

Comparison of Census Information, 1790-1940

Questions Asked	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940
Personal Information															
Name of family head only	x	x	x	x	x	x									
Headcount by age, gender, ...	x	x	x	x	x	x									
Names of all individuals							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sex							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Color							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Place of birth							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Year of birth											x				
Month of birth											x				
Relationship to family head										x	x	x	x	x	x
Marital status										x	x	x	x	x	x
Married that year							x	x	x	x	x				
No. of years present marriage											x	x			
Age at first marriage														x	
Mother how many children											x	x			
Number of children living											x	x			
Father's birthplace										x	x	x	x	x	
Mother's birthplace										x	x	x	x	x	
Deaf, blind, insane, idiotic, ...							x	x	x	x		x			
Real estate value							x	x	x						
Personal estate value								x	x						
Male citizen over 21 years									x						
Male over 21 denied vote									x						
Residency															
Visitation number of dwelling							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Visitation number of family							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Street name in city										x	x	x	x	x	x
House number in city										x	x	x	x	x	x
House owned or rented											x	x	x	x	x
Value of home if owned														x	x
Monthly rental if renting														x	x
House free or mortgaged											x	x	x		
Farm or house / Lived on farm											x	x		x	x
Residence 5 years earlier															x

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Employment															
Profession or occupation							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Employer, employee, self												x	x		
Weeks / months employed										x	x	x			x
Income															x
Public emergency worker															x
Education															
Attended school that year							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Attended college that year														x	x
Months attended school											x				
Highest grade attained															x
Can read or write							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Can speak English											x	x	x	x	
Military Service															
Civil War veteran												x			
Military veteran / Which war														x	
Nativity and Citizenship															
Naturalization status											x	x	x	x	x
Year of immigration to U.S.											x	x	x	x	
No. of years in U.S.											x				
Year of naturalization													x		
Native language												x	x	x	
Native language of father													x		
Native language of mother													x		
Father of foreign birth									x						
Mother of foreign birth									x						