

**Table 17: The population of Chernovi**

Year	Muslims				Christians				
	Fortress				Town		Town		
	House holds	Households (other)	Households (total)	Bachelors	households	Bachelors	households	Widows	Bachelors
1479	--	--	--	--	0	0	107	4	Not listed
Mid-1480s	--	--	--	--	0	0	97	3	13
1516	57	1	58	--	5	5	142	5	62
Ca. 1540	57	--	--	--	Not listed	Not listed	140	0	107
Ca. 1550	18	3	21	24	13	8	217	0	135
1579	44	5	49	Not listed	7	2	272	0	216

On the other hand, the development of the regular, tax-paying Muslim community that resided outside the fortress, in the town proper, was quite uneven. While, as already seen, the 1516 registration listed ten such Muslims (5 household heads and 5 bachelors), there is no trace of them in the 1535-1540 registration. This community reappeared ca. 1550, with 13 household heads and 8 bachelors, and then dwindled to a total of 9 (7 married men and 2 bachelors) in 1579. Importantly, the presence of converts to Islam within this group was significant ca. 1550, with four converts and one identifiable son of a convert, and dominant in 1579, when two thirds of the Muslim residents in the town proper (6 out of 9) were converts.

The Christian population of Chernovi grew dramatically over the sixteenth century – from 142 households in 1516 and 140 ca. 1540, to 217 ca. 1550, and 272 in 1579, with a parallel