

# The U.S. Census of 1950

## What's in it and how to find people by location on YouTube's "JDW Talks"

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This double PowerPoint presentation concerns the U.S. Census of 1950. It is scheduled to be released to the public on April 1, 2022. The first talk, "The 1950 U.S. Census for Genealogists" concentrates on what is in that census and how it was carried out. I don't expect there will initially be a name index, so location tools will be needed. The second talk, "1950 Census Location Search Tools" discusses the free tools for finding people on that census when it comes out. We (Steve Morse, I, and our volunteers) have produced over 8 years such tools to help genealogists successfully search this census. I often compare the 1940 schedules to the 1950 ones on these talks, so references are given for both census years below.

### **1940 U.S. Census**

Free Name Index: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/census/>  
National Archives 1940 Schedule Images: <http://1940census.archives.gov/>  
One Step Unified Tool: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/unified.html> (default is 1940)  
Blank Form: [https://www.census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/questionnaires/1940\\_1.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/questionnaires/1940_1.html)  
Census Bureau 1940: <http://www.census.gov/1940census/>  
Census Bureau Overview: <https://www.census.gov/history/>  
IPUMS Enumerator Manual: <https://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/inst1940.shtml>  
ED Maps: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/arc1940-1950edmaps.html?year=1940>  
Morse Locational Search Article: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/1940census.htm>  
72 year rule essay by Weintraub: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/rule72.html>  
1940 Instructions on Location Searching (tutorial quiz): <http://stevemorse.org/census/quiz.php>

### **1950 U.S. Census**

1950 Instructions on Location Searching (tutorial quiz): <http://stevemorse.org/census/quiz1950.php>  
Unified Tool: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/unified.html> change year to 1950  
ED Definition Scans: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/eddef1224.html>  
ED Definitions Searchable: <http://www.stevemorse.org/ed/ed.php?year=1950&state=AL&keywords=>  
Census Bureau: [https://www.census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/overview/1950.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/1950.html)  
Blank Form: [https://www.census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/questionnaires/1950\\_1.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/questionnaires/1950_1.html)  
IPUMS Enumerator Manual: <https://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/inst1950.shtml>  
[https://www.census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/census\\_instructions/](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/census_instructions/)  
ED Maps: <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/arc1950edmaps.html>;  
Getting Ready for the 1950 Census: <https://stevemorse.org/census/1950census.htm>  
Block maps for Housing Census and Social Statistics:  
<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/1953/dec/housing-vol-05.html> (pamphlets)  
<https://stevemorse.org/census/1940-1950blocks.html> (all the block maps)  
National Archives Catalog: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>  
Problems with ED Maps Paper <https://stevemorse.org/census/1950edmaps.pdf>