

1950 Federal Indexing Project: *Great Opportunity for Gathering More Original Research* at <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/1950%20Federal%20Indexing%20Project.pdf>

With April 1st rapidly becoming the release of the 1950 Federal Census, don't miss this golden opportunity to participate and contribute to this Uniquely World Gathering Family History Process. With indexing of this magnitude, most of us will benefit immeasurably. For example, it will be possible to begin where your ancestors were actually living on April 1st, 1950. Can't imagine more intensity to learn the following original genealogical information concerning you and/or your ancestors from the 1950 census if you already know the ancestor's April 1, 1950 address! To me, it is like already having your cake and being able to eat it all on your own timeline. See more than 9,000 maps in a special 1950 Census district finder on **Ancestry.com** at <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/district-map/62308> that were specially created for your participation in the 1950 Census by outlining search options by location to get details about enumeration districts and view their images.

COUNTDOWN TO THE RELEASE OF THE

1950 U.S. Census

Bringing one of the biggest moments in family history to you.

On April 1, 2022, the 1950 U.S. Census will be released by the National Archives. Ancestry® will begin indexing the information, state by state, to make it searchable for you, **for free.**

PLACE OF BIRTH
Massachusetts

Image courtesy of Missouri State Archives

Get notified when your state's records become available.

April 1
Indexing begins

Summer 2022
All states complete

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Questions Asked on the 1950 Census

For definitive information about the 1950 Federal Census, there were 38 well-thought-out questions that can provide a good overview of its investigated infrastructure at: <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950/questions-asked>.

Below is a synopsis of these 38 questions used in the 1950 Census that can create golden opportunities for even more genealogical research pursuits about your ancestors.

Questions for all persons

1. Name of street, avenue, or road
2. House and apartment number
3. Serial number of dwelling unit
4. Is this house on a farm or ranch?
5. Is this house on a place of three or more acres?
6. Agricultural Questionnaire Number
7. Name
8. Relationship to head of household
9. Race
10. Sex
11. Age on last birthday
12. Marital status: Married (Mar), Widowed (Wd), Divorced (D), or Separated (Sep)
13. State or country of birth
14. Naturalization status if foreign born (Yes, No, or AP for born abroad of American parents)

Questions for persons fourteen years of age and over

15. Was this person working (Wk), unable to work (U), keeping house (H), or doing something else (Ot) most of last week
16. If H or Ot in item 15: Did this person do any work at all last week?
17. If No in item 16: Was this person looking for work?
18. If No in item 17: Even though he didn't work last week, does he have a job or business?
19. If Wk in item 15 or Yes in item 16: How many hours did he work last week?
20. a. Occupation
b. Industry in which person worked
c. Class of worker: Private employer (P), government (G), in his or her own business (O), or without pay on family farm or business (NP)

Questions for persons on sample lines (six per sheet)

21. Was he living in this same house a year ago?
22. Was he living on a farm a year ago?
23. Was he living in this same county a year ago?
24. If No in item 23: What county (24a) and state or foreign country (24b) was he living in a year ago?
25. What country were his father and mother born in?
26. What is the highest grade of school that he has attended?
27. Did he finish this grade?
28. Has he attended school at any time since February 1st? (Yes, No, or age 30 or over)

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29. If Yes in item 17: How many weeks has he been looking for work?
30. Last year (1949), in how many weeks did this person do any work (excluding work around the home)?
31. a. Last year (1949), how much money did he earn working as an employee for wages or salary (before taxes and other deductions)?
b. Last year (1949), how much money did he earn working in his own business, professional practice, or farm (net income)?
c. Last year, how much money did he receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowances, pensions, rents, or other income (excluding salary or wages)?
32. a. Last year (1949), how much money did his relatives in this household earn working for wages or salary (before taxes and other deductions)?

- b. Last year (1949), how much money did his relatives in this household earn in their own business, professional practice, or farm (net income)?
 - c. Last year, how much money did his relatives in this household receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowances, pensions, rents, or other income (excluding salary or wages)?
33. If male, did he ever serve in the U.S. Armed Forces during (33a) World War I, (33b) World War II, or (33c) any other time including present service? (Yes/No).

Questions for person on the last sample line if fourteen years of age and over (one per sheet)

- 34. To enumerator: If person worked last year (1 or more weeks in item 30): Is there any entry in items 20a, 20b, and 20c? If Yes, skip to item 36. If No, make entries in items 35a, 35b, and 35c.
- 35. a. What kind of work did this person do in his last (previous) job?
 b. What kind of business or industry did he work in (in previous job)?
 c. Class of worker (in previous job): Private employer (P), government (G), in his or her own business (O), or without pay on family farm or business (NP).
- 36. If ever married (Mar, Wd, D, or Sep in item 12): Has this person been married more than once? (Yes/No).
- 37. How many years since this person was (last) married, widowed, divorced, or separated?
- 38. If female and ever married (Mar, Wd, D, or Sep in item 12): How many children has she ever borne, not counting stillbirths?

Closing Comments:

Below are three excellent resources on how both **FamilySearch** and **Ancestry** are providing V.I.P. assistance for indexing the 1950 US Federal Census in record time!

- [FamilySearch's new Get Involved app allows you to do simple family history tasks in seconds](#)
- **Ancestry's** Special Attributes: **Handwriting recognition** New technology that can find your relatives' names even faster within a 3:01 minute video clip at <https://www.ancestry.com/c/1950-census>
- Branching out in **Ancestry** to find out how widening your family tree can actually lead to more discoveries at <https://www.ancestry.com/c/1950-census/search-for-1950s-family>.

Trivia: Those Were the Good Olde Days

Flashback to 1950 Today's Prices are inaccurate because of today's political turmoil

See how much your relatives were paying for typical items in 1950 compared to today. Click to reveal.

| 1950 | Today | 1950 | Today | 1950 | Today | 1950 | Today | 1950 | Today |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| \$0.27 | \$3.31 | \$0.14 | \$1.50 | \$0.10 | \$1.00 | \$5.00 | \$100 | \$1.5 THOUSAND | \$25 THOUSAND |
| A gallon of gas | | A loaf of bread | | A can of tomato soup | | A hotel room | | A new car | |

Average cost based on multiple sources. [See list](#)