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**SAN LORENZELLO:
VITAL STATISTICS**

Region: Campania

Province: Benevento (ancient Samnium)

Population: approx. 2300 (approx. 1000 in 1579; 1000 in 1688; 1400 in 1704)

Historical dates:

- first settlements in the region in prehistoric times (late palaeolithic and neolithic period).
- nearest Roman site Telesia (modern San Salvatore

Telesino) in the Calore plain.

- became established probably in the early middle ages.
- 1151: first mentioned in records (as a hamlet).
- 1349: seismic episode reported in popular tradition.
- 1456: devastating earthquake.
- 1541: gained status of a "university" (autonomous commune).
- 1656: outbreak of plague.
- 1688: earthquake of intensity XI on the Mercalli scale.
- 18th century: period of prosperity.
- 1805: earthquake of intensity VII-VIII.
- 1837: outbreak of cholera.

