



Society in
Spanish America:
New Spain,
early 1800s

King of Spain	
Peninsulars (born in Spain)	
Creoles (Spanish descent, born in Latin America)	18% (both peninsulars and creoles)
Mestizos (including a small number of blacks)	22%
Native Indians	60%

*These statistics come from A History of Latin America,
by Peter Bakewell, p. 278*

The mestizos were (and perhaps still are) the fastest growing group. Compare the population percentages for Mexico, in 1930:

Mixed (55%)
Indian (28%)
White (15%)

One can see how the *mestizo* population has dramatically increased throughout the history of New Spain and Mexico.