

United States/Canada Online Census Resources

U.S. Federal Census Comparison Chart *Population Schedules*

Census Year	AncestryInstitution.com Name Index	HeritageQuest.com Name Index	AncestryInstitution.com Images	HeritageQuest.com Images
1790	Yes	Yes (Every Name)	Yes	Yes
1800	Yes	Yes (Every Name)	Yes	Yes
1810	Yes	Yes (Every Name)	Yes	Yes
1820	Yes	Yes (Every Name)	Yes	Yes
1830	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
1840	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
1850	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
1860	Yes	Yes (Head of Household)	Yes	Yes
1870	Yes	Yes (Head of Household)	Yes	Yes
1880	Yes	Yes (Every Name)	Yes	Yes
1890	Yes	Yes ¹ (Every Name)	Yes	Yes
1900	Yes	Yes (Head of Household)	Yes	Yes
1910	Yes	Yes (Head of Household)	Yes	Yes
1920	Yes	Yes (Head of Household)	Yes	Yes
1930	No	Partial ² (Head of Household)	No	Yes

¹ Over 99 Percent of the 1890 population schedules were destroyed in a 1921 fire at the Commerce building in Washington, D.C. Only the surviving census fragments are provided.

² Includes CT, DE, MD, TX, and VA only.

Access to Databases on AncestryInstitution.com

1790-1920 census indexes and images (available at the Family History Library)

1880, 1900, 1920 census indexes and images (available at the Family History Centers)

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- AncestryInstitution.com census indexes**
 - Use www.ancestryinstitution.com US Federal Census indexes to locate an ancestor.
 - Then use that data at www.HeritageQuestOnline.com to locate census images.
- Use www.HeritageQuestOnline.com census indexes for 1790-1820, and 1860-1920 at the Family History Library and Family History Centers.
- Ancestry.com at another library.** Local public and/or academic libraries (for example, the Salt Lake *County* Library) may have a subscription to the Ancestry.com Library Edition which allows their members to access the Ancestry.com databases.

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4. **Other census indexes.** Web sites that link to additional online census indexes:
 - Genealogy links to United States census indexes by state and year at http://www.warnes.net/Teslacorp/GenealogyLinks/index_html?Tab=4-US%20Census.
 - U.S. Census help, links and online records at <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/censuslinks.html>.
 - ProGenealogists list of online databases at <http://progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>.
 - Cyndi's List of genealogy sites on the Internet at <http://www.cyndislist.com/census.htm>.
5. **Family History Library Internet Favorites.** Use FHL Internet Favorites (Internet bookmarks) to identify alternative online indexes. On the Family History Library desktop click on the Favorites button, and find the *Census* folder for the state of interest, for example Ohio – Census. Or, you may also use the US General – Census folder.
6. **Search engines.** Use an Internet search engine (such as www.Google.com, www.Ask.com) to look up a state or county and also use the phrase *census index* (for example: Utah census index). Search engines are especially useful for finding local census indexes for towns and counties not found in FHL Favorites.
7. **Book, microfilm, and microfiche indexes.** The Family History Library has an excellent collection of book, film and fiche (A.I.S.) census indexes and census images to help U.S. census researchers. Use the Place Search of the Family History Library Catalog to look up the state and the topic *Census*.
8. **Union catalogs.** Union catalogs (like WorldCat at <http://worldcat.org/>) may help you identify other libraries or archives with alternative indexes and sources.
9. **Volunteer to index.** Please volunteer to extract family history information from digital images of historical documents and help us create free indexes that assist everyone in finding their ancestors. There may be a census you can help us get indexed, or help index some other record from an area where one of your ancestors lived. To get started see www.familysearchindexing.org.
10. **1930 Census**
 - a. HeritageQuest has online indexes for CT, DE, MD, TX, and VA.
 - b. The Family History Library and Family History Centers have access to Soundex indexes on microfilm for AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and some counties of KY and WV.
 - c. If an ancestor did not live in the states listed in 10a or 10b above, you can still find them in a census without using a census index:
 - ^^ For **rural ancestors**
 - 1) Look up a state, county and city at <http://1930census.archives.gov/beginSearch.asp> to find the Enumeration District (E.D.) where your ancestor lived.
 - 2) Search line-by-line through the census for that E.D.
 - ^^ For **urban ancestors** first find the Enumeration District (E.D.) where he lived.
 - 1) Look up the ancestor in a city directory. For directories available from the Family History Library see <http://users.starpower.net/drkehs/census/citydirs/fhscitydirs.htm>.
 - 2) Look up the ancestor's address at www.MapQuest.com and find the nearest cross street.
 - 3) Look up the street and cross street at <http://stevemorse.org/census/index.html> to get an E.D.
 - 4) Search line-by-line through the census for that E.D. The site above can help find film numbers.

Canadian Census Resources:

1. Use www.automatedgenealogy.com to access:
 - a. Index and images for the 1901, 1906 and 1911 censuses.
 - b. Index and images for the 1851 New Brunswick census (some parishes missing).