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Origins of Immigration

The following diagram below represents the total population of Europe during the 17th century including: Great Britain, Scotland, and Ireland, France, Germany, Sweden, and other Norwegian countries, and the average poverty rates of said population. Something to take note of is that there were very little to no statistics written and researched during this time in history especially concerning the poor so these numbers are rough estimates.

17th Century Poverty Rates in Europe

-50% wealthy/aristocrat Europeans

28% percentage of Middle class Europeans

-22% extremely poor

Looking at the Numbers...

We know that in the 1700's there was at least half a million total immigrants who came from Europe into the American colonies after severe poverty pushed them out of their homelands in order to make better lives for themselves and their families. With the information from the other diagram still in mind, let's now take a look at the fate of those European immigrants once they arrived in the colonies.

Percentage of Indentured Servants in the American Colonies 1775

-48% Immigrants who became indentured servants

-52% Immigrants who became free wage laborers