

Discussion

Taiwan's Census

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- How did the philosophy of the Taiwan census differ from that of other colonies such as the Philippines, Malaya and Java?
- 臺灣統計協會雜誌
 - Discussions of methodology
 - Numerous tables of data (*mostly* available elsewhere)
- Problems exist
 - I see problems in the 臺灣現住人口統計
 - I still don't understand how large the problems are
 - Did they become better or worse over time?
 - Maybe give some concrete examples

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- Where were the problems greatest?
 - Do problems correlate with language ability? Urbanization? Etc.
 - Are problems greater for females?
 - Do the problems show particular issues with transparency
- How did Taiwan problems compare with Japan, Korea, etc.
- The problems may be greatest for occupation
 - What is work on a family farm?
 - How many women really didn't work?
 - The problem with hats
- Do the “problems” actually reflect other interesting changes?
 - Assimilation of aborigines?

Taiwan Transportation, 1895-1908?

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- Need a few final clear estimates of price effects
 - I would prefer less detail and more boldness
- Transportation shaped Taiwan's development, in terms of what was produced but by how much?
 - Alternative explanations
- Factor price effects
 - Land prices (Wu Tsong-Min)
 - Wages? Male vs. Female?
- Effect is underestimated due to neglect of fertilizer
- The problem of comparing modes of transportation on the same or parallel routes (& the problem of different routes)
 - Was there change in cost over time?

Taiwan Transportation

- Comparisons
 - Japan, Korea & Okinawa
 - Philippines, Malaya & Java (sugar, rice & tea)
 - Pushcart railways
- How does one measure harbor effects?
- Harbors & the main railroad line were monopolistic
 - Does the price reflect cost, or is there monopoly profit?