

# POPULATION AND HOUSING ITEMS ON THE GENERAL CENSUS SCHEDULES 1790-2000

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	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
<b>POPULATION</b>																						
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>																						
Age (group)		X1	X1	X	X	X																
Age (year)							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sex	X1	X1	X1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Color or race (single)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Color or race (multiple)																						X
Spanish origin or descent																			Xs			
Hispanic origin																				X	X	X
If American Indian, portions of Indian or other blood												*	*		X		*					
...Tribe												*	*		X		*		X	X	X	X
Relationship to head of family or household										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Married in past year							X2	X2	X	X	X											
Marital status									X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Xs
No. of years married												X	X				Xs					
Age at or date of first marriage															X	Xs		Xs	Xs	Xs		
Married more than once																Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs		
If remarried, was first marriage terminated by death																			Xs	Xs		
No. of years widowed, divorced, or separated																	Xs					

## SOCIAL

### CHARACTERISTICS

	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	
Free or slave	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Per slave owner, no. of slaves							X	X															
...No. of fugitives							X	X															
...No. of manumitted							X	X															
<b>Physical and mental handicaps and infirmities:</b>																							
...Deaf or deaf mutes					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X*	*	*								Xs11
...Blind					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X*	*	*								Xs11
...Insane							X	X	X	X	X												
..Feeble-minded (idiotic)							X3	X	X	X	X*	X*											
...How supported (insane and idiotic only)							X				*	*											
...Ill or disabled										X*	X*									Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
...Duration of disability											X*									Xs			
Paupers							X2	X2		*	X*												
Poverty Status																				Xs10	Xs10	Xs10	Xs10
Convicts							X2	X2		*	X*	*	*										
Homeless Children										*	X*		*										
<b>Education:</b>																							
...Literacy							X1	X2	X2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
...School attendance								X2	X2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
...Educational attainment																X	Xs						
...Public or private school																				Xs	Xs		
...Vocational training																				Xs			
<b>Ancestry</b>																					Xs	Xs	Xs
Place of birth							X2	X2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Xs4	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Place of birth of parents									X5	X	X	X	X	X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs			
Citizenship (U.S.)				X	X				X6		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X4	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Year of naturalization														X									
Eligibility to vote									X6														
If foreign born, year of immigration												X	X	X	X					Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Language											X	X7	X	X7	X7	Xs		Xs		Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Language of parents													X	X									
Ability to speak English																					Xs	Xs	Xs

## SOCIAL

CHARACTERISTICS	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	
Grandparent responsible for grandchildren																							Xs
Grandchildren in household																							Xs
No. of children living											X	X	X										
No. of children ever born to mother											X	X	X			Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	
Veteran status						X					X*		X		X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Length of service																						Xs	Xs
Whether wife or widow of veteran											X*					Xs							
If child of veteran, is father dead																Xs							
Farm residence											X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Xs8,9	X9				
Farm residence in a previous year																X	Xs						
Place of residence in a previous year																X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Year moved to present residence																		Xs	Xs	Xs9	Xs9	Xs9	

## ECONOMIC

CHARACTERISTICS	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	
Industry				X		X							X	X	X	X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Occupation							X2	X2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Class of worker													X	X	X	X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Private or non-public emergency work, or public emergency work																X							
Employment status															X*	X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Duration of unemployment										X	X	X	X		*	X	Xs			Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Year last worked																		Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Weeks worked in preceding year															*	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Hours worked in preceding week															*	X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Activity 5 years ago																			Xs				
Industry 5 years ago																							Xs
Occupation 5 years ago																			Xs				
Class of worker 5 years ago																			Xs				

## ECONOMIC

### CHARACTERISTICS

	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	
Value of real estate							X2	X2	X											Xs9	Xs9	Xs9	
Value of personal property								X2															
Income																X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	
Poverty Status																				Xs10	Xs10	Xs10	Xs10
Social Security:																							
...Registered																Xs							
...Deductions from all or part of wages or salary																Xs							
Public assistance income																				Xs	Xs	Xs	
Pension income																				Xs	Xs	Xs	
Interest income																				Xs	Xs	Xs	
Place of work																			Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Means of transportation to work																			Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Transportation time to work																					Xs	Xs	Xs
Carpooling																					Xs	Xs	Xs

#### POPULATION NOTES:

- \* See also supplemental questionnaires
- s Sample Question
- 1 Free white persons only
- 2 Question only asked of free inhabitants
- 3 Question was whether insane or idiotic
- 4 In 1960, place of birth was asked on a sample basis but a 100% basis in New York and Puerto Rico. Citizenship was only asked in New York and Puerto, where it was a 100% item.
- 5 Question was only whether parents were foreign born.
- 6 For males 21 years of age and over
- 7 Whether person could speak English. In 1900, this was the only the only question; in 1920 and 1930 this question was in addition addition to the request for mother tongue.
- 8 Asked only outside cities
- 9 On housing portion of questionnaire
- 10 Poverty was not asked on the questionnaire but derived from income and household data.
- 11 Vision and hearing conditions reported as group in 2000 Census

## HOUSING

### OCCUPANCY

CHARACTERISTICS	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	
No. of slave houses								X															
Farm or nonfarm											X	X	X	X	X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Occupied or vacant											X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tenure--owned or rented											X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
...Owned free or mortgage											X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X
Year-round or seasonal (for vacant only)															X	X	X1		X	X	X	X	X
Vacancy status (for sale, rent, etc.)															X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Duration of vacancy																	Xs		X				
Second home																			Xs				
Share with business																				X	X	Xs	

### STRUCTURAL

CHARACTERISTICS	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Type of structure (single, semi-detached, trailer)																X2	X	X	Xs	X	X	Xs
No. of rooms																X2	X	X	X	X	X	Xs
No. of bedrooms																		Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Year built																X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Original purpose of building																X						
Exterior material																X						
Whether 10 or more units at this address																			X	X	X	Xs
No. of units in structure																X	X	Xs	Xs	X		
Mobile home or trailer																	X	Xs	Xs	X	X	Xs
...Mobile or fixed																		Xs				
Condominium status																				X	Xs	
Basement																		Xs	X			
No. of stories																			Xs	Xs		
Elevator																		Xs	Xs	Xs		
Access to unit																		X	X	X		

## CONDITION AND

### PLUMBING FACILITIES

	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	
Condition																X	X	X					
Water supply																X	X	X	X	X	Xs	Xs	
Toilet facilities																X	X	X	X	X	Xs	Xs	
Bathing facilities																X	X	X	X	X	Xs	Xs	
No. of bathrooms																			Xs	Xs	Xs		
Source of water																		Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs		
Sewage disposal																		Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs		

## EQUIPMENT AND

### FUELS

	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	
Lighting																X	Xs						
Heating equipment																X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs			
Heating fuel																X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	
Cooking fuel																X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs			
Water heating fuel																		Xs	Xs	Xs			
Refrigeration																X	Xs						
Kitchen sink																	Xs						
Kitchen, cooking facilities																		X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	
Radio															X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs3				
Clothes washing machine																		Xs	Xs				
Clothes dryer																		Xs	Xs				
Home food freezer																		Xs	Xs				
Telephone available																		Xs	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	
Air conditioning																		Xs	Xs	Xs			
Television sets																	Xs	Xs	Xs				
Whether television equipped for UHF																			Xs				
Dishwasher																			Xs				
Automobiles																		Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	
Vans, trucks																				Xs	Xs6	Xs6	

## FINANCIAL

### CHARACTERISTICS

	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Value											*			*4	X	X	X	X5	X	X	X	Xs
Contract rent															X	X	X	X5	X	X	X	Xs
..If furnished, estimated rent unfurnished																X	X					
..Estimated rent of owned nonfarm home																X						
Gross rent																X	X	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs	Xs
Whether mortgaged														X	X					Xs	Xs	Xs
Second mortgage																				Xs	Xs	Xs
Unpaid balance on mortgage or loan											*			*4	X	*	*	*	*			
Interest rate on mortgage											*			*4	X	*	*	*	*			
Type of mortgage holder															X	*	*	*	*			
Mortgage payments:																						
Amount and items included															X	*	*	*	*	Xs	Xs	Xs
Utility costs																				Xs	Xs	Xs
Real estate taxes																				Xs	Xs	Xs
Insurance premiums																				Xs	Xs	Xs
Condominium fees																					Xs	Xs

#### HOUSING NOTES:

- \* Supplemental Questionnaire
- S Sample Question
- 1 Also migratory
- 2 There was also a specific question as to whether the dwelling unit was in a residential structure
- 3 Battery-operated only
- 4 Mortgaged non-farm home
- 5 100% in cities; 25% outside
- 6 Vans and truck incorporated with automobiles

Table for 1790-1970 adapted from U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Population and Housing Queries in the U.S. Decennial Censuses, 1790-1970*, Working Paper No. 39, Washington, D.C. 1973. Data for 1980-2000 compiled from corresponding Census questionnaires. Later revised based on Measuring America <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2002pubs/pol02-ma.pdf>> Notify Grace York <[graceyor@umich.edu](mailto:graceyor@umich.edu)> for any corrections.  
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