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## Countdown to the 1950 Census

Today marks the start of an exciting countdown: we are officially one year away from the release of the 1950 Census! The National Archives will release the 1950 population census schedules in April 2022, 72 years after the official 1950 census day of April 1, 1950.

We have been busy <u>preparing for the release for many years</u>, and we encourage you to start preparing too!



Card Punch Operators Working on Agricultural Cards, Population and Housing Cards Carried 45 Columns, All Other Cards Carried 80 Columns. National Archives Identifier 6200858

Do you know where your family was living in 1950? Did you have American relatives living abroad? What did your relatives do for work? What was their household income in 1949? The 1950 census may provide the answers to these questions and more. The 1950 census won't be released until 2022, but that doesn't mean you can't start getting ready for it now.



Enumeration, a Farmer Supplies Answers to the 232 Questions on the Farm Schedule. <u>National</u>
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### **Getting started with Census Records and Resources**

<u>Census records</u> can provide the building blocks of your research, allowing you both to confirm information and learn more. While you wait for the 1950 Census release, we encourage you to browse our online resources and informational posts; ask questions and find answers on History Hub.

- Browse <u>History Hub for genealogy</u> related information, <u>Census fun facts</u>, a closer look at the <u>1950 Census</u>, as well as information about previously released Census schedules.
- Review 20 Tips for Census Research: <u>Genealogy: 20 Tips for Census Research</u>
   <u>Success</u>
- For more information about Census records at the National Archives, see our Census Records web pages: <u>Search Census Records Online and Other Resources</u>

History Hub is our support community for researchers, genealogists, history enthusiasts, and citizen archivists. Ask questions, share information, work together, and find help based on experience and interests. Researchers can ask—or answer—questions on <u>History Hub</u>, or search to see if a question has been asked before.



Enumeration, Alaska Too Saw the Census Enumerator Arrive in His Dog Sled. <u>National Archives</u> <u>Identifier 6200721</u>

#### Why 72 Years?

The first Federal Population Census was taken in 1790, and has been taken every ten years since. There is a 72-year restriction on access to the Census—the 1940 Census was released on April 2, 2012. The 1950 Census will be released on April 1, 2022.

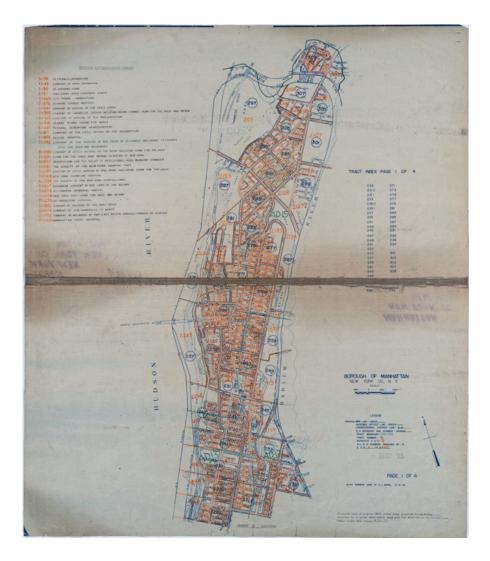
Read more about the "72-Year Rule" History - US Census Bureau

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Population schedule page from the 13th Census of the United States: 1910, <u>National Archives</u>
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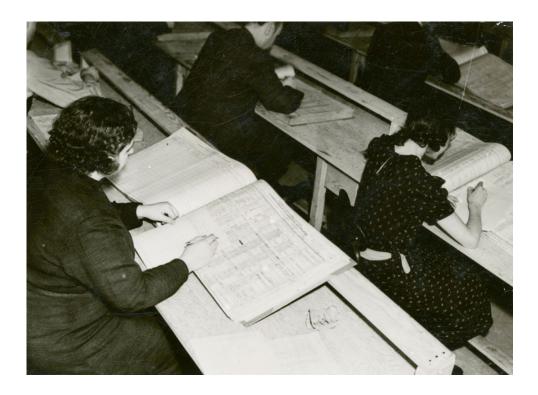
1950 Census Enumeration District Maps - New York (NY) - New York County - Manhattan - ED 31-1 to 2440. <u>National Archives 24267411</u>

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The National Archives is committed to the health and safety of our visitors and staff. We are closely monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19, and we are working with public health officials and our counterpart agencies to monitor and respond to the evolving conditions and following CDC guidelines.

For more information, visit <a href="https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus">https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus</a>

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