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This article introduces the Standard Cross-Cultural Sample.

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The Standard Cross-Cultural Sample (Murdock and White 1969) consists of 186 societies, each of which is pinpointed to a particular time and place for purposes of coding. By society we mean a specific local population which reproduces a way of life, the description of which may vary depending on which of many possible foci is chosen for study, within some larger unit. No attempt is made to generalize the descriptions of these individualized ways of life to an entire "society" in terms of the largest groups that might be included under the ethnic or national designations of the particular units. A more detailed description of sample design and pinpointing of focal groups is given in the next issue in the File STDSAMPL.FOC.

This sample is designed for testing propositions about human societies, cultures, and behaviors. The order in which the societies are listed below corresponds to the order of the records in the datafiles with descriptive variables on these societies. The numbers running from 1 to 186 traverse the societies from the southern tip of Africa up through Europe, on through Asia and the Pacific, into North America and down to the tip of South America. The dates are the focal date, which is often the earliest reliable ethnographic description.

Number	Societal Name	Date
1	Nama Hottentot	1860
2	Kung Bushmen	1950
3	Thonga	1865
4	Lozi	1900
5	Mbundu	1890
6	Suku	1920
7	Bemba	1897
8	Nyakyusa	1934
9	Hadza	1930
10	Luguru	1925
11	Kikuyu	1920
12	Ganda	1875
13	Mbuti	1950
14	Nkundo Mongo	1930
15	Banen	1935
16	Tiv	1920
17	Ibo	1935
18	Fon	1890
19	Ashanti	1895
20	Mende	1945
21	Wolof	1950

22	Bambara	1902
23	Tallensi	1934
24	Songhai	1940
25	Pastoral Fulani	1951
26	Hausa	1900
27	Massa (Masa)	1910
28	Azande	1905
29	Fur (Darfur)	1880
30	Otoro Nuba	1930
31	Shilluk	1910
32	Mao	1939
33	Kaffa (Kafa)	1905
34	Masai	1900
35	Konso	1935
36	Somali	1900
37	Amhara	1953
38	Bogo	1855
39	Kenuzi Nubians	1900
40	Teda	1950
41	Tuareg	1900
42	Riffians	1926
43	Egyptians	1950
44	Hebrews	-621
45	Babylonians	-1750
46	Rwala Bedouin	1913
47	Turks	1950
48	Gheg Albanians	1910
49	Romans	110
50	Basques	1934
51	Irish	1932
52	Lapps	1950
53	Yurak Samoyed	1894
54	Russians	1955
55	Abkhaz	1880
56	Armenians	1843
57	Kurd	1951
58	Basseri	1958
59	Punjabi (West)	1950
60	Gond	1938
61	Toda	1900
62	Santal	1940
63	Uttar Pradesh	1945
64	Burusho	1934
65	Kazak	1885
66	Khalka Mongols	1920

67	Lolo	1910
68	Lepcha	1937
69	Garo	1955
70	Lakher	1930
71	Burmese	1965
72	Lamet	1940
73	Vietnamese	1930
74	Rhade	1962
75	Khmer	1292
76	Siamese	1955
77	Semang	1925
78	Nicobarese	1870
79	Andamanese	1860
80	Vedda	1860
81	Tanala	1925
82	Negri Sembilan	1958
83	Javanese	1954
84	Balinese	1958
85	Iban	1950
86	Badjau	1963
87	Toradja	1910
88	Tobelorese	1900
89	Alorese	1938
90	Tiwi	1929
91	Aranda	1896
92	Orokaiva	1925
93	Kimam	1960
94	Kapauku	1955
95	Kwoma	1960
96	Manus	1937
97	New Ireland	1930
98	Trobrianders	1914
99	Siuai	1939
100	Tikopia	1930
101	Pentecost	1953
102	Mbau Fijians	1840
103	Ajie	1845
104	Maori	1820
105	Marquesans	1800
106	Western Samoans	1829
107	Gilbertese	1890
108	Marshallese	1900
109	Trukese	1947
110	Yapese	1910
111	Palauans	1947

112	Ifugao	1910
113	Atayal	1930
114	Chinese	1936
115	Manchu	1915
116	Koreans	1947
117	Japanese	1950
118	Ainu	1880
119	Gilyak	1890
120	Yukaghir	1850
121	Chukchee	1900
122	Ingalik	1885
123	Aleut	1800
124	Copper Eskimo	1915
125	Montagnais	1910
126	Micmac	1650
127	Saulteaux	1930
128	Slave	1940
129	Kaska	1900
130	Eyak	1890
131	Haida	1875
132	Bellacoola	1880
133	Twana	1860
134	Yurok	1850
135	Pomo (Eastern)	1850
136	Yokuts (Lake)	1850
137	Paiute (Northern)	1870
138	Klamath	1860
139	Kutenai	1890
140	Gros Ventre	1880
141	Hidatsa	1836
142	Pawnee	1867
143	Omaha	1860
144	Huron	1634
145	Creek	1800
146	Natchez	1718
147	Comanche	1870
148	Chiricahua	1870
149	Zuni	1880
150	Havasupai	1918
151	Papago	1910
152	Huichol	1890
153	Aztec	1520
154	Popoluca	1940
155	Quiche	1930
156	Miskito	1921

157	Bribri	1917
158	Cuna (Tule)	1927
159	Goajiro	1947
160	Haitians	1935
161	Callinago	1650
162	Warrau	1935
163	Yanomamo	1965
164	Carib (Barama)	1932
165	Saramacca	1928
166	Mundurucu	1850
167	Cubeo (Tucano)	1939
168	Cayapa	1908
169	Jivaro	1920
170	Amahuaca	1960
171	Inca	1530
172	Aymara	1940
173	Siriono	1942
174	Nambicuara	1940
175	Trumai	1938
176	Timbira	1915
177	Tupinamba	1550
178	Botocudo	1884
179	Shavante	1958
180	Aweikoma	1932
181	Cayua	1890
182	Lengua	1889
183	Abipon	1750
184	Mapuche	1950
185	Tehuelche	1870
186	Yahgan	1865