

## Imperial Fiefs in Italy 1754 - 1796

As of 1754 and later, there were around 13 “major fiefs” (*feudi maggiori*) which had effective own state administration, but recognized suzerainty of the Holy Roman Emperor, and around 43 “minor fiefs” (*feudi minori*) whose existence was mainly owed to the protection of their status by the Emperor. The Imperial fiefs were grouped in 5 semi-geographical areas.

Main sources for listing of the Imperial fiefs:

- 1) Archivio Storico Lombardo, 1874, Milano (list as of 1782),
- 2) Impero e feudi italiani tra Cinque e Settecento, by C. Cremonini, 2012, Roma (list as of 1754)

Population estimate sources:

(B) Bevölkerungsgeschichte Italiens, by K. Beloch, 1961, Berlin

(C) Codex Italiae Diplomaticus, by J. Lünig, 1725, Frankfurt

(K) Italien und die kaiserlichen Staaten, by J. Seidensticker, 1797, Berlin

Currency mint (the 17-18th century) source: Münzstudien, by H. Grote, 1871, Leipzig

### **Lombardian fiefs**

Major fiefs: Guastalla, Mantua, Milan, Parma, Piacenza, Piedmont (with Montferrat, etc.)

Minor fiefs:

Name of fief (fiefs with mints underlined)	Title of fief	Ruling house	Ruler	Modern Italian province	Population estimates in the 18th century
<u>Castiglione</u>	Principality	Ruled by Milan from 1691		Mantua	8,000 (1700) (B) 9,000 (1790) (B)
<u>Gazoldo</u>	County	Marquesses of Ippoliti	Nicolo Maria (1736 – 1766), Carlo Maria (1766 -1796)	Mantua	1,500 (1700) (C)
Limonta, Civenna and Campione	County	Abbots of Sant’ Ambrogio	Angelo Fumagalli (1773-1795)	Como	
<u>Maccagno</u>	County	Marquesses of Borromeo - Arese	Renato III (1744 – 1778), Gilberto V (1778-1796)	Varese	2,000 (1700) (C)
<u>Retegno and Bettola</u>	Barony	Ruled by Milan from 1768	Prince Antonio Tolomeo Gallio- Trivulzio (1705 - 1767)	Lodi	
San Martino Gusnago and Soave	County	Ruled by Milan from 1776	Ernesto Alessandro Giannini (1742 - 1775)	Mantua	1,500 (1700) (C)
<u>Solferino</u>	Marquessate	Ruled by Castiglione from 1680		Mantua	1,000 (1700) (C) 1,000 (1790) (B)

Vescovato	Principality	Gonzaga	Sigismondo IV (1735 – 1779), Francesco Nicolo (1779-1783), Francesco Luigi (1783-1796)	Cremona	800 (1700) (C)
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Langhe fiefs, from 1736 held by Sardinia (Savoy) from the Emperor and most of them continued as subfiefs to various houses (only the ones with title of Marquessate or County are recorded below, and seigneuries are omitted):

Name of fief	Title of fief	Ruling house (of subfief)	Modern Italian province	Population estimates in the 18th century
Balestrino	Marquessate	Del Carretto	Savona	800 (1700) (C)
Carretto	Marquessate	Del Carretto	Savona	1,700 (1700) (C)
Francavilla	Marquessate	dukes Grillo, from 1779 Guasco	Alessandria	400 (1700) (C)
Garlenda	Marquessate	Del Carretto	Savona	500 (1700) (C)
Gorzegno	Marquessate	Del Carretto	Cuneo	1,500 (1700) (C)
Loano	County	to 1770 princes Doria-Landi	Savona	2,000
Millesimo	County	Del Carretto	Savona	500 (1700) (C)
Novello	Marquessate	Del Carretto	Cuneo	2,500 (1700) (C)
Silvano	County	marquesses Botta d'Adorno	Alessandria	500 (1700) (C)
Tassarolo	County	Spinola di Luccoli	Alessandria	500

### Bononian fiefs

Major fiefs: Modena (with Reggio, etc.)

Minor fiefs:

Name of fief (fiefs with mints underlined)	Title of fief	Ruling house	Ruler	Modern Italian province	Population estimates in the 18th century
<u>Novellara</u>	County	Ruled by Modena from 1737		Reggio	5,000 (1700) (B)
Rivolo (Rolo)	County	Ruled by Modena from 1776	Marquess Gaetano Sessi (1744 - 1776)	Reggio	1,300 (1700) (C)

### Ligurian fiefs

Major fiefs: Torriglia (with rest of so-called State of Doria), and nominally the Republic of Genova (with Finale, etc.)

Minor fiefs:

Name of fief (fiefs with mints underlined)	Title of fief	Ruling house	Ruler	Modern Italian province	Population estimates in the 18th century
<u>Arquata</u>	Marquessate	Spinola di Luccoli	Ferdinando (bf.1754 - 1778), Agostino (1778-1796)	Alessandria	800 (1700) (C) 1,500 (1790) (K)
Borgo Adorno, Pallavicino, Pietra, Prato	Marquessate	Botta d'Adorno	Alessandro (1700 – 1764), Luigi (1764-1789), Alessandro (1789-1794)	Genova, Alessandria	4,000 (1700) (C)
Cabella and Fontanarossa	Marquessate	Ruled by Torriglia from 1784	Barnaba Spinola-Pallavicini (1736 – 1772), Giovanni Carlo Spinola-Pallavicini (1772-1783)	Alessandria	1,000 (1700) (C)
<u>Campi</u>	Marquessate	Princes of Centurione	Giovanni Battista II (1753-1785), Giovanni Battista III (1785-1796)	Genova	800
Campofreddo	Marquessate	Spinola de San Luca	Domenico (c. 1754), Cristoforo (bf.1782 - 1796)	Genova	300 (1700) (C) 1,000 (1790) (K)
Isola and Variana	Marquessate	Spinola de Luccoli	Giovanni Battista (c.1754), Francesco Maria (c.1782)	Alessandria	600
Montessoro and Piano	Marquessate		Paolo Battista Rivarola (c.1754), Giovanni Benedetto Spinola di Luccoli (c.1782)	Genova	
Orezzoli	Marquessate	Malaspina di Pozzoli	Antonio Giuseppe (bf.1754 – af.1793)	Piacenza	
Pietrabissara	Marquessate	Spinola di Luccoli	Carlo (bf.1754 - 1766), Alessandro Luciano (1767– af.1782)	Genova	500

Pregola	Marquessate	Malaspina	Corrado di Godiasco (bf.1754 – 1777), Giovanni Galeazzo di Santa Margherita (bf.1781 – af.1789)	Pavia	2,600 (1700) (C)
<u>Ronco and Valcaldo, and Roccaforte</u>	Marquessate	Spinola di Luccoli	Giovanni Battista (1736 – 1772), Carlo Napoleone II (1772 -1796)	Genova, Alessandria	
Savignone and Croce	County	Fieschi	Gerolamo II (1733-1784), Agostino Innocenzo (1784-1796)	Genova	2,500 (1700) (C)
Varinella	County	Ruled by Savoy from 1785	Abbots of San Pietro di Precipiano (to 1785)	Alessandria	
Vergagni	Marquessate	Crosa	Giovanni Ambrogio (bf.1754- 1789), Giovanni Nicolo II (1789-1796)	Alessandria	

### Tuscanian fiefs

Major fiefs: Tuscany, and nominally the Republic of Lucca

Minor fiefs:

Name of fief (fiefs with mints underlined)	Title of fief	Ruling house	Ruler	Modern Italian province	Population estimates in the 18th century
Carpegna	County	Marquesses of Gabrielli	Antonio (1749-1800), Gaspare (1800-1808)	Pesaro	1,500
<u>Castiglione de Gatti</u>	County	Pepoli	Cornelio IV (1731 – 1777), Alessandro III (1777 – 1796)	Bologna	1,500 (1700) (C)
<u>Monte Santa Maria</u>	Marquessate	Bourbon del Monte	Monaldo (1749–1757), Virginio II (1757–1766), Giovanni Battista III (1766–1767), Filippo (1767–1780), Piero Francesco (1780–1781),	Perugia	2,500

			Bartolomeo (1781), Paolo Antonio (1782-1786), Luigi (1786-1798), Antonio Ranieri (1798-1799)		
Scavolino	Principality	Orsini	Gaspere (1754 – 1788), Ulderico II (1788 - 1808)	Rimini	2,000
Sorbello	Marquessate	Bourbon del Monte	Ugucione III (1748-1799)	Arezzo	500
Vernio	County	Bardi	Vincenzio (bf.1738 - af.1754), Pier Filippo (bf.1763 – af.1788)	Prato	2,100 (1700) (C) 2,600 (1790) (K)

### Lunigiana fiefs

Major fiefs: Massa, Carrara

Minor fiefs:

Name of fief (fiefs with mints underlined)	Title of fief	Ruling house	Ruler	Modern Italian province	Population estimates in the 18th century
Bastia	Marquessate	Malaspina	Giovanni Maria (1736-1783), Claudio of Ponte Bosio (1783-1796)	Massa-Carrara	500 (1700) (C)
Castevoli, Cavanella	Marquessate	Malaspina	Paolo Scipione (1741-1759), Tommaso III (1759-1796)	Spezia	400 (1700) (C)
<u>Fosdinovo</u>	Marquessate	Malaspina	Gabriele III (1722 – 1758), Carlo II Emanuele (1758-1796)	Massa-Carrara	3,000 (1700) (C)
Licciana	Marquessate	Malaspina	Cornelio II (1741 – 1778), Ignazio (1778-1794), Claudio of Ponte Bosio (1794-1796), Alfonso of Podenzano (1796)	Massa-Carrara	800 (1700) (C)

Malgrado	Marquessate	Freganeschi	Pietro Martire (1745 - 1769), Giovanni Battista (1769-1793), Alessandro (1793-1796)	Massa-Carrara	1,000 (1700) (C)
Mulazzo, Monterese, Calice	Marquessate	Malaspina (Calice ruled by Tuscany from 1772)	Giovanni Cristoforo III (1697 – 1765), Cesare (1765 – 1776), Giacinto III (1776-1796)	Massa-Carrara, Spezia	Mulazzo: 600 (1700) (C) Monterese: 500 (1700) (C) Calice: 1,200 (1700) (C)
Olivola	Marquessate	Malaspina	Giuseppe Massimiliano (1714 – 1758), Lazzaro IV (1758-1783), Carlo (1783-1796)	Massa-Carrara	400 (1700) (C)
Podenzana, Aulla	Marquessate	Malaspina	Alessandro III (1754-1789), Alfonso (1789-1796)	Massa-Carrara	Podenzana: 600 (1700) (C) Aulla: 1,500 (1700) (C)
Ponte Bosio	Marquessate	Malaspina	Giulio III (1748-1762), Claudio (1762-1796)	Massa-Carrara	500 (1700) (C)
Suvero	Marquessate	Malaspina	Rinaldo III (1736-1770), Francesco Antonio II (1770-1771), Torquato IV (1771-1796)	Spezia	600 (1700) (C)
<u>Tresana</u>	Marquessate	Princes of Corsini	Filippo III (1752 – 1767), Bartolomeo III (1767-1792), Tommaso (1792-1796)	Massa-Carrara	1,000 (1700) (C)
Treschietto	Marquessate	Ruled by Tuscany 1698-1761 and from 1789	Carlo Enrico conte Nay di Richecourt (1761-1789)	Massa-Carrara	800 (1700) (C)
Villafranca, Rocchetta	Marquessate	Malaspina	Federico V (1725-1786), Giovanni II (1786-1796), Tommaso III of Castevoli (1796)	Massa-Carrara, Spezia	Villafranca: 700 (1700) (C) Rocchetta: 1,000 (1700) (C)

Former Lunigiana fiefs that by 1754 had passed into ownership of Tuscany, but were occasionally granted as subfiefs:

Name of fief	Title of fief	Acquired by Tuscany	Ruling house (of subfief)	Modern Italian province	Population estimates in the 18th century
Groppoli	Marquessate	1577	to 1774 Brignole-Sale	Massa-Carrara	1,200 (1700) (C)
Filattiera	Marquessate	1535		Massa-Carrara	1,000 (1700) (C)
Lusuolo	Marquessate	1616		Massa-Carrara	1,000 (1700) (C)
Terrarossa	Marquessate	1617	to 1787 Malaspina di Filattiera	Massa-Carrara	200 (1700) (C)