

THE 1940 US CENSUS: COUNTDOWN TO RELEASE



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1940 US Federal Census is to be released 2 April 2012 online at the National Archives.

- 48 States
- First census to be available online in digital format
- Largest Census ever released
- No name index currently available nor will be available upon release

Contains new and valuable information

- Statistical sampling, some individuals have additional information provided, were asked more questions
- Mark in Column 7 give the informant, the person who gave the information to the enumerator; we can more easily evaluate the reliability of information
- Education, employment, income, housing costs

Get ready to research!!

- Make lists of your subjects, include street addresses and Enumeration Districts
- How to find your people without a Name Index
 - Need Address and Enumeration District
 - Make a Spreadsheet or Table of people to find
 - Use NARA maps, search for them using Archival Research Catalog
 - Use Steve Morse website to find 1940 EDs . Has a number of different tutorials and methods for finding EDs.
 - Use City Directories, home sources, letters, oral histories, etc. to find addresses

Help out through Indexing!!

- RI genealogists are most familiar with RI families
- RIGS Project through FamilySearch.org to index the 1940 Census
- Other projects you may be familiar with for RI include the 1905, 1915, etc
- The more we contribute, the faster we can access the Name Index FREE, forever

General Census Resources

GenWeb's Introduction to Federal Census Research

<http://www.us-census.org/research/index.html>

Online Resources

The National Archives and Records Administration

<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/start-research.html>

The National Archives and Records Administration 1940 Census Video

<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/videos.html>

The National Archives and Records Administration Archival Research Catalog

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>

FamilySearch.org

<https://familysearch.org/1940Census>

Steve Morse Obtaining EDs for the 1940 US Census

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

Steve Morse Getting Ready for 1940

<http://stevemorse.org/census/1940census.htm>

Steve Morse Finding ED in One Step

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

General 1940 US Federal Census information

http://www.1940census.net/1940_census_overview.php

Ancestry.com Census Substitute

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/grouplist.aspx?group=1940Census>

US Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/ma.html>