

## Where Can I Find State & Local Census Records?

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**Question:** Where Can I Find State & Local Census Records?

**Answer:** State censuses are almost as important as the federal census to family historians, but their random availability makes them an often under-utilized resource by American genealogists. State censuses not only stand as substitutes for some of the missing federal census schedules (most notably the 1890 federal census), but also as valuable resources in their own right. Many state censuses, for example, asked different questions than the federal census, so they record information that cannot be found elsewhere in federal schedules.

While not all states took their own censuses, and some have not survived, state and local census records can be found in many locations. Most states which took censuses usually did so every ten years, on the five year mark (1855, 1865, etc.), to complement the US Federal census, and these records are most often found at the state archives or state library. Many of these state census records are also available on microfilm through a local Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### Existing Colonial, Territorial and State Census Records

**Alabama** - 1818 (partial), 1820 (partial), 1821 (partial), 1823, 1850, 1855, 1866, 1907

**Alaska** - 1870, 1878, 1879, 1881, 1885, 1887, 1890-95, 1904, 1905, 1906-07, 1914, 1917 (all very partial)

**Arizona** - 1866, 1867, 1869, 1872, 1874, 1876, 1880 and 1882 (all partial)

**Arkansas** - 1823, 1829, 1865 and 1911 (all partial)

**California** - 1788, 1790, 1796, 1797-98, 1816, 1836 and 1844 (all partial), plus 1852 (complete)

**Colorado** - 1861, 1866 (partial) and 1885

**Connecticut** - No state census records are known to exist.

**Delaware** - 1782 (partial)

**District of Columbia** - 1803, 1867, 1878

**Florida** - 1825, 1885 and 1895 (entire state), plus 1855, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1875, 1935 and 1945 (all partial)

**Georgia** - 1859 (entire state), plus 1798, 1800, 1810, 1827, 1834, 1838, 1845, 1852, 1853, 1865 and 1879 (all partial)

**Hawaii** - 1878 (partial), 1890, and 1896 (partial)

**Idaho** - No state census records are known to exist.

**Illinois** - 1810, 1818, 1825, 1830, 1835 and 1845 (each missing all but a few counties), 1840 (missing about half of the counties), and 1820, 1855, and 1865 (partial, but reasonably intact).

**Indiana** - 1807, 1853, 1857, 1871, 1877, 1883, 1889, 1901, 1913, 1919 and 1931 (all partial)

**Iowa** - 1836, 1838, 1844, 1846, 1847, 1849, 1851, 1852 and 1854 (all partial), plus 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915 and 1925.

**Kansas** - 1855 (partial), 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915 and 1925

**Kentucky** - No state census records are known to exist.

**Louisiana** - 1853 (partial), 1858 (partial)

**Maine** - 1837 (partial)

**Maryland** - 1776 and 1778 (both partial)

**Massachusetts** - 1855, 1865

**Michigan** - 1854, 1864, 1874, 1884, 1894 and 1904 (entire state), plus 1837, 1845 and 1888 (all partial)

**Minnesota** - 1849, 1853, 1855, 1857 and 1865 (all partial), plus 1875, 1885, 1895 and 1905

**Mississippi** - 1801, 1805, 1808, 1810, 1816, 1818, 1820, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1830, 1833, 1837, 1840, 1841, 1845, 1850, 1853, 1860 and 1866 (all partial)

**Missouri** - 1797, 1803, 1817, 1819, 1840, 1844, 1852, 1856, 1860, 1864, 1876 and 1880 (all partial)

**Montana** - No state census records are known to exist.

**Nebraska** - 1854, 1855, 1856, 1865, 1869 (all partial, plus 1885.

**Nevada** - 1862-63 (partial) and 1875

**New Hampshire** - No state census records are known to exist.

**New Jersey** - 1855, 1865 and 1875 (all partial), plus 1885, 1895, 1905 and 1915

**New Mexico** - 1790, 1823, 1845 and 1885 (all partial)

**New York** - 1790 and 1825 (both partial), plus 1835, 1845, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1892, 1905, 1915 and 1925.

**North Carolina** - 1786 (partial)

**North Dakota** - 1885 (partial), 1915, 1925

**Ohio** - No state census records are known to exist.

**Oklahoma** - 1890 and 1907 (both partial)

**Oregon** - 1875, 1895 and 1905 (entire state), plus 1842, 1843, 1845, 1849, 1850, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1865, 1870 and 1885 (all partial).

**Pennsylvania** - No state census records are known to exist.

**Rhode Island** - 1774, 1777 and 1782 (partial), plus 1865, 1875, 1885, 1905, 1915, 1925 and 1935

**South Carolina** - 1825, 1839, 1869 and 1875 (all partial)

**South Dakota** - 1885 and 1895 (both partial), plus 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935 and 1945

**Tennessee** - 1891 (partial)

**Texas** - 1829-1836

**Utah** - 1856

**Vermont** - No state census records are known to exist.

**Virginia** - 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785 and 1786 (all partial)

**Washington** - 1856, 1857, 1858, 1860, 1871, 1874, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1891, 1892 and 1898 (all partial)

**West Virginia** - No state census records are known to exist.

**Wisconsin** - 1836, 1842, 1875, 1885, 1895 and 1905 (entire state), plus 1838, 1846, 1847, 1855 and 1865 (all partial)

**Wyoming** - 1875 and 1878 (both partial)

--Compiled from the excellent inventory of state, county and local censuses in:  
Lainhart, Ann S. "[State Census Records](#)." Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1992.