



1950 Census

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The Census must count all persons living in the United States on **April 1, 1950**, and must count them where they usually live. All persons who were living on that date should be included and babies born after that date should be excluded.

(Paragraph 68, *Urban and Rural Enumerator's Manual, 1950 Census of the United States*, page 22.)

NARA record sets:

Microfilm Publication T628, Seventeenth Census of the United States, 1950 (6,373 rolls)

Includes:

Form 8, Indian Reservation Schedules

Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guan, Panama Canal, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands

Canton, Johnston, Midway, and Wake Island in the Pacific Ocean.

College students were enumerated where they attended college.

Military personnel where counted where they slept, look both on base and off.

If you find your person on sheet numbers 71 or higher, they were enumerated out of order.

Infant cards recorded births from January, February, and March of 1950 and were enumerated. The cards were destroyed.

Agricultural and other special censuses were also destroyed.

Americans living abroad were counted.

Specific nights were scheduled to conduct enumerations of persons in hotels, campgrounds, YMCAs, and places frequented by travelers and transients.



"Please be direct with the Census-Taker! Image 14; [Folder 13] Advertising Campaign for the 1950 United States Census; Advertising Campaign for the 1950 United States Census, [Folder 13, image 14]; Narrative Histories, Committee Minutes, and Procedural Manuals Primarily Relating to the 17th Decennial Census, 1950; Record Group 29: Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Resources

1950 blank census forms

<https://1950census.archives.gov/howto/blank-forms.html>

Instructions for Enumerators and Public

<https://1950census.archives.gov/howto/enumerator-instructions.html>

FamilySearch WIKI

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_Census_1950

FamilyTree Magazine 1950 census abbreviations

<https://familytreemagazine.com/freebie/1950-census-abbreviations-download/>

FindMyPast

<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/1950-us-census-image-browse#:~:text=Digital%20copies%20of%20the%20enumeration,control%20the%20data%20collection%20process.>

Google Books

MyHeritage

<https://www.myheritage.com/census/us/1950census>

NARA 1950 census search

<https://1950census.archives.gov/search/>

Steve Morse

<https://stevemorse.org/>



Photo 1 1950 Enumerators leaving with portfolios Arthur Bower/The New York Times

Citations

NARA website suggested citation:

[Name], Line [#], Sheet [#], Enumeration District [#], [Place or Township], [name] County, [State]; Seventeenth Census of the United States, 1950; Record Group 29, Records of the Bureau of the Census; National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, downloaded from <https://1950census.archives.gov/> on [date].

EE suggested citation:

1950 U.S. Census, [name] County, [State], [place/township], ED [#] sheet [#], household [#], line(s) [# or #'s] (Person or family); U.S. National Archives, 1950 Census (<https://1950Census.archives.gov/search>).

Trackers

Census Tools

<https://www.censustools.com/>

Census Form Templates

<https://www.vertex42.com/ExcelTemplates/us-census-form.html>