

State Censuses

The United States has conducted a federal population census once every ten years beginning in 1790. Many states have also conducted population censuses. These censuses are particularly useful to genealogy researchers but are somewhat more difficult to obtain.

This is a list of all extant state censuses. The list does not include colonial or territorial censuses. It also does not include censuses taken by local governments below the state level. There are two excellent guides to state censuses that include descriptions of the questions asked on each of the censuses:

Ann S. Lainhart. *State Census Records*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992.
GEN 016.3046 A3 LAI

Henry J. Dubester. *State Censuses: An Annotated Bibliography of Censuses of Population Taken after the Year 1790 by States and Territories of the United States*. 1948; reprint Knightstown, IN: The Bookmark, 1975. GEN 016.312
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This list also includes information about the availability of the censuses. Carlsbad City Library holdings of censuses are listed first. California State Library holdings are listed next and patrons may request this information through Inter Library Loan. Then, the Family History Library holdings are listed; patrons may order microfilmed copies from their local Family History Centers. The state archives holdings are listed with a note as to whether the archives will loan the material. Finally, Internet sites of digital images, transcriptions, abstractions, and indexes are listed.

The following states have no state censuses:

State:	Admitted to the Union:
Alaska	3 January 1959
Arizona	14 February 1912
Arkansas	15 June 1836
Connecticut	9 January 1788
Delaware	7 December 1787
Hawaii	21 August 1959
Kentucky	1 June 1792
Maryland	28 April 1788
Montana	8 November 1889
New Hampshire	21 June 1788
New Mexico	6 January 1912
	Belen (1918) and Los Lunas (1928) have post statehood censuses.
North Carolina	21 November 1789
Ohio	1 March 1803
Pennsylvania	12 December 1787
Texas	29 December 1845
Utah	4 January 1896
Vermont	4 March 1791
Virginia	25 June 1788
Wyoming	10 July 1890