

Censuses Resources for Genealogists

(U.S. Federal, States, International, Military, Pensioners & Others)

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U.S. and worldwide census databases are becoming more readily available online. Some free and most for fee, these important resources are essential for the genealogist. The major players are noted in this chart. Scores of small private organizations post unique census data related to their members needs (ethnic, religious etc.), and Cindy's List should be consulted for these at: <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

SOURCE	CENSUS YEARS	LOCATION OF CENSUS	TRAN-SCRIBED	ORIGINAL IMAGE	INDEX	COSTS ~ FEES
FAMILYSEARCH www.familysearch.org And Family History Centers of the LDS church will have or can get additional census films.	1880 U.S. 1881 CAN 1881 UK Above online Others on Film @ FHC	U.S. CANADA U.K.	X X X	On microfilm	X X X	FREE ONLINE. At Family History Centers a small fee per film is charged if ordered
HERITAGE QUEST (Available at large libraries mostly, see 'costs ~fees')	1790 -1920 Partial 1930 None for 1830, 1840 1850	U.S. Federal Only		X	X	Free Online at home with some library cards. Free at many large libraries.
ANCESTRY www.ancestry.com	All for U.S. Eng 1841-1901, Scots 1841-1891 Am. Native 1855-1940 Many Canadian.	All U.S. Fed & many States. Wales England, Ireland, Scotland. Native American. Canada etc.	Some	Most	Most	Some Free, most require subscription, free trial periods available
FOOTNOTE www.footnote.com/	All US and a few others. Frequent additions.	U.S. and a growing number of other countries.	Some	Many	X	View most free. See website for fee structure for copy/printing
CENSUSFINDER www.censusfinder.com	Varied	U.S., UK, & Canada. Links to others	Many	Several	X	Mostly Free (Excellent site)
NARA www.archives.gov/genealogy/ None online, use NARA centers	All known	U.S., some state, some U.S. tribal	Rarely	Microfilm	Most	Free at NARA facilities across the US.

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