

## Introduction

The Government Publications Department of McIntyre Library houses many United States Census documents. This guide provides help in locating older Census materials, as well current and online Census documents.

## History

From the first Census in 1790 through the twelfth census in 1900, the Census was the responsibility of the Department of the Interior. These Census documents are shelved under **I 3.5** through **I 13.5**. In 1902 the Census Bureau was transferred to the Commerce Department, so censuses from that date forward are shelved under **C 3**.

Most early censuses cover only population statistics. Later agriculture, government expenses and product statistics were included. Eight economic censuses - Agriculture, Construction Industries, Manufactures, Mineral Industries, Retail Trade, Service Industries, Transportation and Wholesale Trade - were generally included with each decennial census through 1950. Since then, only the *Census of Population* and the *Census of Housing* are conducted at the beginning of each decade. Economic censuses follow a five-year plan and are conducted in the years ending in 2 & 7. The *Census of Agriculture*, previously taken in years ending in 4 & 9, is now taken in the same years as the economic censuses and is prepared by the Department of Agriculture.

## Popular Reports and Updates

Statistics found in the economic and decennial censuses quickly become dated. Other Census Bureau publications provide updated information; for example, *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, *Current Population Survey*, *Annual Survey of Manufactures*, *Annual Services Survey*, and the *American Community Survey*. Current releases of these reports are available at: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## Census Publications & Web Sites

### Bureau of the Census Catalog of Publications, 1790-1972

C 56.222/2-2:790- 972

Govt. Collection Index Center

Comprehensive list of all materials issued by the Bureau of the Census and its predecessor organizations from the first decennial census report of 1790 through 1972.

### Census Bureau Web Site

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

The best source of current Census information and data, plus selected historical data. The American Factfinder offers access to Census 2000 population and housing data. All 2002 Economic Census data is available on the Census site. Background information (such as forms and glossaries), release schedules, and news releases are available. Statistics and reports from the 1990 Census through current releases of the American Community Survey are accessed through the site.

### Census Catalog and Guide

C 3.163/3:(1985-1998)

Govt. Collection Index Center

Current copy online at:

<http://www.census.gov/mp/www/cat/>

Provides information about products that become available during the reported year. Earlier years are shelved in C 56.222. Current products are located at the online site and listed as they become available.

### Census Product Update

<http://www.census.gov/mp/www/cpu/cpu.html>

Lists all Bureau recently-released and upcoming data products. Includes email notification option and RSS feed.



**Guide to 1980 and Guide to 1990 U.S. Decennial Census Publications: Detailed Abstracts and Indexes Derived From the American Statistics Index**

Govt. Collection Index Center

Contain detailed abstracts of individual 1980 and 1990 census publications, and detailed indexing by subject, geographic area, report number, title, and type of data breakdown.

**Guide to the 2002 Economic Census**

<http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/guide/>

**Historical Census Browser**

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

Site at University of Virginia includes selected data from 1790 through 1960.

**Population Information in Nineteenth Century Census Volumes**

***Population Information in Twentieth Century Census Volumes: 1900-1940***

***Population Information in Twentieth Century Census Volumes: 1950-1980***

Govt. Collection Index Center

Three-volume set of guides by Suzanne Schultz provides detailed access to the research materials available from the U.S. Census. Population information available in all U.S. decennial census reports from 1790 through 1980 is identified.

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## Census of Population

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McIntyre Library has:

\*1790

1800-1900

1910

1920

1930

1940

1950

1960,70,80,90, 2000

\*\*1990

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**I 3.5: thru I 13.5:**

**C 3.16:**

**C 3.28/**

**C 3.37/7:920**

**C 3.37/5:**

**C 3.37/7:930**

**C 3.940-5:**

**C 3.950-7/5:**

**C 3.223/**

**C 3.279, C 3.281, C 3.282**

**C 3.283, C 3.285**

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

**C 3.282, C 3.282/2, C 3.282/2-2, C 3.282/2-3,**

**C 3.282/4, C 3.385**

[www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html](http://www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html)

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\* The 1790 census is on microfilm in the Special Collections Dept. This census is available for 11 states only; Wisconsin is not one of these. The rest were destroyed in the War of 1812.

\*\* Beginning with the 1990 Census, data previously available only on computer tape or microfiche became available in CD-ROM format. Data is available for many geographic levels, down to the block group level, and for 5-digit Zip codes and Congressional Districts. For Population & Housing data collected from short-form respondents, use Summary Tape File 1A for individual states and STF 1C for the U.S. summary. Sample Population and Housing social and economic data from long-form census respondents is found on STF 3A and STF 3C. Social characteristics include items like ancestry, language spoken at home, and education, while economic characteristics include items such as income, occupation, and journey to work.

\*\*\* An excellent tutorial on the use of the American FactFinder is available at:

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/census2/davidsen.ppt>

NOTE: Census data for Wisconsin cities can be found in the Wisconsin Blue Book (WI A 1: year). Early Blue Books (1864-1873) are located in the Special Collections Department, but the Government Publications Wisconsin collection does have copies of the population figures for those years. (WI A 1: 1864-1873 excerpts.) Current Wisconsin data can be located at: <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/dhir/>

## Census of Housing

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Taken as part of the decennial censuses, the Census of Housing provides information on the changes in the housing inventory, on financing, and on characteristics of residential properties. The first Census of Housing was taken in 1940; however, some information on home ownership and mortgage status was included in previous decennial censuses. As of 2000, housing counts are included in population and housing documents.

McIntyre Library has:

1940	<b>C 3.940-5:H 81/v.1-4</b>	(print)
1950	<b>C 3.950-8/5:v.1-4</b>	(print)
1960,70,80,90	<b>C 3.224/</b>	(print)
1990	<b>C 3.279, C 3.281</b>	(CD-ROM)
	<b>C 3.282, C 3.283, C 3.285</b>	(CD-ROM)
2000	<b>C 3.223/</b>	(print)
2000	<b>C 3.282, C 3.282/2, C 3.282/2-2, C 3.282/2-3,</b>	
	<b>C 3.282/4, C 3.385</b>	(CD-ROM/DVD)

[www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html](http://www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html)

## Census of Agriculture

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The first Census of Agriculture was taken in 1840 as part of the Sixth Decennial Census of Population and continued to be included through 1950. A mid-decade Census of Agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, & 1945. From 1954 to 1974, it was taken for the years ending in 4 & 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the 1978 & 1982 Census of Agriculture to coincide with the economic census.

In 1997, data-collection by the Bureau of the Census and the National Agricultural & Statistical Service was consolidated, and the Department of Agriculture assumed the responsibility of publishing the 1997 Census of Agriculture. Data covers the nation's farming, ranching, and related activities at the county, state and national levels.

McIntyre Library has:

1840-1900	<b>I 3.5 through I 13.5:</b>	(microfilm & print)
1910	<b>C 3.16:</b>	(microfilm & print)
1920	<b>C 3.28/11:</b>	(print)
1925	<b>C 3.31/1:925</b>	(print)
1930	<b>C 3.37/5:Ag 8/v.1-4</b>	(print)
1935	<b>C 3.31/1:935/ v.1-3</b>	(print, v.1 missing)
1940	<b>C 3.940-5:Ag 8/v.1-3</b>	(print)
1945	<b>C 3.31/4:945/v.1-2</b>	(print, v.1 missing)
1950	<b>C 3.950-9:v.1-5</b>	(print)
1954,59,64	<b>C 3.31/</b>	(print)
1969	<b>C 56.227:969/</b>	(print)
1974,78,82,87,92	<b>C 3.31/</b>	(print)
1987, 92	<b>C 3.277:AG 8</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997	<b>A 92.53/7:AC 97-A-NOS.</b>	(print)
	<b>A 92.53/56:NOS.</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997, 2002	<a href="http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/">www.nass.usda.gov/census/</a>	

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## Census of Business

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A complete Census of Business was taken for 1929, 1933, 1935, 1939, 1948, 1954, 1958, 1963, & 1967.

In 1964, legislation was enacted providing for a business census to be conducted at five-year intervals for years ending in 2 & 7. The Census of Business presents data on establishments engaged in retail trade, wholesale trade, and selected service trades. The censuses taken in 1935, 1939, & 1967 also include a census of construction industry.

With 1972, the Census of Business was divided into: Census of Retail Trade, Census of Service Industries, and Census of Wholesale Trade. It later became part of the Economic Census.

McIntyre Library has:

1929	<b>C 3.37/5:D 63/v.1-2</b>	(print)
1939	<b>C 3.940-5:B 96/v.1-5</b>	(print, v.3 missing)
1948,54,58,63,67	<b>C 3.202/5:</b>	(print)

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## Census of Construction Industry

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Information on construction industries was first obtained in 1930 and again for 1935 and 1939. Data for the full spectrum of construction industries were not gathered again until 1968 (for 1967). Since 1967, the *Census of Construction Industry* has been taken every five years as part of the Census Bureau's *Economic Census* program.

McIntyre Library has:

1930	<b>C 3.37/5:C 76</b>	(print)
1939	<b>C 3.940-5:B 96/v.4</b>	(print)
1967	<b>C 3.245/4:967/v.1-2</b>	(print)
1972	<b>C 56.254/6:972/v.1-2</b>	(print)
1977, 82,87,92	<b>C 3.245/</b>	(print)
1987, 92, 97	<b>C 3.277:CD-EC</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997, 2002	<a href="http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/">http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/</a>	

## Census of Governments

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A *Census of Governments* was taken at approximately 10-year intervals from 1850 to 1942 and again in 1957. Since then this census has been taken at 5-year intervals (for years ending in 2 & 7). It supplies data on numbers and characteristics of governments in the U.S., elective officials, value of taxable property, public employees and payrolls, and governmental revenues, expenditures, debt, and financial assets.

McIntyre Library has:

1850-1890	<b>I 8.2: through I 12.5:</b>	(microfilm & print)
1900-1904	<b>C 3.5:W 37</b>	(wealth,debt,& taxation) (print)
1913	<b>C 3.2:W 37/2/v.1-2</b>	(wealth,debt,& taxation) (print)
1957,62,67	<b>C 3.145/4:</b>	(print)
1972	<b>C 56.247/2:972/v.1-9</b>	(print)
1977,82,87,92	<b>C 3.145/</b>	(print)
1987,92, 97	<b>C 3.277:CD-EC</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997, 2002	<a href="http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/">http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/</a>	

## Census of Manufactures

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Detailed data on manufacturing activities for small geographic areas, individual industries, products shipped, and material consumed are provided in this publication. After the first census in 1810, this census was taken every ten years through 1939. After World War II, the manufactures census was conducted for the years 1947, 1954, 1958, 1963, and 1967. Under legislation enacted in 1964, *the Census of Manufactures* is now taken for the years ending in 2 & 7 and is now part of the *Economic Census*.

McIntyre Library has:

1810-1900	<b>I 3.5: through I 13.5:</b>	(microfilm & print)
1905	<b>C 3.5:M 31/pt.1-4</b>	(print)
1910	<b>C 3.16:8-10</b>	(microfilm & print)
1914	<b>C 3.24/2:AB 8</b>	(print, abstract)

1920	<b>C 3.28/15:8-10</b>	(print)
1921,23,27	<b>C 3.24/1:</b>	(print)
1929	<b>C 3.37/5:M 31/v.1-3</b>	(print)
1931,33,35,37	<b>C 3.24/1:</b>	(print)
1939	<b>C 3.940-5:M 31/v.1-3</b>	(print)
1947,54,58,63,67	<b>C 3.24:</b>	(print)
1972	<b>C 56.244:</b>	(print)
1977	<b>C 3.24:977/v.1-3</b>	(print)
1982, 87, 92	<b>C 3.24/</b>	(print)
1987, 1992, 1997	<b>C 3.277:EC 7</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997, 2002	<a href="http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/">http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/</a>	

## Census of Mineral Industries

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The *Census of Mineral Industries*, first taken in 1840, was conducted at about ten-year intervals until 1940. It was then taken for the years 1954, 1958, & 1963. Under legislation enacted in 1964, this census is now taken during the years ending in 2 & 7 and is now part of the *Economic Census*. The *Census of Mineral Industries* gives comprehensive and detailed information covering virtually every measurable aspect of mining activity including employment, payrolls, hours worked, production, prices, inventories, orders, investments in structures, machinery and equipment, and consumption of raw materials, fuels, and water.

McIntyre Library has:

1840-1890	<b>I 7.5: through I 12.5:</b>	(microfilm & print)
1902	<b>C 3.5:M 66</b>	(print)
1910	<b>C 3.16:11</b>	(microfilm & print)
1920	<b>C 3.28/15:11</b>	(print)
1930	<b>C 3.37/5:M 66</b>	(print)
1940	<b>C 3.940-5:M 66</b>	(print)
1954,58,63,67	<b>C 3.216</b>	(print)
1972	<b>C 56.236/6:972</b>	(print)
1977,82,87,92	<b>C 3.216</b>	(print)
1987,92,97	<b>C 3.277:EC 7</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997, 2002	<a href="http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/">http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/</a>	

## Census of Retail Trade

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This publication presents general retail trade statistics on stores, sales, payroll, and personnel in retail trade. It is broken down into two categories: geographic area series and major retail centers. It is part of the *Economic Census*.

McIntyre Library has:

1972	<b>C 56.251/</b>	(print)
1977,82,87,92	<b>C 3.255/</b>	(print)
1987,92,97	<b>C 3.277:EC 7</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997, 2002	<a href="http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/">http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/</a>	

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## Census of Service Industries

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This publication provides statistics on establishments, payroll, receipts, personnel, and other subjects related to the service trades. It is broken down into two categories: geographic area series and industry series and is part of the *Economic Census*.

McIntyre Library has:

1972	<b>C 56.253/</b>	(print)
1977,82,87,92	<b>C 3.257/</b>	(print)
1987,92,97	<b>C 3.277:EC 7</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997, 2002	<a href="http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/">http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/</a>	

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## Census of Transportation

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The *Census of Transportation* was taken for the first time on a national basis in 1963. Prior to 1963, some information on transportation was compiled and published in connection with the decennial censuses of 1880 and 1890. Since 1967, the transportation census has been taken every five years as part of the *Economic Census* program. This census supplements information available from other governmental and private sources.

McIntyre Library has:

1880	<b>I 11.2: &amp; I 11.5:</b>	(microfilm & print)
1890	<b>I 12.1: &amp; I 12.5:</b>	(microfilm & print)
1963,67	<b>C 3.233/3:</b>	(print)
1972	<b>C 56.246/3:972/v.1-3</b>	(print)
1977,82,87,92	<b>C 3.233/</b>	(print)
1987,92,97	<b>C 3.277:EC 7</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997, 2002	<a href="http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/">http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/</a>	

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## Census of Wholesale Trade

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This census is a compilation of statistics and reports on payroll, establishments, sales, and personnel in wholesale trade. It is broken down into two categories: geographic area series and industry series, and is part of the *Economic Census*.

McIntyre Library has:

1972	<b>C 56.252/</b>	(print)
1977,82,87,92	<b>C 3.256/</b>	(print)
1987,92,97	<b>C 3.277:EC 7</b>	(CD-ROM)
1997, 2002	<a href="http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/">http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/</a>	

## What's New

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### Industry Classification Codes—NAICS Codes Replaced SIC Codes

Data from the 1997 Economic Census were published primarily on the basis of the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Earlier censuses were published according to the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system.

NAICS Codes and SIC comparisons are online:  
[www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html](http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html)

### North American Product Classification System (NAPCS)

NAPCS will be the next addition to the economic classification systems. Service industries now account for almost 70% of economic activity, over 85 million employees, and a disproportionate share of economic growth, yet there remains a significant imbalance with respect to the information available on services industries, the fastest growing segment of the New Economy, compared with the wealth of information available for manufacturing industries.

NAPCS, a demand-oriented product classification, will be phased in and fully implemented with the 2007 Economic Census.

<http://www.census.gov/eos/www/napcs/napcs.htm>

### Census 2000 Race Categories

Census 2000 is the first Census where respondents could choose multiple race categories; therefore it is necessary to read the Census documentation about using race data. The Census Bureau now provides sixty-three categories of race in combination with Hispanic/Latino categories, tabulated for both total population and people of eighteen years of age or over. Comparison with

race data from a previous Census can be very difficult.

### Wisconsin Census 2000 Data

Wisconsin Census data is included with the U.S. Census files in American Factfinder:

<http://factfinder.census.gov/>

The state of Wisconsin Demographics Services Center is a good source of Wisconsin files, as well as population estimates and projections:

[http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext\\_detail.asp?linksubcatid=353](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext_detail.asp?linksubcatid=353)

Selected Census 2000 reports are available in print and on CD-ROM and DVD in McIntyre Library. Search the library catalog to locate them. Assistance is available at the Reference Desk.

## What's Old

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Historical Census data is being scanned and is available at several sites.

General population, education & literacy, economy/manufacturing/employment, ethnicity/race/place of birth, agriculture, slave population.  
1790-1960

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

Census of Population and Housing  
1790-2000

<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/decennial/index.htm>

Census of Agriculture  
1992-2000

<http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/census02/volume1/wi/index1.htm>

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