

PREPARING FOR THE 1940 CENSUS

CENSUS FACTS

- ▶ 16th Population census
- ▶ Taken April 1, 1940
- ▶ Reflects Great Depression of 1930s
- ▶ Released April 2, 2012
 - 72-year privacy law
 - Statistical vs. personal information
- ▶ Digitized by National Archives

CENSUS FACTS

▶ When released

- Not indexed
- Only available on National Archives website
 - www.archives.gov
- Arranged by state and county
 - Enumeration districts

CENSUS FACTS

- ▶ Enumeration District (ED)
 - Area covered by enumerator in one census period
 - Varied in size
 - Located on top right hand corner of census page
 - ED numbers in 2 parts
 - County number followed by ED number

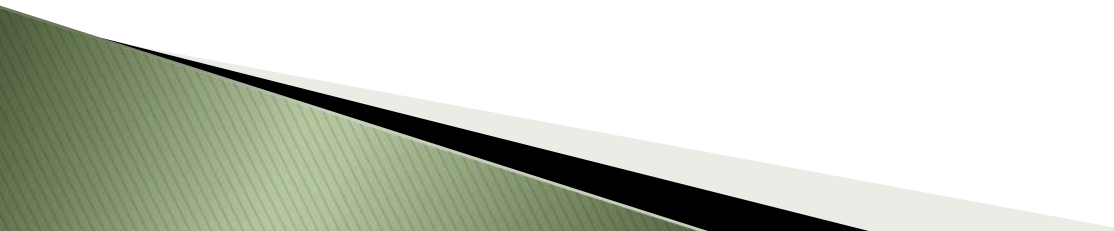
NEW QUESTIONS

- ▶ Household data
 - Value of home or monthly rent
- ▶ Identifies person furnishing information
- ▶ Education
 - Highest grade of school completed
- ▶ Citizenship
 - Category “American citizen born abroad”
- ▶ Residence on April 1, 1935
 - City
 - County
 - Farm

NEW QUESTIONS

- ▶ For persons 14 years old and over
 - Employment status
 - March 24–30, 1940
 - Private/non-government agency
 - Public emergency work
 - WPA/CCC/NYA
 - Seeking work
 - Duration of unemployment
 - Number of hours worked
 - Occupation/Industry

NEW QUESTIONS

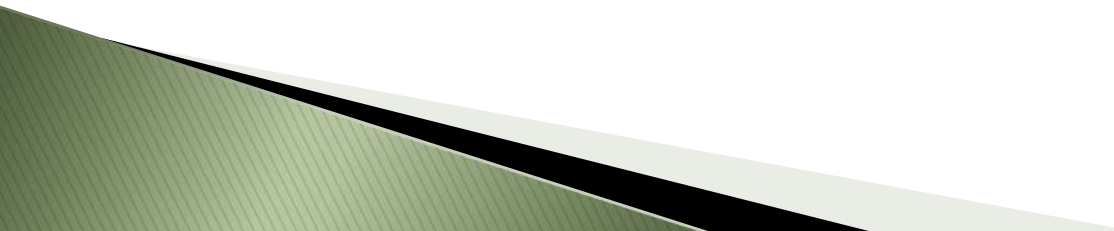
- ▶ Number of weeks worked in 1939
 - ▶ Income in 1939
 - Wages
 - Other
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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

- ▶ For persons enumerated on lines 14 and 29
 - Place of birth of parents
 - Language
 - Veterans
 - Wife, widow, or child of veteran
 - Military service
 - Social Security
 - SS number
 - Old age insurance/railroad retirement
 - Occupation
 - Women
 - Married more than once
 - Age at first marriage
 - Number of children

MORE INFORMATION

- ▶ **Are You Ready for the 1940 Census?!**
By Daniel M. Lynch

 - ▶ **New Questions in the 1940 Census by**
Constance Potter
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- Genealogy Events in the Washington, DC Area
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Tools for Genealogists

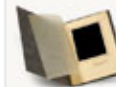
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- ARC Guide for Genealogists



**Countdown to the
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▶ www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/

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Part 1: General Information

The 1940 census will be released digitally on April 2, 2012.

The digital images will be accessible at NARA facilities nationwide through our public access computers as well as on personal computers via the internet.

The 1940 and later censuses are not available for public use because of a statutory 72-year restriction on access for privacy reasons. (92 Stat. 915; Public Law 95-416; October 5, 1978). If you need information about yourself or a deceased person from the 1940 or later censuses for legal or other purposes, fill out Form BC-600 from the [Bureau of the Census Age Search Service](#) or write to: U.S. Census Bureau, National Processing Center, 1201 East 10th St., Jeffersonville, IN 47132.

The census day was April 1, 1940.

More 1940 Census Resources

- [How to Start Your 1940 Census Research](#)
- [Indexes and Other Finding Aids](#)
- [Informative Articles and Online Data](#)

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Frequently Asked Questions about the 1940 Census

Q. When will the 1940 census be available to the public?

A. The 1940 census population schedules will be available for research on April 2, 2012, at 9:00 AM (Eastern Daylight Time).

Q. Where will I be able to research the 1940 Census?

A. The National Archives and Records Administration will be providing free online access to the 1940 census. Researchers may search the 1940 census using NARA's public access computers at any NARA archival location or using any other computer connected to the internet.

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1940 Census Forms

The 1940 census questionnaire was printed on 23 3/4" x 12 1/2" paper. These double sided forms provided space for 40 entries on each side plus two additional lines for the 5% sample questions. The reverse side was identical except that lines were numbered 41 to 80, and the sample-line numbers were different.

[View a blank 1940 census form.](#)

[Print out a 1940 census template !\[\]\(dfc59eaff22f8544bedb238cca58d143_img.jpg\) \(legal size\).](#)

[Fillable online 1940 Census form !\[\]\(26388bf82a9d28864e0ddb284e508cab_img.jpg\)](#)

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▶ Selected List of Codes

- Color or Race
 - Ex: W-White
- Age at Last Birthday
 - Ex: 11/12-April 1939
- Highest Grade of School Completed
 - Ex: 1 to 8-Elementary School
- Citizenship of Foreign Born
 - Ex: Na-Naturalized
- Class of Worker
 - Ex: PW-Wage/Salary Worker in Private Work
- War or Military Service
 - Ex: W-World War

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What can you do now in preparation for the opening of the 1940 Census?




- ▶ Make a list of people you want to look for
- ▶ Collect addresses
 - City directories
 - 1930 Census
 - World War II Draft Records
 - Naturalization Petitions or Declarations of Intent

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- ▶ Identify the ED for each address
 - Search the 1940 Census Maps for ED numbers
 - Search the 1940 Census ED descriptions
 - Use the search utilities at <http://stevemorse.org/census/>

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Part 3: Finding Aids

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Geographic Descriptions of Census Enumeration Districts

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Enumeration District Maps

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ONE STEP TUTORIAL

Steve Morse's Census Enumeration Search Engine

<http://stevemorse.org/census/>

ONE STEP TUTORIAL

- ▶ Form for obtaining EDs for large cities
 - Includes cities over 25,000
 - Includes 500 cities
 - Arranged by address
- ▶ Form for finding ED descriptions
 - Smaller communities
 - Rural areas

ONE STEP TUTORIAL

- ▶ 1930/1940 ED Converter
 - For families who did not move between 1930/1940
 - Locate ED numbers of families in 1930 Census
 - Convert 1930 ED to 1940 ED

ONE STEP TUTORIAL

Obtaining EDs for the Census in One Step (Large Cities)

[Stephen P. Morse, PhD](#) [Joel D. Weintraub, PhD](#) [David R. Kehs, PhD](#)

[Overview](#) [1940 Tutorial](#) [Name Search](#) [Microfilms](#) [1940 Codes](#) [FAQs](#) [My Other Webpages](#)

Volunteers needed to generate tables for the 1940 census. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

Select state:



Start Here

Only 52 days 18 hours 56 minutes 'til 1940 Census

We offer three utilities to compute EDs for 1940 addresses. These utilities are described below. To determine which utility is best for your circumstances, take a look at this [tutorial quiz](#).

The first is this [ED Finder utility](#) in which you will be able to compute the ED from the 1940 address in major cities directly. All cities having at least 50,000 or more in 1940, and many smaller ones as well, are on this website. A number of [volunteers](#) helped with this work.

The second is a separate [1930/1940 ED Converter utility](#) that will allow you to convert a 1930 ED to a 1940 ED. So you first need to find the 1930 ED using this [ED Finder utility](#) with the year on top set to 1930, or using the [ED Description utility](#) for 1930. Once you have it narrowed down to a single ED, you will see a button labelled "1940 ED". Clicking that button will take you to the [1930/1940 ED Converter utility](#) with the 1930 ED prefiled for you.

The third is the [ED Description utility for 1940](#) which should have ED descriptions for all rural areas, and urban areas of under 50,000.

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- ▶ Form for obtaining EDs for large cities

Select state:

Select a city:

Now select a cross street from the list above

[Click here if you wish to see
Street Name Changes
for Kansas City](#)

Selected Streets

15th



Enumeration Districts common to all Selected Streets

106-21	106-24	106-25	106-26	106-27	106-29	106-45	106-55	106-56	106-70	106-74
106-96										

Clicking on an ED will show microfilm roll number and bring up a display of all streets in that ED

View Present-Day Map of neighborhood

Enter House Nbr on

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View Microfilm

NARA Roll: T627_1268 FHL Roll: ??

Streets in Kansas City, KS Enumeration District 106-25

15th

16th

17th

18th

Freeman Av

Garfield Av

New Jersey Av

Oakland Av

Richmond Av

Troup Av

Walker Av

Wood Av

The following data came from NARA T1224 Film Series for 1940

Year	Series	Roll	State	County	ED	Description	T1224	
1940	T627	1268	KS	Wyandotte (106)	106-25	KANSAS CITY CITY WARD 3 (AREA A - PART)	view	1930



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State Kansas		County 105 (106) Wyandotte		1940 S.D. 2	
1930 E. D.	1940 E. D.	DESCRIPTION OF ENUMERATION DISTRICT	1940 Pop.	1930 CENSUS Population	Area
	106-24 con	<p>Kansas City city - That part of Ward 3 (Area A - part) in</p> <p>Block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 287 - Wood Ave., 12th, Walker Ave., 13th 288 - Wood Ave., 13th, Walker Ave., 15th 321 - Walker Ave., 13th, New Jersey Ave., 15th 322 - Walker Ave., 12th, New Jersey Ave., 13th 327 - New Jersey Ave., 12th, Freeman Ave., 13th 328 - New Jersey Ave., 13th, Freeman Ave., 15th 339 - Freeman Ave., 13th, Oakland Ave., 15th 340 - Freeman Ave., 12th, Oakland Ave., 13th 	1,212		
105-18 pt	106-25	<p>Kansas City city - That part of Ward 3 (Area A - part) in</p> <p>Block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 227 - Troup Ave., 15th, Garfield Ave., 16th 228 - Troup Ave., 16th, Garfield Ave., 17th 231) - Troup Ave., 17th, Garfield Ave., 18th 232) 270 - Garfield Ave., 17th, Richmond Ave., 18th 271 - Richmond Ave., 17th, Wood Ave., 18th 272 - Richmond Ave., 16th, Wood Ave., 17th 273 - Garfield Ave., 16th, Richmond Ave., 17th 274 - Garfield Ave., 15th, Richmond Ave., 16th 275 - Richmond Ave., 15th, Wood Ave., 16th 289 - Wood Ave., 15th, Walker Ave., 16th 290 - Wood Ave., 16th, Walker Ave., 17th 291 - Wood Ave., 17th, Walker Ave., 18th 319 - Walker Ave., 17th, New Jersey Ave., 18th 320 - Walker Ave., 15th, New Jersey Ave., 17th 329 - New Jersey Ave., 15th, Freeman Ave., 17th 330 - New Jersey Ave., 17th, Freeman Ave., 18th 336 - Freeman Ave., 17th, Oakland Ave., 18th 337 - Freeman Ave., 16th, Oakland Ave., 17th 338 - Freeman Ave., 15th, Oakland Ave., 16th 	1,212		

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► Form for finding ED descriptions

State: County: ED:

If you know the city and not the county, use this [County Finding Aid](#)

Keywords:

To search on multiple items, separate them by commas

The following data came from NARA T1224 Film Series for 1940

Year	Series	Roll	State	County	ED	Description	T1224	
1940	T627	3984	TX	Bell (14)	14-33	JUSTICE PRECINCT 5 OUTSIDE TEMPLE CITY W OF BIG ELM CREEK AND E OF MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RAILROAD (TEMPLE-WACO) AND GULF, COLORADO & SANTA FE RAILWAY (TEMPLE-ROGERS); TROY (PART)	view	1930
1940	T627	3984	TX	Bell (14)	14-34	JUSTICE PRECINCT 5 OUTSIDE TEMPLE CITY E OF GULF, COLORADO & SANTA FE RAILWAY AND W OF MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RAILROAD; PENDLETON (PART), TROY (PART)	view	1930



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1930 E. D.		1940 E. D.	DESCRIPTION OF ENUMERATION DISTRICT	1940 Pop.	1930 CENSUS	
					Population	Farms
14-25 pt 14-26 pt	14-31	Justice Precinct 5 - That part north of Rosebud-Airville-Ratibor Rd. extended to Big Elm Creek, northeast of Big Elm Creek, and east of M. K. & T. R.R. Show separately Belfalls (unincorporated) - That part in Bell County Oenaville (unincorporated)	1,097			
14-25 pt 14-26 pt	14-32	Justice Precinct 5 - That part south of Rosebud-Airville-Ratibor Rd. extended to Big Elm Creek and east of Big Elm Creek	648			
14-27	14-33	Justice Precinct 5 - That part west of Big Elm Creek, east of M. K. & T. R.R. (Temple-Waco), and G. C. & S. F. R.R. (Temple-Rogers), outside Temple city Show separately Troy (unincorporated) - That part in this enumeration district	1,577	1817	396	
14-28 pt	14-34	Justice Precinct 5 - That part east of G. C. & S. F. R.R., and west of M. K. & T. R.R., outside Temple city Show separately Pendleton (unincorporated) - That part in this enumeration district Troy (unincorporated) - That part in this enumeration district	999			
14-29	14-35	Justice Precinct 5 - That part west of G. C. & S. F. R.R., (Woody-Temple-Rogers line), outside Temple city Show separately Pendleton (unincorporated) - That part in this enumeration district	1,406	1432	300	

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State Texas

County 14 Bell

1940 S. D. 11

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1940 Federal Population Census

Videos

These short films were created by the US Census Bureau to train the 1940 census enumerators on their general duties and responsibilities.

- [Introduction](#)

This video gives an overview of the 1940 census and emphasizes the responsibility of all citizens to participate.

Runtime is 3 min. 19 secs.

- [Census of Population](#)

This training video reviews the major questions relating to general population on the census schedule.




Runtime is 10 min. 26 secs.

SUMMARY


- ▶ Determine where family lived in 1940
 - Interview family members
 - Birth/death certificates
 - School records
 - Old photographs
 - City directories
- ▶ Use ED locator to find ED number
- ▶ Scroll through census pages to locate family

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