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About the Lecture Series

These lectures will demonstrate how to use records from the 1950 Census and other federal resources for genealogical research. Our presenters include experts from the National Archives and Records Administration and the U.S. Census Bureau. Sessions are intended for beginners to experienced family historians – all are welcome!







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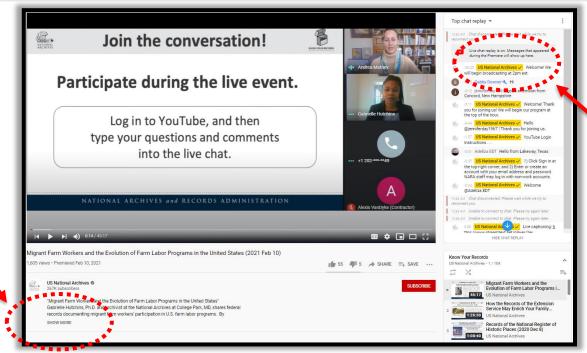




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March-April Schedule

March 2	Overview of What's on the 1950 Census
1 p.m. ET	Claire Kluskens - Genealogy/Census Subje

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March 16

1 p.m. ET

March 30

1 p.m. ET

April 27

1 p.m. ET

National Archives in Washington, DC

Mapping the 1950 Census: Census Enumeration District Maps at the National Archives

National Archives at College Park, MD

National Archives at College Park, MD

National Archives at Denver, CO

Brandi Oswald - Supervisory archivist, Cartographic Branch

The Story of the 1950 Census P8 Indian Reservation Schedule

The 1950 Census Website: Design, Development, and Features to Expect

Michael L. Knight - Web Branch Chief, Office of Innovation (Digital Engagement Division)

Cody White - Native American-Related Records Subject Matter Expert and archivist

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May Schedule

May 11 From Parchments to Printouts: History of the Census from 1790 to 1950 Sharon Tosi Lacey - Chief Historian U.S. Census Bureau

May 18 History of Census Records and the National Archives

1 p.m. ET Jessie Kratz - Historian of the National Archives

National Archives in Washington, DC

May 25 Historic Census Bureau Sources for Filipino, Guamanian and Chamorro, American 1 p.m. ET Samoan, and Native Hawaiian Research

Christopher Martin – Historian

U.S. Census Bureau







Overview of What's on the 1950 Census

Our Genealogy/Census Subject Matter Expert Claire Kluskens provides an overview of what's available (and not available) in the 1950 Census.







Presenter Biography



Claire Kluskens

Claire Kluskens is the Genealogy/Census Subject Matter Expert at the National Archives in Washington, DC. She spearheaded the completion of more than 330 National Archives microfilm publications and now works on digital and description projects for the National Archives Catalog and NARA website. She lectures frequently and has published extensively in national, state, and local genealogical publications. Claire has been a National Archives and Records Administration staff member since 1992 and has done genealogical research since 1976.





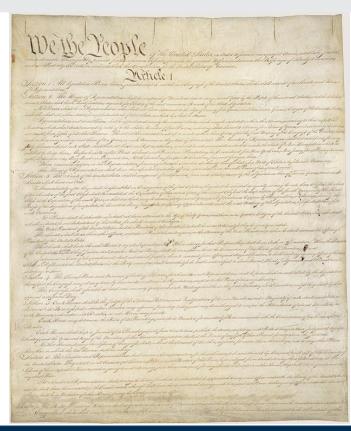


Overview of

The 1950 Census

Claire Kluskens March 2022





Why Does the U.S. Take a Census Every 10 Years?

- Required by Article I, Section 2, of the U.S.
 Constitution
- To allocate representation in the U.S. House of Representatives on the basis of population
- Provide statistical data for policymaking

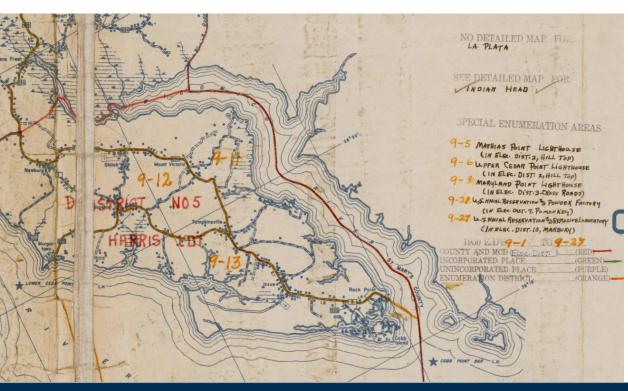


The 1950 Census Release is Happening on April 1, 2022

- April 1 was the "official census day" in 1950
- 72-year rule has been in place since 1952
- Agreement later codified by Congress



230,000 Enumeration Districts

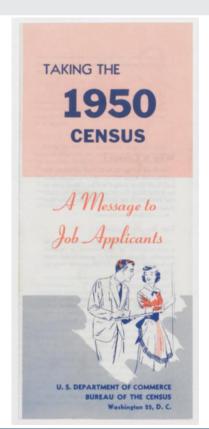


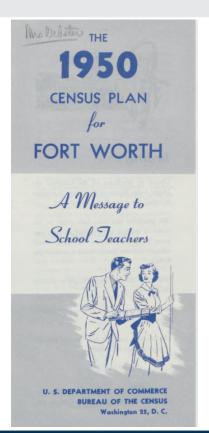




Enumerators Hired and Trained

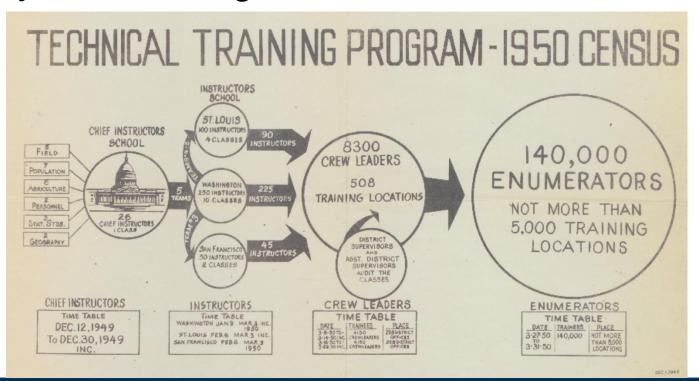
- Ordinary citizens
- Temporary job
- Basic literacy skills able to read, write legibly, do basic math, and interact successfully with other people
- Received training







Systematic Training for Enumerators and Crew Leaders





How Was the Enumeration Done?

- 140,000 enumerators personally visited 46 million dwellings
- 2.25 million dwellings visited each day at a cost of \$1 million/day
- Most enumeration was completed by May 30, 1950:
 - Winter storms in North and South Dakota delayed rural enumeration by 6 weeks
 - Floods in the Mississippi Valley and other waterways delayed enumeration
 - Some census offices didn't hire enough enumerators
 - Some enumerators only worked 6 hours per day
 - Some enumerators did poor work that had to be redone



The bright, new America of Wladyslaw Jones

LIVING FOR MASTER WLADYSLAW and all other young.

Americans will be brighter and better in coming years, because of
the visit a certain person will shortly pay you.

That person is the United States Census-Taker. He is coming around for the 17th time since this Republic was conceived in Lüberty. His job is to gather population facts and figures whichwill help make ours a greater country.

Adequate schools for your children; better parks and playgrounds and hospitals; a better distribution of utilities like telephones, gas, electric power and water . . . all are dependent upon Census reports.

Leaders in industry, business, labor and civic groups use Census facts in planning programs. The Census affects housing, safety regulations, road building, and countless other activities vital to your well-being.

Last but not least, the number of Representatives your state is extilled to send to Congress is determined by the Census. Remember-all individual information you give the Census-Taker is confidential. No other government agrncy has access to it.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE

- Ask him to show his official card. This identifies him as an employee of the Centra Bureau.
- 2. He friendly. Invite him in. He will stay only a few min uter.
- In non-English-speaking houses, have an adult or sides child ready to translate.
- Answer all questions accurately and hencetly. Remember
 —the information you give is strictly confidential. Under law, it is not available to any individual or any other Government agency.

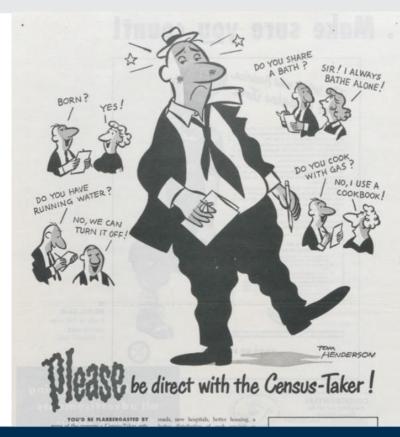


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Population census forms for Canton [Kanton], Johnston, Midway,
 and Wake Islands in the Pacific Ocean – about 2,000 images



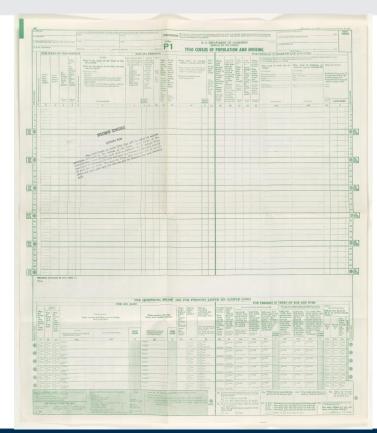
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- Digital access only no access to physical microfilm
- Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands
- Paper records were microfilmed in 1952 by the Bureau of the Census
- The original paper records were destroyed in 1961-1963



Form P1, 1950 Census of Population and Housing

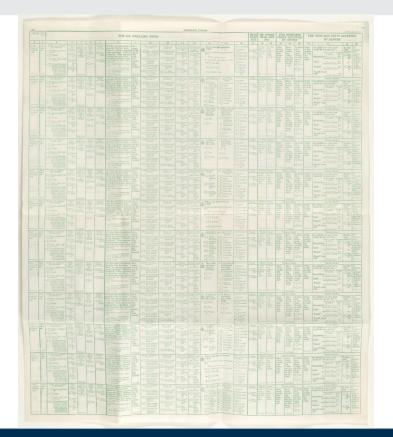
- Form used in most of the continental U.S.
- 30 persons per page
- 6 persons answered sample questions
- Person on last sample line answered even more sample questions
- 5 versions of form to ensure different lines were sampled on different pages
- Generally similar to 1940 census the bulk of the variations with 1940 are in the sample questions





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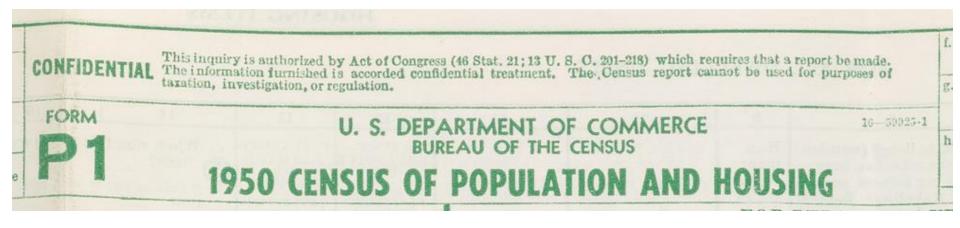
- Reverse side of form housing questions
- Not microfilmed therefore not part of the census release
- Statistics compiled and published





Form P1, 1950 Census of Population and Housing

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Form P1, 1950 Census of Population and Housing

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LINE NUMBER	Varue of street			(Yes or No)	(Yes or No)	Agriculture Qu

Form P1, 1950 Census of Population and Housing

Items 1 - 6

Item 1 – Street, avenue, or road

Item 2 – House and apartment number

Item 3 – Serial number of dwelling unit

Item 4 – Is this house on a farm? (Yes / No)

Item 5 – If not on a farm, is the house on more than 3 acres?

Item 6 – Agriculture Questionnaire Number



NAME

What is the name of the head of this household?

What are the names of all other persons who live here?

List in this order:

The head

His wife

Unmarried sens and daughters (in order of age)

Married sons and daughters and their families

Other relatives

Other persons, such as lodgers, roomers, maids or hired hands who live in, and their relatives

(Last name first)

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Item 7

Name of head of household

Wife

Unmarried sons & daughters by age

Married sons & daughters & their families

Other relatives

Other persons – lodgers, roomers, hired hands, etc., and their families

"No One at Home – See Sheet __ Line __"



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Items 8 - 12

Item 8 – Relationship to Head of Household

Item 9 - Race

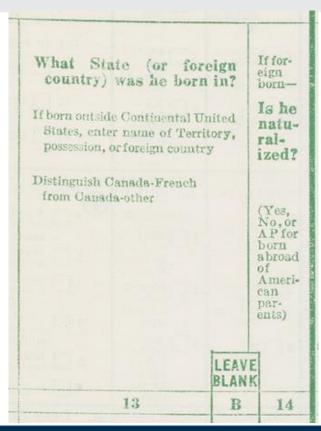
Item 10 – Sex

Item 11 – Age at last birthday

If under age 1 – month of birth

Item 12 – Marital Status – Mar, Wd, D, Sep, Nev





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Items 13 - 14

Item 13 – State or country of birth

Item 14 – If foreign born, is he [she] naturalized

- Yes
- No
- AP



(Wk,H, Ot, or U for un- able to work)	onfarm, or unpaid family work) (Yes or No)	(Yes or No)	(Yesor No)	(Number of hours)
What was this person doing most of last week— work- ing, keeping house, or some- thing else?	If H or Ot in item 15— Did this person do any work at all last week, not counting work around the house? (Include work for pay, in own business, profession,	If No in item 16— Was this person looking for work? (See Special Cases below)	If No in item 17— Even though he didn't work last week, does he have a job or business?	If Wk in item 15 or Yes in item 16— How many hours did he work last week? (Include unpaid work on family farm or business)

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Items 15 - 19

Item 15 - Last week - Wk, H, Ot, U

Item 16 – If H or Ot – did they do any work at all?

Item 17 – If "No" in Item 16 – Was the person looking for work?

Item 18 – If "No" in Item 17 – Did person have a job or business?

Item 19 – If "Wk" in Item 15 or "Yes" in Item 16 – How many hours did he [she] work last week?



Nails heels on shoes. Chemistry professor. Farmer. Farm helper Farm helper Armed forces. Never worked. (Occupation) (Industry) (Industry) For GOVERNMENT (G) In OWN business (O) WITHOUT PAY on family farm or business (NP) (P. G. O, or NP) LEAVE BLANK		doing? For example:	What kind of business or industry was he working in? For example: Shoefactory	For PR	IVATE employer (P)
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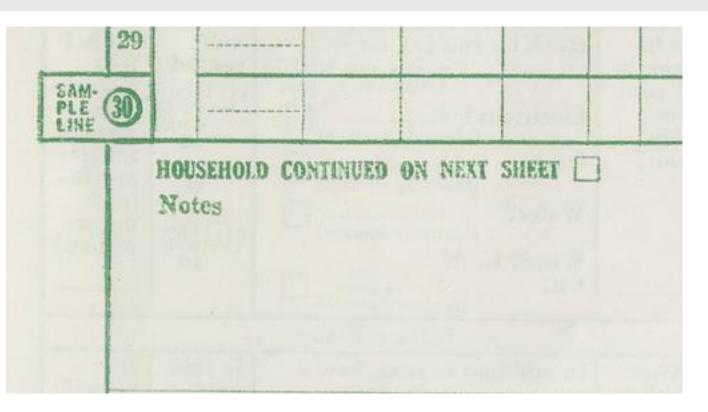
Items 20a, b, c

Item 20a – occupation

Item 20b – Industry

Item 20c – Class of worker



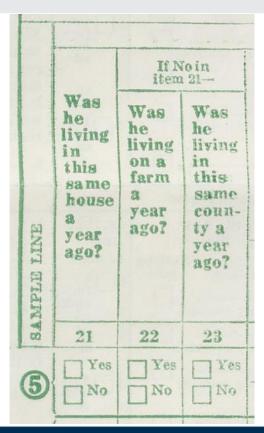


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Sample Line Markers
"Notes"

"Household Continued"





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Items 21 – 23 – Questions for Persons on Samples Lines

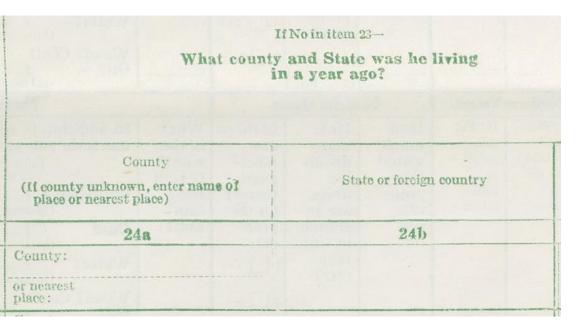
Item 21 – Was he [she] living in this same house a year ago?

If "No" in Item 21 -

Item 22 – Was he [she] living on a farm a year ago?

Item 23 – Was he [she] living in this same county a year ago?





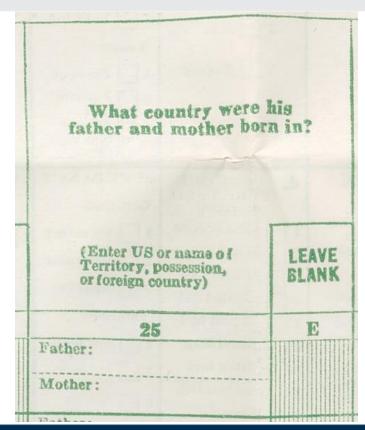
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Items 24a – 24b, Questions for Persons on Sample Lines

24a – County the person was living in one year ago (1949)

24b – State or foreign country the person was living in one year ago (1949)





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Item 25, Question for Persons on Sample Lines

25 – What country were his [her] father and mother born in?

Answer – U.S. or name of Territory, possession, or foreign country.



What is the highest grade of school that he has at- tended? (Enter one grade see codes below)	Did he finish this grade?	Has he attended school at any time since February 1st? (For those under 30 years of age check Yes or No For those 30 years old or over, check 30 or over)
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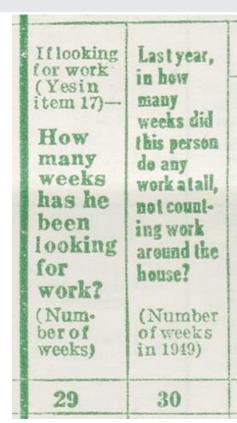
Items 26 – 28, Questions for Persons on Sample Lines

26 – What is the highest grade of school that he [she] has **attended**? O, K, S1–S12, C1-C5

27 – Did he [she] finish that grade? Yes / No

28 – Has he [she] attended school at any time since February 1? Yes / No / Age 30 or over





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Items 29 – 30, Questions for Persons on Sample Lines

29 – If looking for work - "Yes" in Item 17 – How many weeks has he [she] been looking for work?

30 – Last year, in how many weeks did this person do any work at all, not counting work around the house?



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Income received by this person in 1949						
Last year (1949), how much money did he earn working as an employee for wages or salary? (Enter amount before deduc-	Last year, how much money did he earn working in his own business, profession- al practice, or farm?	Last year, much mone he receive interest, di dends, vete allowances, sions, rents other incon (aside from earnings)?	ey did from vi- ran's pen- l, or			
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None	None	☐ None				
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Items 31a, 31b, 31c, Questions for Persons on Sample Lines

Last year (1949) -

31a – How much money did he [she] earn as an employee for wages or salary

31b – How much money did he [she] earn working in his own business, professional practice, or farm?

31c – How much did he [she] receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowances, pensions, rents, or other income?



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Items 32a, 32b, 32c, Questions for Persons on Sample Lines

Last year (1949) –

32a – How much money did the person's **relatives in this household** earn as an employee for wages or salary

32b – How much money did the person's **relatives in this household** working in their own business, professional practice, or farm?

32c – How much did the person's **relatives in this household** receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowances, pensions, rents, or other income?



INSTRUCTIONS

This form may be used by any person who prefers to send the report on his income directly to the Bureau of the Census in Washington, D. C., instead of reporting it to the Census enumerator. To help keep the cost of Census operations to a minimum, will you please fill out this form at your earliest convenience and drop it in a mail box. It is already addressed to the Director of the Census and requires no postage. Before mailing, seal the completed form with the gummed edge to

Form P6

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON INCOME, 1949			
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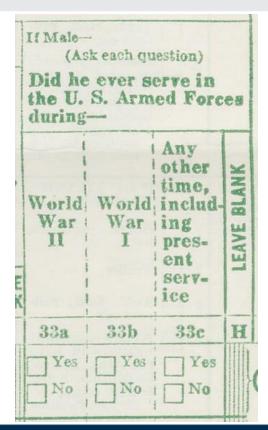
Form P6, Confidential Report on Income, 1949

Fill out and mail to Census Bureau directly or hand back to enumerator



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Items 33a, 33b, 33c, Questions for Persons on Sample Lines

If Male -

Did he ever serve in the U.S. Armed Forces during

33a – World War II

33b - World War I

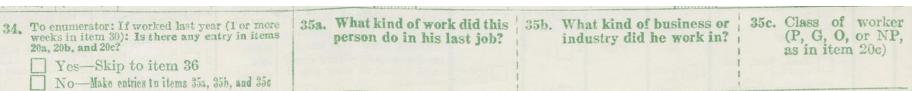
33c – Any other time, including present service



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Items 34 – 35c for the person on the <u>last sample line</u>

- 34 If the person worked last year (at least one week in 1949) then ask –
- 35a What kind of work did this person do in his/her last job?
- 35b What kind of business or industry did he work in?
- 35c Class of worker P, G, O, NP







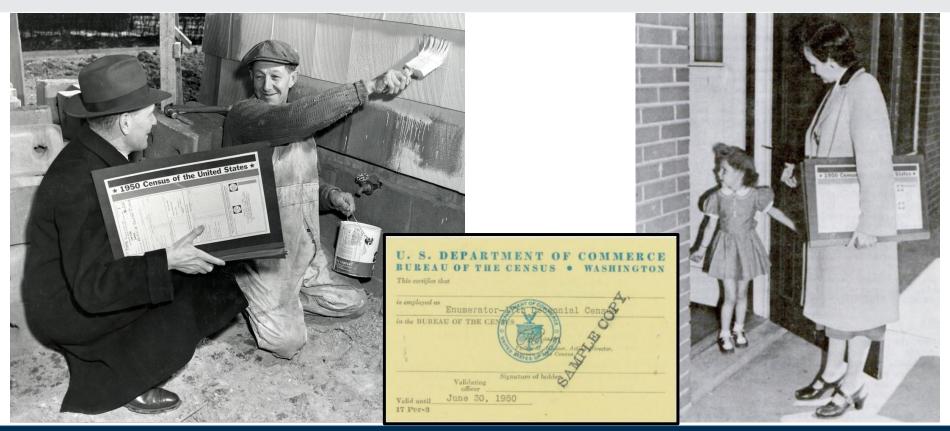
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Items 36 – 38 for the person on the <u>last sample line</u>

- 36 If ever married (Mar, Wd, D, or Sep) Has this person been married more than once?
- 37 How many years since the person was married, widowed, divorced, or separated?
- 38 If female and ever married (Mar, Wd, D, or Sep) How many children has she ever borne
- not counting stillbirths?

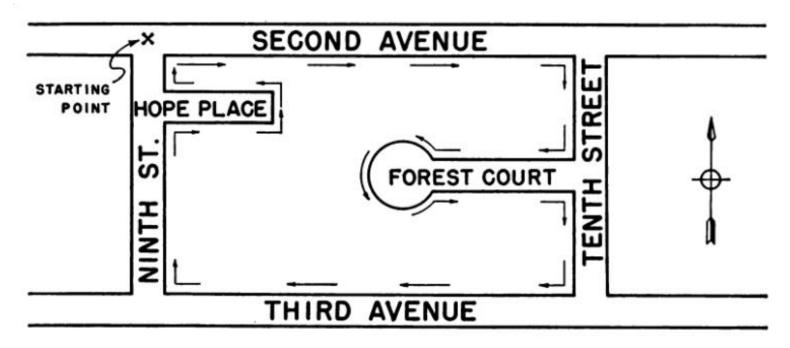
Has this person been married more than once? Has this person been married more than once? How many years since this person was divorced? If Sep—How many years since this person was divorced? How many children has she ever borne, not counting stillbirths?	in item 12)— Has this person been married more than once?	If Md —How many years since this person was widowed? If D —How many years since this person was divorced? If Sep —How many years since this person was separated?	How many children has she ever
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Field Enumeration Procedures





9	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS I must complete the 1950 Census for you and your family
7.0	OCCUPANT OF, or return this card immediately to show the best time for me to call. THIS CARD REQUIRES NO POSTAGE. THANK YOU.
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Field Enumeration Procedures

Call back (repeat visit)

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Form P1, 1950 Census of Population and Housing

Key Point:

Sheets 71 and up are people enumerated out of order

- No One at Home "Call backs"
- People who filled out Form P2, *Individual Census Report*
- "Missed persons"





Form P1, 1950 Census of Population and Housing

Missed Persons Campaign – May 1950

here or anywhere else, ple mediately to the U. S. Cen My addr House Number and Street (Or description of location)					l it im- own:	
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ALASKA CENSUS ALMOST COMPLETE

The 17th decennial census in Alaska is now in the final stage of enumeration. Many areas have been completed. However, it is possible that some persons have been missed. The census bureau is mailing to each of the postmasters in the Territory a supply of individual census report forms with return envelopes to be given, upon request, to all such persons missed in this initial canvass.

Every attempt is being made to make this the most complete census ever taken in the Territory. Samples of newspaper article and advertisement

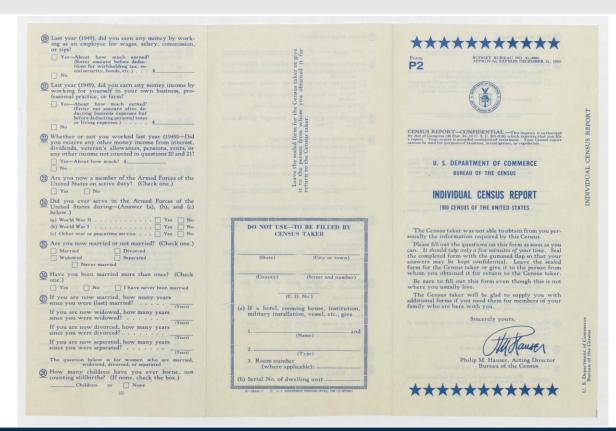
Nome Nugget (Alaska), May 12, 1950, page 4

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Form P2, *Individual Census Report*

- Side 1
- Trifold like a brochure
- Returned to enumerator





Form P2, Individual Census Report

- Side 2
- Trifold like a brochure
- Returned to enumerator

① What is your name?	(7) Where were you born?	THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND O
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial)	(State) (Territory, possession, or foreign country)	(5) What were you doing last week? (Check that applies to you.)
(2) Where do you usually live?	(8) Are you a citizen of the United States? (Check one.)	(a) I worked at a job, or in my business or pro
Here (Check this box if you usually live in this house or	Yes, I was born in the United States or its Territories or	on a farm.
if you have no usual place of residence.)	possessions.	(b) I was looking for work.
Some place else (Check this box if you usually live some place else. Enter the address of that	Yes, I was born in a foreign country, but became a citizen.	(c) I had a job, profession, or business from was temporarily absent.
place in the space provided below.)	Yes, I was born in a foreign country of American	(d) I did housework in my own home.
(a) Address of that place:	parents.	(e) I am permanently unable to work.
	No, I am not a citizen of the United States.	(f) None of the above applies to me.
(Number and street and apartment number)	(G) Were you living on a farm a year ago? (Check one.)	(6) If you worked last week, how many hour
	Yes No	work?
(City, town, or township)		hours
	10 Where were you living a year ago?	(17) If you were looking for work last week, h
(County) (State)	(If you are not at home now, answer this question as if you were.)	weeks have you been looking for work?
(b) In addition to the above address describe fully your	In this same house.	weeks
home location in the space provided below. (For example: On west side of Adams Road between	Not in this same house, but in this same county.	(8) Last year (1949), did you do any work at
Morris and Parker Streets; or, on east side of Plain- ville Road (RFD No. 3) 2 miles north of Clinton.)	Not in this same county—enter county and State below:	for a week or two), not counting wor the house?
TOROGO SUSSECT TATUTURES	(County) (State or foreign country)	Yes-In how many weeks did you do any we
TAU 12A SUCHER ENDUTION		(Weeks) (Include paid vacations)
(c) Give the name of one person who is living there	(If you do not know county, enter name of place or nearest place)	□ No
now.	(Check the box	(19) Answer (a), (b), and (c) below:
	or enter name of Territory, possession, or foreign	If you have done any work since January 1, counting work around the house
(Enter name or write "no one ")	country.)	-or if you are now looking for work
(3) What is your relationship to the head of the house-	Father:	Describe the job you held last week. If you did
hold where you usually live?	United States or	last week, describe your last job or business.
I am the head	(Territory, possession, or foreign country) Mother:	(a) What kind of work did you do? Give an exact answer; for example: truck dr
I am not the head.	Continental	motive fireman, able seaman, mechanical registered nurse, assemble clocks and watches
If you are not the head, enter your relationship to the head of the household in which you usually live.	United States or (Territory, possession, or foreign country)	registered fidise, assemble clocks and wateries
If you have no usual place of residence, enter your	(12) What is the highest grade of school you have	
relationship to the head of this household.	attended? (Check one.)	(b) In what kind of business or industry di
ALL AS A STATE OF THE STATE OF	Kindergarten	this work?
(For example: Son, daughter, wife, son-in-law, lodger, lodger's wife, maid, hotel guest, patient, etc.)	Elementary school 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Give an exact answer; for example; radio factor sale radio company, retail radio store, radio r
	High school 1 2 3 4	lawyer's office, oil tanker, etc.
4 What is your race? (Check one box or enter name of	College or profes- 1 2 3 4 5 or	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE
race.)	sional school more	
White Negro or What race?	I have never attended school	(c) Was this work: (Check one.)
(5) What is your sex?' (Check one.)	Did you finish this grade? (Check one.)	For a private employer for wages, salary, co
Male Female	Yes No	Por government (Pederal, State, city, local, e
O.H. H.		For profit or fees in your own business, fa
6 How old were you on your last birthday?	Have you attended school at any time since Feb. 1, 1950? (Check one.)	shop, etc. Without pay on your family's farm or busin
(For infants under one year of age, enter month (Years old) of birth as April, May, Dec., etc.)	Yes No	(Please answer questions on page 5)
(2)	(3)	(4)



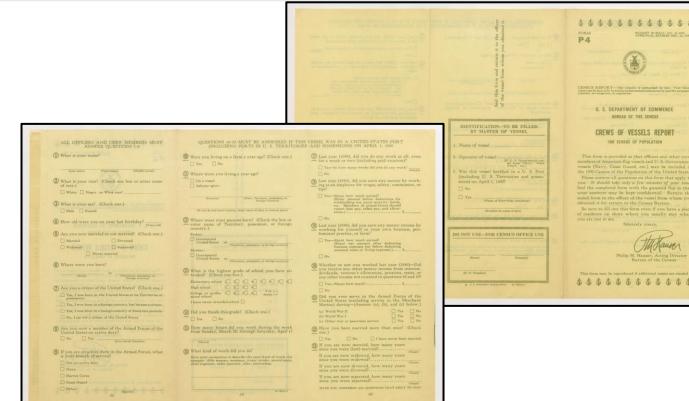
Transients – T-Night #1 – April 11

- Tuesday, April 11, 1950
- Intense drive to cover hotels, YMCAs, and tourist courts (campgrounds).
- Enumerators were stationed at these places from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Tuesday and 7 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday.
- Each person was provided an ICR (Form P2, *Individual Census Report*) for selfenumeration - the enumerator followed up to ensure it was turned in.
- The Census Bureau transcribed the information from the ICR onto the Form P1 for the ED where the person lived.



Form P4, Crews of Vessels Report

- Trifold brochure
- Given to crew members
- Crew returned form to a vessel officer
- Sent to Census Bureau
- Census Bureau transcribed information onto Form P1





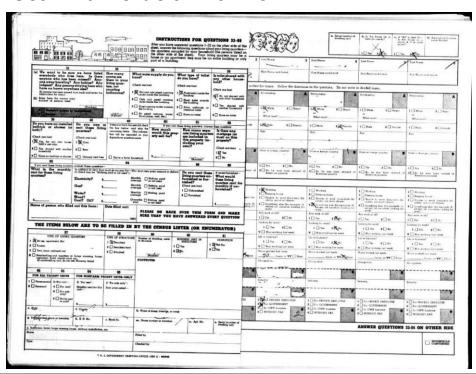
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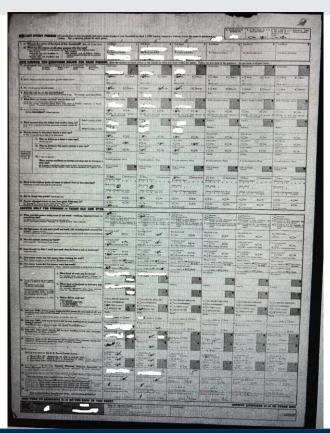
Self-enumeration on "Household" forms tested in Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, and Franklin County, Ohio.

"Household" forms were also tested in selected EDs in Genesee County, Michigan, and in Coshocton, Defiance, Delaware, Fulton, Henry, Knox, Licking, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Van Wert, and Williams Counties, Ohio, but the enumerators completed the forms for households in those areas.



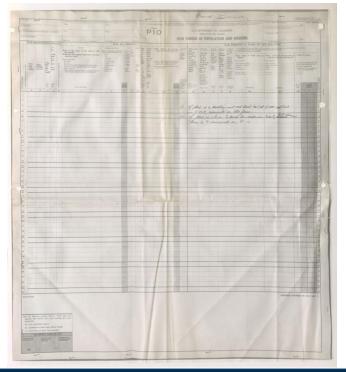
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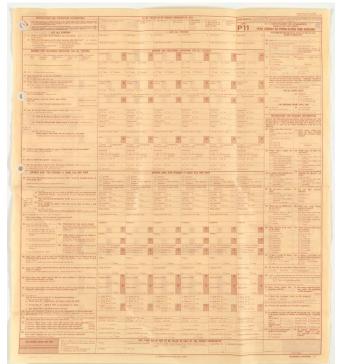






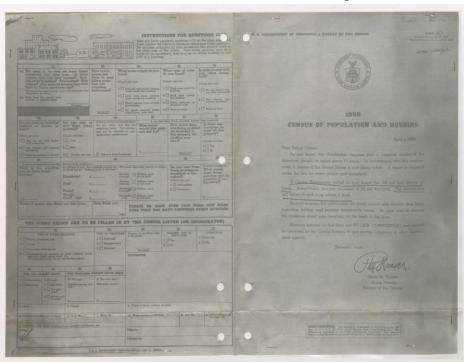
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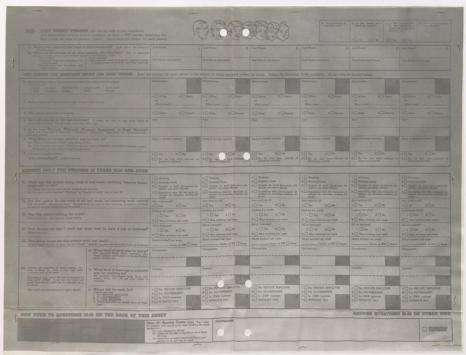






Other Forms Used in Experimental Michigan and Ohio Areas - Form P12A







Enumeration of Special Populations

- Infants
- College Students
- Transients
- Native Americans on Reservations
- Overseas Military and Civilians



Infants – Special Study of the Baby Undercount Problem



- Babies born Jan.-Mar. 1950 were recorded on P1 and on the P3, Infant Card
- P3 asked actual place of birth, name of hospital, type of attendant, maiden name of mother
- P3 cards do not exist
- Results
 - 95.1 percent enumerated
 - Urban & white babies more likely to be counted
 - Babies with mothers with less than 7 years of school more likely to be missed
 - No real difference between reporting of boys & girls



Form P3, Infant Card

This inquiry is authorized by Act of Congress (46 Stat. 21; 13 U. CONFIDENTIAL The information furnished is accorded confidential treatment. taxation, investigation, or regulation.	S. C. 201–218) which requires that a report be made. The Census report cannot be used for purposes of APPROVAL EXPIRES De. 21, 13
PORM P3 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS	State County
INFANT CARD	E. D. No. Line No.
***************************************	Enumerated by LEAVE BLANK
1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING	Date
(For every child born in January, February, or March 1950)	ASK THESE ITEMS
I. Is residence on a farm? (Copy from Population schedule item 4 for 'bead Yea No	10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month) (Day) , 1950
of household.") b. NAME OF INFANT (Please print)	11. POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF INFANT'S USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE House Number and Street or RFD No.
(Last) (First) (Initial)	City or Town State
I. RACE OF INFANT (Copy from schedule tem 9.) White Negro American 1 Other	12. INFANT'S PLACE OF BIRTH (ACTUAL PLACE—NOT USUAL RESIDENCE) LEAVE BLANK
I. SEX OF INFANT (Copy from schedule item 10.) Male Female	City(If outside city limits, write "EURAL")
5. Is father enumerated in this household? Yes \(\bar{\chi} \) No \(\bar{\chi} \)	County State
F "YES" in item 5, copy the answers to items 6, 7, 8, and 9, from the Population schedule. If "NO" in item 5, skip to item 10.	13. NAME OF HOSPITAL
i, NAME OF FATHER (Please print) (Copy from schedule item 7.)	If "NONE" above, type of attendant at birth:
	Doctor Midwife Other (Specify) 14. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER (Please print)
(Last) (First) (Initial) 7, AGE OF FATHER ON LAST BIRTHDAY (Copy from schedule item 11.)	14. MAIDEN SAME OF MOTHER (FRAME PRINT)
ACCUPATION OF PARTIES	(Last) (First) (Initia 15, AGE OF MOTHER ON LAST BIRTHDAY
b. OCCUPATION OF FATHER (Copy from schedule item 20a; if that item is blank, enter "None.")	(Copy from schedule item 11, or ask question.)
INDUSTRY OF FATHER (Copy from schedule item 20b; if	16. EDUCATION OF MOTHER (Copy from schedule items 26 and 27 or ask questions.) a. What is the highest grade of school that she has attended?
that item is blank, enter "None.")	b. Did she finish this grade? Yes No
LEAVE A B. C	17. ORDER OF BIRTH Is this the lst, 2d, etc., child the mother has ever borne? (Do not count stillibirths but count all live births, including children now deceased.)



College Students

- About 2.3 million college students
- Census Bureau decided to enumerate them at their "college" address - usual place of residence during the school year
- Still the rule today



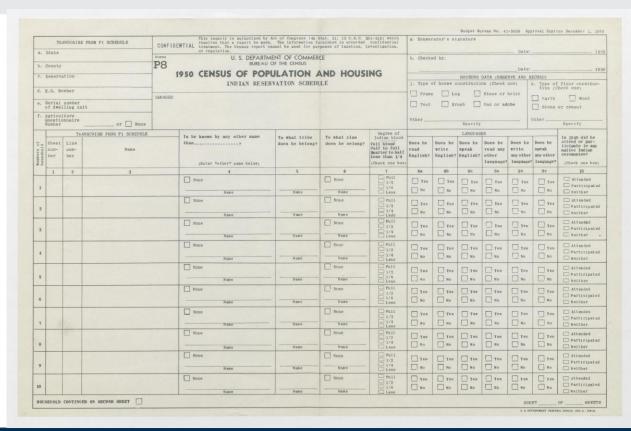
Transients – T-Night #2 – April 13

- Thursday, April 13, 1950
- Intense drive to cover missions and "flophouses" (cheap motels where the room rate was under 50 cents)
- Enumerators were stationed at these places from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Thursday and 7 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday.
- The enumerator interviewed guests and any resident staff and employees, recording the information on the Form P1 - No self-enumeration



Form P8, Indian Reservation Schedule

- Links to the P1 Schedule
 - ED, sheet, line numbers
- Family schedule
- 10 persons add 2nd page if needed
- Not every reservation
 - None Alaska
 - None Oklahoma
 - None some others





Form P8, Indian Reservation Schedule

Name

Other Name (Indian Name)

Tribe

Clan

Degree of Indian Blood (full, 1/2, 1/4, less than 1/4)

Read, write, speak English?

Read, write, speak another language?

Participated in any "native Indian ceremonies" in 1949?



Enumeration in U.S. Territories and Possessions

Standard Forms Similar to U.S. Form P1

Form P80 - American Samoa

Form P82 – Alaska

Form P85 – Guam

Form P87 – Hawaii

Form P91 – Panama Canal Zone

Form P93 – Puerto Rico

Form P97 – U.S. Virgin Islands

Form P82 - Alaska



Overseas U.S. Military and Civilians

Exist only for 4 Pacific Islands:

- Canton [Kanton] natives, U.S., British
- Johnston one U.S. Navy vessel refueling
- Midway U.S. Navy personnel & families
- Wake U.S. Navy personnel & families

NO other census records of Americans overseas



Overseas U.S. Military and Civilians

- Census Bureau obtained cooperation of U.S. Departments of State and Defense as well as the U.S.
 Maritime Administration to achieve enumeration of people under their jurisdiction.
- Enumeration took place but was done for informational purposes only.
- These census forms do not exist (except for the 4 islands already noted)
 - Overseas members of the Armed Forces 301,595 (No census record)
 - Overseas civilian citizens employed by the U.S. Government 26,910 (No census record)
 - Overseas families of Armed Forces personnel or civilian citizen employees 107,350 (No census record)



NARA's 1950 Census Website

www.archives.gov/research/census/1950























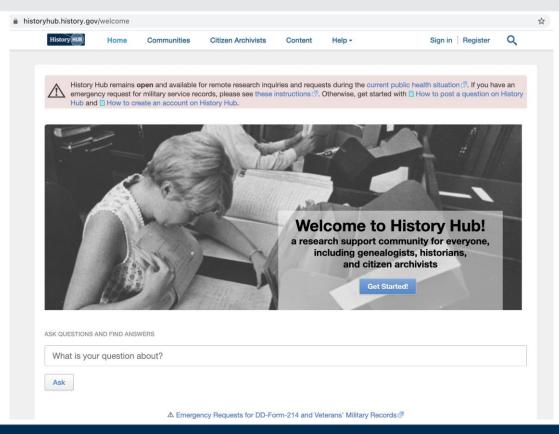
tool that will be available on the 1950 Census website. You can help us improve the accuracy of the name index and



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