

The Modern US Federal Census©

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Resource List

The US Federal Census as a Genealogical Source

Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses From 1790 to 2000 (history of the censuses, instructions to enumerators and comparison charts)

https://usa.ipums.org/usa/resources/voliii/measuring_america.pdf

National Archives Resources for Genealogists (Census forms, all schedules)

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>

National Archives: Research Our Records- Nonpopulation Census Records

<https://www.archives.gov/research/census/nonpopulation>

1950 US Federal Census

National Archives Links:

1950 Census Blank Forms: <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950/blank-forms>

1950 Census Infant Cards and instructions: <https://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/documents/04198170ch2.pdf>

1950 Census FAQ Page: <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950/faqs>

(This includes information on who was counted, what records were retained)

National Archives Genealogy Series: 1950 Census (webinars): <https://bit.ly/3Motrlq>

Steve Morse Links:

Getting Ready for the 1950 Census: <https://stevemorse.org/census/1950census.htm>

Unified 1950 Census ED Finder: <https://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>

Universal 1950 Census Image Viewer: <https://stevemorse.org/census/viewer1950.html>

Indexing/Curating through the FamilySearch 1950 US Census Website:

Sign up to get updates on the census and start curating starting April 1st: <https://www.familysearch.org/1950census/>

Searching the Census 1940-1850

Paths to the US Federal Census Search Pages on FamilySearch & Ancestry

FamilySearch: on the homepage click “Records”. Then on the next page, under “Find a Collection” type “United States Census” in the “Collection Title” box. A box with a toggle bar will come up with all available US Census schedules. Click on the one you wish to search.

Ancestry: On the homepage click “Search” and from the dropdown box choose “Census and Voter Lists”. On that page click “U.S. Federal Census Collection”. On the next page choose “View all collections included in this search”. This will bring up all census schedules, including the mortality schedules, slave schedules, and others.

Search tips:

[Searching the FamilySearch Digital Library](#)

[Ancestry: Searching with Wild Cards](#)

U.S. Census Headings

FamilySearch: [U.S. Census Headings 1790-1860](#)

FamilySearch: [U.S. Census Headings 1870-1930](#)

Saving & Extracting Census Data

Download Original Census Images & Save to 3 Places

1. Your computer backed up by a hard disk you regularly format
2. Your computer backed up by a cloud service (OneDrive, Google Drive, iDrive, Dropbox, etc.)
3. A genealogy program such as Family Tree Maker, Roots Magic, Legacy, etc.

Extracting Census Information

Fillable 1950 US Census form: <https://bit.ly/3Cimmo2>

DLC Genealogy: US Federal Census Comparison Sheet and basic 1850-1940 census extraction templates: [Free Genealogy Templates](#)

Fillable complete 1790-1940 US Census forms in Excel, (also MSWorks, and Tab Text): [USGenWeb - Transcribing Help Index - Census Templates and Spreadsheets](#)