# FINDING HISTORICAL CENSUS DATA

Maryland State Data Center Annual Meeting

Maryland Department of Planning

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- MSDC Website
- Census Bureau Publications
- National Archives Records Online
- IPUMS
- NHGIS

## Inside Census

- Census 2010
- Census 2000
- Census Historical

## Related External Links

- Census Webinars
- US Census Bureau
- Maryland Census
- Maryland.gov
- USA.gov

# Census Data

The Census is a complete count of all persons living in the United States mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The population is counted every 10 years and the results are used to allocate Congressional seats, electoral votes and government program funding. The most recent census was held in 2010.

The Maryland State Data Center is designated by the U.S. Census Bureau as the repository and service center for census data pertaining to the state.

## Data releases from U.S. Census Bureau

- *2010 Census Participation Rates*
- *113th Congressional District Profile, 3/16/2014*
- *2000-2010 Change in Population by Race/Hispanic Origin by Census Tract Equivalence Area*
- *Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Released Date: 2013)*
- *Urban and Rural Designations 2010*
- *Population Corrections for Allegany County*

## Resources

- Index of Data Releases
- Block level data for local census challenges
- Download Census 2010 Boundary Tiger Shape Files by Geographic Level
- Public Law 94-171 Data (full set on one page)
- Raw Data - Public Law 94-171 Demographic Profiles (for experienced users only)
- 2010 Census Population Highlights
- Population Counts (for States only)
- 2010 Census Data Products Schedule
- Measuring 2010 Census Undercount or OverCount for Maryland and its Jurisdictions

DECENNIAL CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

Back to Decennial Census by Decades

# Decennial Census Official Publications

The census tells us who we are and where we are going as a nation. The census helps our communities determine where to build everything from schools to supermarkets, and from homes to hospitals. It helps the government decide how to distribute funds and assistance to states and localities. It is also used to draw the lines of legislative districts and reapportion the seats each State holds in Congress.

For access to volumes not available, please contact your local Federal Depository Library.

1990 | 1980 | 1970 | **1960** | 1950 | 1940 | 1930 | MORE

## 1960

Related Information

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# Resources for Genealogists



Getting Started

Start Your Genealogy Research
Genealogy Tutorial (Powerpoint)
Genealogy Research Topics
Charts and Forms

Genealogy Guides

Genealogy Resources
Reference Reports
Genealogy Research Using Military Records
Preserving Family Records

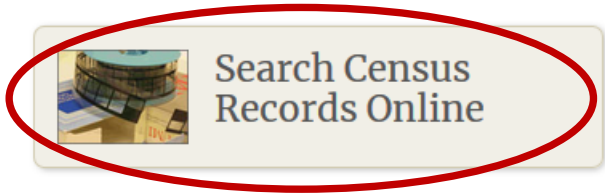
Tools for Genealogists

Online Research Tools
Other Websites
National Archives Catalog Guide for Genealogists
Ask Genealogy Questions on History Hub

More Ways to Learn

## Census Records

### Introduction to Census Records




You can start your census records search with only:

- The name of your relative or ancestor, and
- The state where he or she resided.

The first Federal Population Census was taken in 1790, and a census has been taken every ten years since. However, data from recent censuses are not available after 1940 because of a 72-year restriction on access to the Census. Most researchers find it helpful to begin with the 1940 Census and work backwards to locate people in earlier generations.

The National Archives has the census schedules on microfilm available from 1790 to 1940, and online access is available through our digitization partners (free at any National Archives facility). See our Census Resources page to search the digitized records on our partners' websites. (Please note: Most of the 1890 Census was destroyed in a Department of Commerce fire in 1921, though partial records are available for some states.)

### What can the Census tell me?

Census records can provide the building blocks of your research, allowing you both to confirm information and learn more.

### Census Resources for Beginners

- Introduction to Census Records - video
- Using Pre-1850 Census to Family Family - video

### How to Order

Use **NATF Form 82** to order individual pages of Federal population census schedules, 1790-1940, for genealogical research or as evidence of age and place of birth for employment, Social Security benefits, insurance, passports, and other reasons.

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1790-1840 FULL COUNT DATA
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USER GUIDE

# U.S. CENSUS DATA FOR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND HEALTH RESEARCH

IPUMS USA collects, preserves and harmonizes U.S. census microdata and provides easy access to this data with enhanced documentation. Data includes decennial censuses from 1790 to 2010 and American Community Surveys (ACS) from 2000 to the present.

**USE IT FOR GOOD -- NEVER FOR EVIL**

## CREATE YOUR CUSTOM DATA SET

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## ONLINE TOOL FOR ANALYSIS

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# DOWNLOAD U.S. CENSUS DATA TABLES & MAPPING FILES

The **National Historical Geographic Information System** (NHGIS) provides easy access to summary tables and time series of population, housing, agriculture, and economic data, along with GIS-compatible boundary files, for years from 1790 through the present and for all levels of U.S. census geography, including states, counties, tracts, and blocks. *Read more*.

**START HERE:** Get Data

## WHAT IS IPUMS?

IPUMS provides census and survey data from around the world integrated across time and space. IPUMS integration and documentation makes it easy to study change, conduct comparative research, merge information across data types, and analyze individuals within family and community context. Data and services are available free of charge. Learn more about IPUMS.

# Links to Sources

- Decennial Census Publications

https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/decennial-publications.html

- National Archives Census Records

https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/census

- IPUMS

https://usa.ipums.org/usa/

- NHGIS

https://www.nhgis.org/

# Q & A

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