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CENSUS DATA — U.S. POPULATION DATA 1790-1940

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**1790**

Name of head of family; free white males of 16 years and up; free white males under 16; free white females; number of slaves; other persons.

**1800**

Name of head of family; number of free white males and females under 10 years, 10 and under 16, 16 and under 26, 26 and under 45, 45 and up; all other free white persons except Indians not taxed; number of slaves.

**1810**

Name of head of family; number of free white males and females under 10 years of age, 10 and under 16, 16 and under 26, 26 and under 45, and 45 years and up; all other free persons, except Indians not taxed; number of slaves.

**1820**

Name of head of family; number of free white males and females, same age categories as 1810; foreigners not naturalized; male and female slaves and free colored persons under 14 years, 14 and under 26, 26 and under 45, and 45 and up; all other free persons, except Indians not taxed; number of persons (including slaves) engaged in agriculture, commerce, and manufactures.

**1830**

Name of head of family; number of free white males and females in 5-year age groups to 20, 10-year age groups from 20 to 100, and 100 years old and over, except Indians not taxed

For each household: number of slaves and free colored persons in six broad age groups; number of deaf and dumb under 14, 14 to 24, and 25 years and up; number of blind; foreigners not naturalized.

**1840**

Name of head of family; number of free white males and females in same age groups as 1830.

For each household: number of slaves and free colored persons in six broad age groups; number of deaf and dumb; number of blind; number persons in each family

employed in each of seven classes of occupations; number of schools and number of scholars, number of white persons over 20 who could not read and write; number of pensioners for Revolutionary or military service.

**1850**

Names; age; sex; color (white, black or mulatto) for each person; profession, occupation, or trade for each male person over 15; all free persons required to give value of real estate owned; place of birth of each person; whether married within the year; whether attended school within the year; whether unable to read and write for persons over 20; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic; whether a pauper or convict.

Supplemental schedules for slaves. For each owner: slave's age; sex; color (B,M); fugitive from the state; number manumitted; deaf, dumb or idiotic.

**1860**

Name; age; sex; color; occupation as for 1850; value of real estate; value of personal property; place of birth; married within the year; attended school within the year; for persons 20 years old and over whether able to read and write; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.

Supplemental schedules for slaves. For each owner: slave's age; sex; color (B, M); fugitive from the state; number manumitted; deaf, dumb or idiotic; number of slave houses.

**1870**

Name; age; race; occupation; value of real estate; value of personal property; birthplace; whether parents were foreign born; month of birth if born within the year; month of marriage if married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic; male citizens 21 and over, and number of such persons denied the right to vote for other than rebellion.

### 1880

Address; name; relationship to head of family; sex; race; age; marital status; born within the year; disabled so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties; if so, what is the sickness or disability; whether blind, deaf and dumb, idiotic, insane, maimed, crippled or bedridden; attended school within the year; ability to read and write; place of birth of person, father and mother.

### 1890

99% of the general schedules were destroyed by fire in 1921. Schedules for small parts of AL, DC, GA, IL, MN, NJ, NY, NC, OH, SD, & TX remain. Content was similar to that for the 1900 census.

Supplemental schedules for Union veterans of the Civil War and their widows survives for part of Kentucky and the states alphabetically after Kentucky.

### 1900

Address (street and house no. in large cities); relationship to head of family; color or race (White, Black, Chinese, Japanese, and Indian); month and year of birth, age at last birthday; marital status (single, married, divorced, widowed); number of years married to present spouse; number of children of wife; number of children living; place of birth of person and parents (state or country only); citizenship; if foreign born, year of immigration, and number of years in U.S.; citizenship status if over 21 (Alien, PA=declaration of intent filed, Naturalized); occupation; education – can read, write, and speak English; ownership of home (Owned, Rented); whether a House or a Farm; and whether Free or Mortgage.

Separate schedules were prepared for institutions, military establishments, and Indian reservations.

### 1910

Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; number of years of present marriage; for women, number of children born and number now living, birthplace and mother tongue of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration, whether naturalized, and whether able

to speak English, or if not, language spoken; occupation, industry, and class of worker; if an employee, whether out of work during year; literacy; school attendance; home owned or rented; if owned whether mortgaged; whether farm or house; whether a survivor of Union or Confederate Army or Navy; whether blind or deaf and dumb.

In addition to the above the special Indian Schedule also included the tribe of this Indian, tribe of father, tribe of mother, proportions of blood, and marriage information. It was to be used for Indians living on reservations or in tribal relations and also in certain counties containing a considerable number of Indians.

### 1920

Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age as of January 1, 1920; marital status; if foreign born, year of immigration to the U.S., whether naturalized, and year of naturalization; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents; mother tongue of foreign born; ability to speak English; occupation, industry, and class of worker; home owned or rented; if owned, whether free or mortgaged.

### 1930

Address; name; relationship to family head; home owned or rented, value of home, radio set, if live on a farm; sex, color or race, age at last birthday, marital status, age at first marriage; school attendance, literacy; birthplace of person and parents; mother tongue; year of immigration, naturalization, able to speak English; occupation; employment; whether veteran, what year served.

A supplemental schedule for Indians on and off reservations is included.

### 1940

Address; home owned or rented; value of home; if live on a farm; name; relationship to head of house; sex; color or race; age at last birthday; marital status; school attendance; highest grade completed; birthplace; citizenship; residence as of April 1, 1935; employment status for persons 14 years old and over; income in 1939; Supplementary questions were asked of persons listed on lines 14 and 29: Birthplace of parents; mother tongue; veteran information; social security information; occupation; for all women who have been or are married: number of marriages, age at first marriage, and number of children.

For more detail see: *Twenty Censuses: Population and Housing Questions 1790-1980*. GPO, 1979.