

1950 U.S. Census Tips & Tricks

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Where to find the census:

NARA – Images, AI Index, Free

<https://1950census.archives.gov/>

Ancestry – AI Index, Free

<https://www.ancestry.com/c/1950-census>

Help by indexing:

Family Search – browsable, some states searchable

Help index! <https://www.familysearch.org/getinvolved/1950>

Tools

ED Finder – do you have an ancestor’s address but just can’t seem to find them in the 1950 U.S. Census? Try browsing their enumeration district (ED). You can find their ED either through Ancestry or Steve Morse’s One-Step website.

Ancestry: <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/district-map/62308>

Steve Morse: <https://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>

Blank Column codes:

Ever wonder how to interpret those codes in the lettered columns? Steve Morse has put together on his website a guide to all those columns. He has a separate site for the occupations as well.

All codes: <https://stevemorse.org/census/mcodes1950.htm>

Occupation codes:

<https://stevemorse.org/census/1950occupationcodes.html>

Enumerator Information

Ever wonder why the enumerators did what they did? Check out the enumerator instructions for information on how they walked blocks, how long they had to fill out the forms and so much more:

<https://1950census.archives.gov/howto/enumerator-instructions.html>

Check out all the resources from NARA for the 1950 U.S. Census here:
<https://1950census.archives.gov/howto/>

Other Resources

Christa Cowan's YouTube Videos on Ancestry's channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsc0AQkAh_2cQmxqwD6VWRw

Amy Johnson Crow Videos on Genealogy:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AmyCrow>

Marion Burk Wood blog posts:

<https://climbingmyfamilytree.blogspot.com/p/1950-census.html>