This guide contains a sample of the Newberry Library resources on this topic. Consult a reference librarian, the library web site, or catalog for more details.

CENSUS RESOURCES
A list of the Newberry’s census holdings is available at the 2nd floor reference desk or online at:

Many census indexes are available in print and on CD. Search the online catalog by the name of the county and town. Search the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) to see if any indexes were published in journals. Some census items (indexes, schedules, transcriptions) may be available through the Family History Library (http://www.familysearch.org).

GUIDES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES


Integrated Public Use Microdata Series Documentation. Minneapolis: Minnesota Population Center. This Web site contains a wealth of historical information about the process of census taking.
http://usa.ipums.org/usa/doc.shtml


STATE CENSUSES
A list of the Newberry's state census holdings is available at the 2nd floor reference desk and at:
For a list of digitized state censuses, see:
http://www.researchguides.net/census/state.htm


CENSUS MAPS
The Newberry has Chicago census maps for 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930. Chicago enumeration district descriptions for 1920 and 1930 are also available on microfilm. An online resource for Chicago is at:
http://www.alookatcook.com

For an explanation of online maps for 1940, see the National Archives website at:
http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/start-research.html

For various online census tools, see Stephen Morse’s One-Step Webpages: http://stevemorse.org/


CENSUS CATALOGS

Federal Population Census Catalogs for 1790-1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 are available at the 2nd floor reference desk.

ARTICLES


 STATISTICAL ABSTRACTS OF CENSUS DATA

While genealogists are most interested in the raw data recorded in population schedules, other historians rely on the compiled statistics from the census to describe changes in the nation's demographics over time. The government publishes census data in printed reports, and on-line.

The Newberry Library has copies of the printed census reports for the years 1790-1900.

The Census Bureau http://www.census.gov/ offers tools for analyzing data from the most recent census and on-line access to statistical reports of the census. Selected Historical Decennial Census Population and Housing Counts contain a variety of analyses of historical data from the census schedules of 1790-2000. Copies of the printed reports of the census in PDF format are available at: http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/decennial/

University of Virginia Geospatial and Statistical Data Center. United States Historical Census Data Browser (http://mapserver.lib.virginia.edu/). This database allows users to analyze and compile census data from 1790-1960. It also contains a page of historical background on the U.S. census.

ENUMERATOR INSTRUCTIONS

In each census from 1850-1930, the census bureau issued written instructions to individuals hired to take the census. These instructions help explain the sometimes mysterious data recorded on the schedules.

U.S. Census Office. 12th Census, 1900...Instructions To Enumerators. Call# Govt I 13:7:7-653.

**Enumerator Instructions: 1850-2000.** Part of the Integrated Public Use Microdata website from the Minnesota Population Center at the University of Minnesota.

http://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tEnumInstr.shtml