

## Canary Island Censuses & Populations

Here is a listing of the various censuses and census-like reports (*visitas, matriculas, padrones, etc.*) which were referenced in Joseph Viera y Clavijo's Noticias de la Historia de Canarias (first published in 1772). The *libros* and chapters (*capitulos*) are indicated to provide a precise reference.

	<u>Viera y Clavijo</u>	<u>Population</u>
(1) <b>Lanzarote:</b>	(V y C, lib.10, ch.49)	
	1744 - "Una visita..."	7,210
	1768 - Matricula	9,705
(2) <b>Fuerteventura:</b>	(V y C, lib.11, ch.29)	
	1744 - "Una visita..."	7,382
	1768 - Matricula	8,863
(3) <b>La Gomera:</b>	(V y C, lib.12, ch.46)	
	1678 - Padron general	4,373
	1688 - "Un papel..."	4,661
	1745 - "Una visita..."	6,251
	1768 - Matricula	6,645
	1774 - Relacion de derecho...	7,536
(4) <b>El Hierro:</b>	(V y C, lib.12, ch.47)	
	1678 - Padron general	3,297
	1745 - "Una visita..."	3,687
	1768 - Matricula	4,022
(5) <b>Gran Canaria:</b>	(V y C, lib.15, ch.87)	
	1678 - Padron general	20,458
	1742 - "Una visita..."	43,864
	1768 - Matricula	41,082
(6) <b>La Palma:</b>	(V y C, lib.15, ch.88)	
	1678 - Padron general	13,892
	1742 - "Una visita..."	17,580
	1768 - Matricula	19,195
(7) <b>Tenerife:</b>	(V y C, lib.15, ch.89)	
	1678 - Padron general	49,112
	1745 - "Una visita..."	60,618
	1768 - Matricula	66,354
*** <b>General Survey:</b>	(V y C, lib.15, ch.90)	

This listing of censuses and census-like lists is preliminary, and is by no means complete. I have not yet seen any published copies of these censuses, and I report here only the general reference to them. I have been told that there are old *padrones* located in the Archives of the Diocese of Santa Cruz de Tenerife. If anyone knows of their publication (or their precise archival location), I would appreciate hearing about it. These census records will be of great interest to genealogists and family historians around the world who may be researching their Canary Islands ancestors.