugar_Output_ref2	string	MATRIKLER - PLANTATIONS: reference to which other plantations that contributed to the sugar output reported under the present plantation
Building_fee_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: building fee, rdl
Fee_land_nobuild_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: fee on unbuilt urban plots, rdl
Ground_tax_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: ground tax, rdl
Head_tax_Field_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: head tax on enslaved field slaves, rdl

Head_tax_House_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: head tax on enslaved house slaves, rdl
Head_tax_Field_Rent_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: head tax on rented enslaved field slaves, rdl
Head_tax_House_Rent_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: head tax on rented enslaved house slaves, rdl
House_tax_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: house tax, rdl
Tax_military_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: military tax, rdl
New_building_tax_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: new building tax, rdl
New_Tax_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: new tax, rdl
Tax_Output_Cotton_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: tax on cotton production, rdl
Tax_Acreage_SugarCotton_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: tax on cotton/sugar land, rdl
Tax_immigration_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: tax on immigration, rdl
Tax_Acreage_other_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: tax on other cultivated land, rdl
Tax_Acreage_Sugar_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: tax on sugar land, rdl
Tax_Output_Sugar_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: tax on sugar production, rdl
Tax_Acreage_unused_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - TAXES: tax on unused land, rdl
Annual_Rent	numeric	MATRIKLER - URBAN PLOTS: annual rent for plot/building
Rent_delivered_Rdl	numeric	MATRIKLER - URBAN PLOTS: annual rent for plot/building delivered, rdl
Size_RealEstate_Urb	numeric	MATRIKLER - URBAN PLOTS: size of building on plot
Size_Plot_URB	numeric	MATRIKLER - URBAN PLOTS: size of unbuilt plot
Building_type	numeric	MATRIKLER - URBAN PLOTS: type of building
Tenant_Other	string	MATRIKLER - additional name(s) reported in matrikler, unclear meaning

3. Variables from plantation inventories

Variable-name	Type of data	Description
Acreage_in_preparation_INV	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: acreage in preparation for cultivation
TOT_Land_INV	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: acreage in total on plantation
Land_unused_INV	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: acreage not cultivated
Cotton_Acreage_INV	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: acreage under cotton cultivation
Other_cult_Acreage_INV	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: acreage under other cultivation
Pasture_Acreage_INV	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: acreage under pasture
Sugar_Acreage_INV	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: acreage under sugar cultivation
Unparcelled_Acreage	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: acreage unparcelled
Buildingsrentedtootherthanf	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: buildings rented to other than field workers, sq. alen
Cattle	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of cattle belonging to the plantation
Donkeys	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of donkeys belonging to the plantation
Goats	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of goats belonging to the plantation
Mill_Horse	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of horse-mills
Private_horses	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of horses belonging to the owner/manager
Horses	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of horses belonging to the plantation
Mules	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of mules belonging to the plantation
Pigs	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of pigs belonging to the plantation
Sheep	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of sheep belonging to the plantation
Mill_Steam	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of steam-mills
Mill_Wind	numeric	PLANTATION INVENTORIES: number of wind-mills

4. Variables from plantation workers-records

Variable-name	Type of data	Description
Married_M	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: married men on plantation
Married_F	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: married women on plantation
Apprentice	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of apprentices
Non_Field_unskilled	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of arremænd and other non-land workers, total number
Blacksmith	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of blacksmiths
Carpenter	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of carpenters
Cooper	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of coopers
House_unskilled	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of domestic workers, unskilled
Driver	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of drivers
Spouse_to_Worker	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of female spouses to worker on plantation
Field_Class1_F	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, adult female first class
Field_Class2_F	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, adult female second class
Field_Class3_F	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, adult female third class
Field_Class1	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, adult first class
Field_Class1_M	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, adult male first class
Field_Class2_M	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, adult male second class
Field_Class3_M	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, adult male third class
Field_Class2	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, adult second class
Field_Class3	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, adult third class
Field_Class3_F_C	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, child female third class
Field_Class3_M_C	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, child male third class
Field_Class3_C	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, child third class
Field_unskilled	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of field hands, total
Fisherman	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of fishermen
Non_Field_Class1_M	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, first class
Non_Field_Class1_F	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, first class

Non_Field_Class1	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, first class
Non_Field_Class2_M	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, second class
Non_Field_Class2_F	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, second class
Non_Field_Class2	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, second class
Non_Field_Class3_M	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, third class
Non_Field_Class3_F	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, third class
Non_Field_Class3	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, third class
Non_Field_Class3_M_C	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, third class
Non_Field_Class3_F_C	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, third class
Non_Field_Class3_C	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of karremænd and other non-land workers, third class
Manager	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of managers
Mason	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of masons
Owner_or_Manager	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of owners-managers
Saddler	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of saddlers
Tenant_Not_working	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of tenants not working on the plantation
Tentant_working	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of tenants working on the plantation
Under_manager	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: number of under-managers
Married_couples	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total married couples on plantation
Married	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total married individuals on plantation
TOT_1_class	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of first class workers
Invalids	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of invalid workers
TOT_manager	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of managers of all categories
TOT_2_class	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of second class workers
TOT_Manual_skilled	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of skilled craftsmen
TOT_3_class	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of third class workers
TOT_unskilled_F	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of unskilled female workers
TOT_unskilled_M	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of unskilled male workers
TOT_unskilled	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of unskilled workers
Payment_money	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of workers that receive payment in money

Payment_Money_Kind	numeric	PLANTATION WORKERS: total number of workers that receive payment in money and in kind

5. Variables from auction/bailiff records

Variable-name	Type of data	Description
Mean_Price_Slave_Field	numeric	PRICES: price of adult field slave (mean of genders)
Mean_Price_Slave_House	numeric	PRICES: price of adult house slave (mean of genders)
Mean_Price_Slave_Child	numeric	PRICES: price of child slave (mean of genders)
Price_Mill_Horse	numeric	PRICES: price of horse-mill
Price_Sugar_Acreage	numeric	PRICES: price of plantation acreage under sugar cultivation
Price_Plantation_Acreage	numeric	PRICES: price of plantation acreage under unspecified cultivation
Price_Mill_Steam	numeric	PRICES: price of steam-mill
Price_Size_building	numeric	PRICES: price of urban real estate
Price_Mill_Wind	numeric	PRICES: price of wind-mill
Price_Slave_Field_Cap_A_F	numeric	PRICES: prices of adult female field slave
Price_Slave_House_Cap_A_F	numeric	PRICES: prices of adult female house slave
Price_Slave_Field_Cap_A_M	numeric	PRICES: prices of adult male field slave
Price_Slave_House_Cap_A_M	numeric	PRICES: prices of adult male house slave
Price_Slave_CF	numeric	PRICES: prices of child female slave
Price_Slave_CM	numeric	PRICES: prices of child male slave

6. Variables from historical maps

Variable-name	Type of data	Description
Coast_dummy	numeric	MAPS: plantation located adjacent to coast of island
River_dummy	numeric	MAPS: plantation located adjacent to river on island
Road_dummy	numeric	MAPS: plantation located by main road on island

7. Variables from censuses

Variable-name	Type of data	Description
Age	numeric	CENSUS: Age of individual
Baptizeddate	numeric	CENSUS: Date of baptism
FamilyNo	numeric	CENSUS: Family: family number in the order of the census
St_Family_type	string	CENSUS: Family: family type
Mothertohowmanychildren	string	CENSUS: Family: number of children individual is mother to
Nooffamiliesinthehouse	numeric	CENSUS: Family: number of different families living on the location
St_family_rel	string	CENSUS: Family: relative position in
furtherpunishmentnotes	string	CENSUS: For enslaved individuals (in 1846 census): further notes on punishments
Punished	string	CENSUS: For enslaved individuals (in 1846 census): if ever punished for some crime
Moralcharacter	string	CENSUS: For enslaved individuals (in 1846 census): master's evaluation of moral character
Belongingto	string	CENSUS: For enslaved individuals (in 1846 census): name of owner of enslaved individual
WhenPunished	numeric	CENSUS: For enslaved individuals (in 1846 census): when punished for some crime, if punished
Yearofsettlement	numeric	CENSUS: for migrants: year of settlement on DWI
Health	string	CENSUS: Health status: specific (unstandardized)
st_health	string	CENSUS: Health status: standardized
Censustaker	numeric	CENSUS: Identity of census-taker
Slavestatus	string	CENSUS: judicial status (free/unfree) of individual
St_Marital_status	string	CENSUS: Marital status: specific
Residents	string	CENSUS: Name of individual in census
HISCLASS	numeric	CENSUS: Occupation: HISCLASS-coding
HISCO	numeric	CENSUS: Occupation: HISCO-coding
st_occupation	string	CENSUS: Occupation: specific
Ownerresidinginhhold	numeric	CENSUS: owner of location residing in household (dummy variable: 1 = yes)
Continent	string	CENSUS: Place of birth: continent
Territory	string	CENSUS: Place of birth: country or colony
St_placebirth	string	CENSUS: Place of birth: specific

Burgerbrief	numeric	CENSUS: Possessing burgerbrief since year
Militiacorps	string	CENSUS: Rank in militia corps
St_broad_religion	string	CENSUS: Religious faith: broad religion
St_religion	string	CENSUS: Religious faith: specific affiliation
DateofBirth	numeric	CENSUS: Year of birth

Update version 2 (September 2024): Alternative version with minor correction

In addition to the main dataset available in version 1, we have in version 2 made available an alternative version of the same dataset. The difference between the main dataset in version 1, and this alternative version is that one small adjustment has been made version 2 for a few years (1830 – 1844) for the category of "free negroes". A category of "free negroes" can be found in the original source in the year of 1834. In the years 1830-1832, the sources report no category of "free negroes" at all (seemingly including these people together with enslaved Africans, judging from the aggregate population figures), while after 1834 the category is again missing in the records (but now they are seemingly reported together with other free population judging from aggregate population figures). It seems implausible to us that this category of people would have existed only in the year 1834, so in the B-version of our panel dataset we treat it as an anomaly in the primary source, and try to adjust for this using the share of population reported as "free negroes" in 1834 as a benchmark for estimates for these nearby years.

Both the main dataset (Danish West Indies Panel version 1), and the alternative dataset (Danish West Indies Panel version 2) with these corrections have been made available, to allow scholars to decide for themselves which dataset might be the most proper for their purposes.