

**Guide to the United States Federal Census,
New York City Police Census 1890
& New York State Census Records**

United States Federal Census Records, 1790-1930 (1890 destroyed in a fire)

Coming soon! 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be available on April 2, 2012

Online access:

- **Ancestry Library Edition**
Available on-site at all New York Public Library locations
Digital images of the Census, 1790-1930, linked to an every-name index.
- **Fold3 (formerly Footnote)**
Available on-site at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, New York Public Library
Searchable digitized images of millions of historical primary documents many from the National Archives including the 1860 and 1930 U.S. Federal Census to an every-name index.
- **HeritageQuest Online**
Available on-site at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, New York Public Library
Digital images of Census, 1790-1930, linked to a head-of-household name index for: 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 (partial)
- **FamilySearch Record Search**
<https://www.familysearch.org/>
Free access to the 1850-1880, 1900 and 1920 Census.

Census finding aids:

- **Printed name indexes** to Census for all available states on open shelf in Milstein Division Reading Room (Room 121). Census years indexed generally include 1790-1870, 1910.
- **Census maps** for New York in Room 121 (Map Case)

Federal Census schedules on microfilm:

- All available states, 1790, 1800, 1810
- New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, 1820-1880
- New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, 1880 SOUNDEX index
- New York, New Jersey, Mortality Schedules, 1850-1880
- New York 1900
- New York 1900 SOUNDEX index
- New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Puerto Rico, 1910
- New York, Puerto Rico, 1920, 1930
- New York, Puerto Rico, 1920 SOUNDEX index

New York City Police Census, 1890; substitute to 1890 Federal Census

Microform access:

- Manhattan & West Bronx only, provides name, gender, age
- No name index; address required
- Finding aid available in Room 121 and Room 119 that converts address to appropriate Book number:
Jensen, Howard M. *Aid to finding addresses in the 1890 New York City Police Census.*

Limited online access:

- **Ancestry Library Edition:** Incomplete; includes only a few books.

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New York State Census Records

Years of census: 1825, 1835, 1845, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1892, 1905, 1915, 1925

Records do not exist for every county for every year, please check for availability.

Online Access (At this time, there is only limited online access)

- **FamilySearch.org** also has digitized and indexed by name 1892 and 1905; browseable only, 1865 and 1875.
- **Ancestry Library Edition's** New York State Census collection has limited years and counties.

Microform Access:

The Library has a complete collection of New York State censuses on microfilm. In most cases, you will need an address to locate a person in the census. If you do not know a person's address, consider searching a **City Directory** first. All New York State city directories are available on microfilm in Rm 119.

Existing Microforms for the Five Boroughs of New York City:

- New York County (Borough of Manhattan)
 - 1855, 1905 (includes part of the Bronx), 1915, 1925
- Kings County (Borough of Brooklyn)
 - 1855, 1865, 1875, 1892, 1905, 1915, 1925
- Queens County (Borough of Queens)
 - 1892, 1915, 1925
- Richmond County (Borough of Staten Island)
 - 1835, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1915, 1925
- Bronx County (Borough of Bronx, created in 1914)
 - For 1905, consult New York County.
 - 1915, 1925
- For all other counties in New York State, please check in Room 119.

Finding Aids and other help for the New York State Census:

- Some name indexes exist for a few counties: check the NYPL Catalog using name of county.
- To get the AD/ED number for an address, consult census maps in Room 121 and Map Division.
- Guides to AD/ED for 1865, 1875, 1892, 1905 for NYC at Milstein Reference Desk.
- Website for obtaining AD/ED for 1905/15/25 Census in One Step:
<http://www.stevemorse.org/nyc/nyc.php>
- Useful books and microfilm:
 - Silinonte, Joseph M. *Street Index to the 1892 New York State Census, City of Brooklyn.*
 - *Card index to street names and house addresses in New York County, for the New York State census for 1905, 1915, and 1925* [on microfilm].
 - Nelson, Theodore R. *New York 1925 state census index. Richmond County.* Call number: *R-USLHG APR (New York) 02-6111 (Section 5)
 - *New York State censuses & substitutes: an annotated bibliography of state censuses, census substitutes, and selected name lists in print, on microform, or online: with county boundary maps, 1683-1915: and state census examples and extraction forms, 1825-1925* / by William Dollarhide. Available at the Reference Desk in Room 121.



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