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Census



Mini Lesson

What is a census?

Depending on the Year,
Information Recorded in a
Census Includes:

- Address
- Members Living in Household
- Place of Birth; Place of Parents' Births
- Level of Education
- Annual Income
- Home Owned or Rented
- 1950 Census is Newest Year Publicly Available



G.A.R. Parade in Washington, D.C., 1915, Image from Library of Congress

PLACE OF BIRTH	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	PLACE OF BIRTH			EDUCATION	EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY			MARRIAGE	EDUCATION
						NAME	STATE	COUNTRY		EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	EDUCATION		
1	1	Male	Married	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
2	2	Female	Married	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
3	3	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
4	4	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
5	5	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
6	6	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
7	7	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
8	8	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
9	9	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
10	10	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
11	11	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
12	12	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
13	13	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
14	14	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
15	15	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
16	16	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
17	17	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
18	18	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
19	19	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
20	20	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
21	21	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
22	22	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
23	23	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
24	24	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
25	25	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
26	26	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
27	27	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
28	28	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
29	29	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
30	30	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
31	31	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
32	32	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
33	33	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
34	34	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
35	35	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
36	36	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
37	37	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
38	38	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
39	39	Male	Single	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Farmer	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
40	40	Female	Single	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	High School	Homemaker	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan

Example Page from 1900 US Census, Image from Ancestry.com

Census Heading Categories

PLACE OF ABODE				NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930, was in this family Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any Include every person living on April 1, 1930. Omit children born since April 1, 1930	RELATION Relationship of this person to the head of the family	HOME DATA				PERSONAL DESCRIPTION				EDUCATION		PLACE OF BIRTH			
Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number (or other or lot no.)	Number of dwelling house in order of occupation	Number of family in order of occupation			Home owned or rented	Value of home, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented	Rents not	Does this family live on a farm?	Sex	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Marital condition	Age at first marriage	Attended school or college since Jan. 1, 1929	Whether able to read and write	Place of birth of each person enumerated and of his or her parents. If born in the United States, give State or Territory. If of foreign birth, give country in which birthplace is now situated. (See instructions.) Distinguish Canada-French from Canada-English, and Irish Free State from Northern Ireland		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	PERSON	FATHER	MOTHER
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What can we learn from a 1950 census?

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4		—, Annie	wife	41	F	50	Mar	Fla	USA					
5		—, Leonard	son	41	M	33	Mar	Fla	USA					
6		—, Catherine	daughter	41	F	29	Mar	South Carolina	USA					
7		—, Leonard	grand son	41	M	9	Mar	Fla	USA					
8		—, Robert	grand son	41	M	7	Mar	Fla	USA					
9		—, Willie	grand son	41	M	6	Mar	Fla	USA					
10		—, Roland	grand son	41	M	3	Mar	Fla	USA					

← Industry

← Occupation

← Birth Place

← Marital Status

← Age

← Gender

← Race

← Relation to Head of

House

← Name

“1950 United States Census,” database, [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) (ancestry.com, accessed April 13, 2023), entry for Robert Baker, Duval, Florida.