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FamilySearch Research Wiki

[United States Federal Census](#)
[United States Census](#)

Ancestry.com Learning Center

[Overview of the U.S. Census](#)
[Follow Your Family With Census Records](#)
[10 Census Questions That Lead to More Answers](#)
[Bridging the 1890 Census Gap](#)
[Census Search Tips](#)

Census forms

[US Census Forms](#) Ancestry.com
[Census Forms](#) Family Tree Magazine
[United States Census Forms](#) FamilySearch

Censuses available online

[FamilySearch Historical Record Collections](#)
[Ancestry.com](#)
[HeritageQuest](#)
National Archives & Records Administration - Ft. Worth office
FamilySearch Centers

State censuses

[FamilySearch](#)
[Ancestry.com](#)

Borrow state censuses (and other sources) not available online

[FamilySearch Microfilm Ordering](#)

City Directories

[Dallas Public Library](#) and many other urban public library websites (online, microfilm or print)
[United States Online Historical Directories](#)

General catalogs of holdings

FamilySearch [Catalog](#)
Ancestry.com [Card Catalog](#)

Partial list of books available at the Dallas Public Library - (check your local public library for their specific holdings)

- Mastering Census & Military Records
- Census substitutes & state census records : an annotated bibliography of published name lists for all 50 U.S. states and state censuses for 37 states
- A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services
- The official guide to Ancestry.com
- Finding answers in U.S. census records
- Census records for Latin America and the Hispanic United States
- State census records
- Texas census records, 1841-1849
- The United States census compendium; a directory of census records, tax lists, poll lists, petitions, directories, etc. which can be used as a census

Comparison of Census Information, 1790-1940

Personal Info on Census	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940
Name of family head only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Headcount by age, gender, ...	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Standard census form				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Names of all individuals								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Age								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sex								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Color								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Profession or occupation								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Place of birth								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Attended school that year								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Highest grade completed															✓
Married that year							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Read or write							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Deaf, blind, insane, idiotic, ...							✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Real estate value							✓	✓	✓						✓
Personal estate value								✓	✓						
Separate slave schedule							✓	✓							
Father of foreign birth									✓						
Mother of foreign birth									✓						
Month of birth											✓				
Month of birth that year									✓	✓					
Male citizen over 21 years									✓						
Male over 21 denied vote									✓						
Visitation number of dwelling							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Visitation number of family							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Street name in city										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House number in city										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Relationship to family head										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marital status										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Month of marriage that year									✓						
No. of months unemployed										✓	✓				
Father's birthplace										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	sup
Mother's birthplace										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	sup
Sickness on census day										✓					
Year of birth											✓				
No. of years present marriage											✓	✓			
Mother how many children											✓	✓			sup
Number of children living											✓	✓			
Year of immigration to US											✓	✓	✓	✓	
No. of years in US											✓				
Naturalization status											✓	✓	✓	✓	
Months attended school											✓				

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