



State Censuses

The United States has conducted a federal population census once every ten years beginning in 1790. Many states have also conducted their own population censuses. These censuses are particularly useful to genealogy researchers as many were done between the federal census years. 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. Available at the Georgina Cole Library, call number: 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. Available at the Georgina Cole Library, call number: GEN 016.312 A3 UNI

The following states did not conduct a state census: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maryland, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Wyoming.

All other states have done a census at various times, depending on the state. Most of these, as of 2018, are available on Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch. However, the following state and territorial censuses are available only on microfilm through interlibrary loan or at the Family History Library unless otherwise noted:

Georgia (Ancestry Library Edition has 1838 & 1845 through Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index)

Indiana (Ancestry Library Edition has 1807 index through Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index)

Louisiana

New Jersey (Ancestry Library Edition has 1855-1915)

Oregon

South Carolina

Tennessee

Wisconsin (Ancestry Library Edition has 1836-8 index, 1842 index, 1846 index, 1855 index, 1855, 1875, 1885-1905; indexes available through Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index. 1865 available at familysearch.org)