

National Census Dates

UK

Listed below are the UK censuses that are publicly available, showing the official date when the census was taken:

1841 Sun 6 Jun night

1851 Sun 30 Mar night

1861 Sun 7 Apr night

1871 Sun 2 Apr night

1881 Sun 3 Apr night

1891 Sun 5 Apr night

1901 Sun 31 Mar night

1911 Sun 2 Apr night

1921 Sun 19 Jun night

1939 Fri 29 Sep night

The 1939 National Identity Register was not a census but is very useful for genealogical research. Only the register for England & Wales is publicly available. Living persons aged 100 or under are currently redacted

For the 1841 census only, enumerators were instructed to round down the ages of persons 15 years and over to a multiple of 5 years. So someone aged 19 should have been recorded as 15, someone aged 51 as 50 and so on

Ireland

Listed below are the Ireland censuses that are publicly available, showing the official date when the census was taken:

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The first census after the partition of Ireland was on the night of Sunday 18 June 1926. The Irish Government is expected to make the census for its side of the border available in 2026.

Sadly the 1926 census papers for Northern Ireland no longer exist and are thought to have been pulped during WW2.

United States

Listed below are the US national censuses that are publicly available, showing the official date when the census was taken:

1790 Mon Aug 2

1800 Mon Aug 4

1810 Mon Aug 6

1820 Mon Aug 7

1830 Tue Jun 1

1840 Mon Jun 1

1850 Sat Jun 1

1860 Fri Jun 1

1870 Wed Jun 1

Many US States have also carried out their own censuses

1880 Tue Jun 1

1890 Mon Jun 2

1900 Fri Jun 1

1910 Fri Apr 15

1920 Thu Jan 1

1930 Tue Apr 1*

1940 Mon Apr 2

1950 Sat Apr 1

*Tue Oct 1, 1929 in Alaska

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