

Indexes to Cities, Wards, and Enumeration Districts for the Microfilm Decennial Census

These following guides (and online index for the 1930 Census) provide the **Census microfilm reel numbers** on which specific counties, towns, and enumeration districts are reproduced.

<i>Federal Population Censuses 1790-1890:</i> a catalog of microfilm copies of the schedules	Ref. HA 37 U548 1977
<i>1900 Federal Population Census</i>	Ref. HA 37 U5482 1978
<i>1910 Federal Population Census</i>	Ref. HA 201 1910b
<i>1920 Federal Population Census</i>	Ref. HA 201 1920b
<i>National Archive Online Index to the 1930 Census</i>	http://1930census.archives.gov/

Note: These volumes also serve as a guide to using *Soundex* microfilm available at the **Connecticut State Library** and the **National Archives and Records Administration Northeast Region Archive**. Soundex is a name classification system based on the way a surname sounds rather than how it is spelled.

For **urban areas** an additional guide must be used to relate enumeration districts to street names:

Census Descriptions of Geographic Subdivisions and Enumeration Districts 1830-1950

Babbidge Microform Research Collection, Level 3

Consult this microfilm, shelved as *United States Bureau of the Census. Census Descriptions of Geographic Subdivisions and Enumeration Districts*, to determine which enumeration district numbers in the decennial census microfilm relate to a known street address or area of a city. This publication describes in detail the physical boundaries for each enumeration district within urban areas; e.g. Enumeration District 210 in Manchester in the 1910 Census consisted of addresses "north of center of Middle turnpike and east of center of Main, North Main St., Oakland St. and the line of Oakland St. extended to the northern boundary."

A roll guide to the microfilm collection (*United States Bureau of the Census. Census Descriptions of Geographic Subdivisions and Enumeration District*) is located on the **Microform Research Guides Table, Level 3** or at **Ref. HA 37 U55 C3 1978, Level 1**.

For the 1930 Census, the *Online National Archives Index* at <http://1930census.archives.gov/> also searches all enumeration districts and wards in urban areas.

Local Manuscript Census Research Facilities

Connecticut State Library, History and Genealogy Unit **860-757-6580**
<http://www.cslib.org/handg.htm>

The History and Genealogy Unit of the Connecticut State Library maintains and provides access to comprehensive collections of materials on the history of Connecticut and its people in support of the Connecticut State Library's mission to preserve and make accessible the records of Connecticut's history and heritage. Its manuscript census collections include all released records for New England states, as well as New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, through 1850. Finding aids include a collection of Soundex indexes to the Connecticut Census for genealogy research, and a license to Ancestry.com (see below).

National Archives and Records Administration Northeast Region Archive (Pittsfield, Massachusetts) **413-236-3600**
<http://www.archives.gov/northeast/pittsfield/>

This regional branch of NARA holds copies of all decennial Census microfilm available, for all years and states, along with indexes and finding aids, and provides expert assistance in their use.

Part II: Decennial and Non-decennial Census Data Compilations, 1790-1940

Before the 1950 Census, which focused solely on population and housing questions, the decennial Census produced scores of volumes containing rich statistical data on subjects as diverse as mortality, agriculture, manufacturing, and mining. In addition to data compilations on the characteristics of the population, many such specialized statistical publications were released under the umbrella of the Decennial Census, even as non-decennial censuses such as the Census of Business and Census of Manufactures began to be regularly performed. The indexes below together describe both types of output of the Bureau of the Census through 1945, and are annotated to reflect the library's holdings.

Guide to the 1790-1970 Reference Census Volumes: A Checklist of Homer Babbidge Library Holdings **Reference Census Collections, Level B, Number 0**

This guide, shelved at the very beginning of the 1790-1940 Reference Census Collection monographs, enumerates and indexes all statistical compilations produced as Decennial Census publications. Titles preceded by a blue bullet are part of the Library's Reference Census collection on Level 1, and are shelved by their checklist number.

Non-Decennial Census Monographs, 1790-1945

Catalog of United States Census Publications, 1790-1945

Ref. HA 37 U6 L52 1950

Part II of the Catalog, *Publications other than Decennial*, lists statistical publications produced by the Censuses of *Agriculture, Business, Dependent, Defective and Delinquent Classes, Foreign Trade, Government, Housing, Industry, Manufactures, Population (Special Censuses and Negro Statistics), Religious Bodies, Unemployment and Occupation, Vital Statistics*, and *Censuses in Cuba, Philippine Islands, and Virgin Islands*. Annotations with the Superintendent of Documents number in the margin reflect titles owned by Homer Babbidge Library and shelved by that number in the Federal Documents, Level B.

Internet sites for Early Census Research

Ancestry.com

<http://www.ancestry.com/>

Subscription-based service provides online search/browse capabilities for the 1790-1930 census, with links to images of the original documents.

HeritageQuest

<http://www.heritagequest.com/>

Sales and rentals of census records and Soundex indexes in print, microfilm, and electronic formats.

University of Virginia's **United States Historical Census Browser**

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/census/>

Compilations of population and economic statistics for each state culled from the 1790-1960 decennial and other Census publications.

Further Reading

200 Years of U.S. Census Taking: Population and Housing Questions, 1790-1990

Ref. HA 37 U55 B63 1989

Reproduces original data collection forms and questionnaires, and original instructions to Census enumerators

Encyclopedia of the U.S. Census

Ref. HA 37 U55 C66 2000

Provides an overview of each decennial census since 1790, and the history of topics such as race, immigration, gender, and the foreign-born population in surveys performed by the Census department.

Measuring America: the Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000

Ref. HA 37 U62 M43 2002a

Reproduces questionnaires, instructions to enumerators, and provides brief histories of every decennial census from 1790 to 2000.