

**Estimation of literacy of the adult inhabitants of the Province of Cracow, turn of the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> century.**

Social category	N in thousands	% men able to write	% women able to write
Total	600	14,3	8,4
Nobility and officials	48	90	70
Burghers	102	15	7
Jews	30	70	30
Peasants	417	0,5	0
Clergy	3	95	80

These estimates were based on the prevalence of signatures in judiciary books, church records and other documents. The obtained samples were then compared to assumed shares of the groups in the overall population.

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