Age Search

Get a Copy of Your Census Record

Why would I need to obtain a copy of a census record?

Individuals can use these transcripts, which may contain information on a person's age, sex, race, state or country of birth, and relationship to the householder, as evidence to qualify for:

- social security and other retirement benefits.
- in obtaining a passport.
- to prove relationship in settling estates.
- in genealogy research, etc.
- to satisfy other situations where a birth or other certificate may be needed but is not available.

Is there a fee to obtain a census record?

There is a $65 fee for a search of one census for one person only.

What method(s) of payment do you take?

We take personal checks and money orders. We do not accept credit cards.

What years can I search?

You can search years 1910 through 2010. The census is done in years ending in "0." You can search any census year from 1910 through 2010, but not on the years in between. For example, you were born in 1954, you can search for a census record as soon as the year 1960.

Who can request a census record?

Information is only released to the named person, his/her heirs, or legal representatives. This person may authorize the results to be sent to another person/agency by also completing item 3 on the application.

Minor Children
Information regarding a child who has not yet reached the legal age of 18 may be obtained by written request of either parent or guardian. A guardian must provide a copy of the court order naming them as such.

Mentally Incompetent Persons
Information regarding these persons may be obtained upon the written request of the legal representative, supported by a copy of the court order naming such legal representation.

Deceased Persons
The application must be signed by (1) a blood relative in the immediate family (parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild), (2) the surviving wife or husband, (3) the administrator or executor of the estate, or (4) a beneficiary by will or insurance.

In all cases involving deceased persons, a copy of the death certificate MUST be provided and the relationship to the deceased MUST be stated on the application. Legal representatives MUST also furnish a copy of the court order naming such legal

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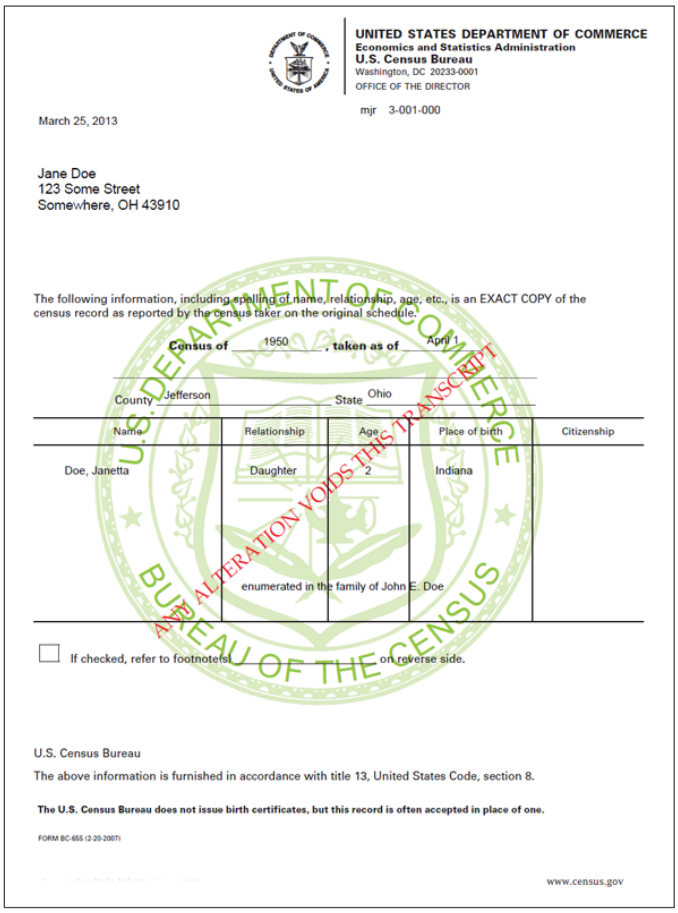
representatives, and beneficiaries MUST furnish legal evidence of such beneficiary evidence.

What will I receive as my official census transcript?

An official census transcript will list the person's:

- name.
- relationship to household head.
- age or date of birth at the time of the census.
- state of birth if available for census year.



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Jane Doe
123 Some Street
Somewhere, OH 43910

The following information, including spelling of name, relationship, age, etc., is an EXACT COPY of the census record as reported by the census taker on the original schedule.

Census of 1950, taken as of April 1

County Jefferson State Ohio

Name	Relationship	Age	Place of birth	Citizenship
Doe, Janetta	Daughter	2	Indiana	

enumerated in the family of John E. Doe

☐ If checked, refer to footnotes _____ on reverse side.

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The above information is furnished in accordance with title 13, United States Code, section 8.

The U.S. Census Bureau does not issue birth certificates, but this record is often accepted in place of one.

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Citizenship will be provided if the person was foreign born. Single items of data such as occupation for Black Lung cases can be provided upon request. If a person is not found, a form will be sent with that information. State of birth and citizenship are only available in census records from 1910 to 1950.

Additional data is available within the full schedule, which includes the complete one line entry of personal data recorded for that individual ONLY. This will be furnished in addition to the regular transcript. There is an additional charge of $10.00 for each full schedule. They are not available for 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010.

Questions?

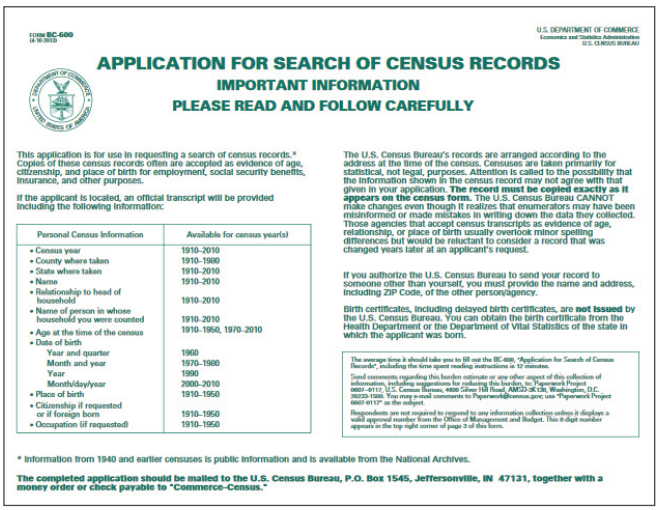
Contact our Age Search Office at 812-218-3046.

How long is the processing time?

The normal processing time is 3 to 4 weeks. Cases are processed on a first in, first out basis. Passport and other priority cases can be processed in a week or less. To expedite there is an additional $20.00 fee required. To receive results within three days, the application will need to be sent by Next-Day Air via the Post Office, Federal Express, or private carrier and enclose a pre-paid express return envelope. Applications can be faxed to you.

How do I request a copy of my official census transcript?

- go to *www.census.gov.*
- in the upper right corner above the search box, select Index A-Z.
- under the letter A, select Age Search Information – Genealogy.
- click on "BC-600 Application for Search of Census Records under Required Forms."
- send completed form with payment to the Jeffersonville, IN address at the bottom of the form.



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APPLICATION FOR SEARCH OF CENSUS RECORDS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW CAREFULLY

This application is for use in requesting a search of census records.* Copies of these census records often are accepted as evidence of age, citizenship, and place of birth for employment, social security benefits, insurance, and other purposes.

If the applicant is located, an official transcript will be provided including the following information:

Personal Census Information	Available for census year(s)
• Census year	1910-2010
• County where taken	1910-1980
• State where taken	1910-2010
• Name	1910-2010
• Relationship to head of household	1910-2010
• Name of person in whose household you were counted	1910-2010
• Age at the time of the census	1910-1950, 1970-2010
• Date of birth	
Year and quarter	1960
Month and year	1970-1980
Year	1990
Month/day/year	2000-2010
• Place of birth	1910-1950
• Citizenship if requested or if foreign born	1910-1950
• Occupation (if requested)	1910-1950

The U.S. Census Bureau's records are arranged according to the address at the time of the census. Censuses are taken primarily for statistical, not legal, purposes. Attention is called to the possibility that the information shown in the census record may not agree with that given in your application. **The record must be copied exactly as it appears on the census form.** The U.S. Census Bureau CANNOT make changes even though it realizes that enumerators may have been misinformed or made mistakes in writing down the data they collected. Those agencies that accept census transcripts as evidence of age, relationship, or place of birth usually overlook minor spelling differences but would be reluctant to consider a record that was changed years later at an applicant's request.

If you authorize the U.S. Census Bureau to send your record to someone other than yourself, you must provide the name and address, including ZIP Code, of the other person/agency.

Birth certificates, including delayed birth certificates, are **not issued** by the U.S. Census Bureau. You can obtain the birth certificate from the Health Department or the Department of Vital Statistics of the state in which the applicant was born.

The average time it should take you to fill out the BC-600, "Application for Search of Census Records", including the time spent reading instructions is 12 minutes.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Paperwork Project 0607–0117, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, AMCD-3C130, Washington, D.C. 20233-1500. You may e-mail comments to Paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0117" as the subject.

Respondents are not required to respond to any information collection unless it displays a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget. This 8-digit number appears in the top right corner of page 3 of this form.

* Information from 1940 and earlier censuses is public information and is available from the National Archives.

The completed application should be mailed to the U.S. Census Bureau, P.O. Box 1545, Jeffersonville, IN 47131, together with a money order or check payable to "Commerce-Census."

Check out our tutorial on how to obtain a copy of your census record at *www.census.gov/library/video/age-search-service.html*.

For more information about education and training go to: *www.census.gov/data/training-workshops.html*.