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
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.

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.

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.