

What is the Census?

"The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of 10 years, in such manner as they shall by Law direct."

-- Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States



Watch Census historian,
[Margo Anderson](#), describe the origins of the
census in the Constitution

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The data collected by the decennial census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities.

The 2010 Census represented the most massive participation movement ever witnessed in our country. Approximately 74 percent of the households returned their census forms by [mail](#); the remaining households were counted by census workers walking neighborhoods throughout the United States. [National and state population totals](#) from the 2010 Census were released on December 21, 2010. [Redistricting data](#), which include additional state, county and local counts, will be released starting in February 2011.

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CHANGE EXPRESSED AS PERCENTAGE (0-100).

STATE_OR_	1910_POPI	1920_POPI	1930_POPI	1940_POPI	1950_POPI	1960_POPI	1970_POPI	1980_POPI
United Stat	92228531	1.06E+08	1.23E+08	1.32E+08	1.51E+08	1.79E+08	2.03E+08	2.27E+08
Northeast	25868573	29662053	34427091	35976777	39477986	44677819	49040703	49135283
Midwest	29888542	34019792	38594100	40143332	44460762	51619139	56571663	58865670
South	29389330	33125803	37857633	41665901	47197088	54973113	62795367	75372362
West	7082086	9213920	12323836	14379119	20189962	28053104	34804193	43172490
Alabama	2138093	2348174	2646248	2832961	3061743	3266740	3444165	3893888
Alaska	64356	55036	59278	72524	128643	226167	300382	401851
Arizona	204354	334162	435573	499261	749587	1302161	1770900	2718215
Arkansas	1574449	1752204	1854482	1949387	1909511	1786272	1923295	2286435
California	2377549	3426861	5677251	6907387	10586223	15717204	19953134	23667902
Colorado	799024	939629	1035791	1123296	1325089	1753947	2207259	2889964
Connecticu	1114756	1380631	1606903	1709242	2007280	2535234	3031709	3107576
Delaware	202322	223003	238380	266505	318085	446292	548104	594338
District of C	331069	437571	486869	663091	802178	763956	756510	638333
Florida	752619	968470	1468211	1897414	2771305	4951560	6789443	9746324
Georgia	2609121	2895832	2908506	3123723	3444578	3943116	4589575	5463105
Hawaii	191909	255912	368336	423330	499794	632772	768561	964691
Idaho	325594	431866	445032	524873	588637	667191	712567	943935
Illinois	5638591	6485280	7630654	7897241	8712176	10081158	11113976	11426518
Indiana	2700876	2930390	3238503	3427796	3934224	4662498	5193669	5490224
Iowa	2224771	2404021	2470939	2538268	2621073	2757537	2824376	2913808
Kansas	1690949	1769257	1880999	1801028	1905299	2178611	2246578	2363679
Kentucky	2289905	2416630	2614589	2845627	2944806	3038156	3218706	3660777
Louisiana	1656388	1798509	2101593	2363880	2683516	3257022	3641306	4205900
Maine	742371	768014	797423	847226	913774	969265	992048	1124660
Maryland	1295346	1449661	1631526	1821244	2343001	3100689	3922399	4216975
Massachus	3366416	3852356	4249614	4316721	4690514	5148578	5689170	5737037
Michigan	2810173	3668412	4842325	5256106	6371766	7823194	8875083	9262078
Minnesota	2075708	2387125	2563953	2792300	2982483	3413864	3804971	4075970
Mississippi	1797114	1790618	2009821	2183796	2178914	2178141	2216912	2520638
Missouri	3293335	3404055	3629367	3784664	3954653	4319813	4676501	4916686
Montana	376053	548889	537606	559456	591024	674767	694409	786690
Nebraska	1192214	1296372	1377963	1315834	1325510	1411330	1483493	1569825
Nevada	81875	77407	91058	110247	160083	285278	488738	800493
New Hamp	430572	443083	465293	491524	533242	606921	737681	920610
New Jersey	2537167	3155900	4041334	4160165	4835329	6066782	7168164	7364823
New Mexic	327301	360350	423317	531818	681187	951023	1016000	1302894
New York	9113614	10385227	12588066	13479142	14830192	16782304	18236967	17558072
North Caro	2206287	2559123	3170276	3571623	4061929	4556155	5082059	5881766
North Dakc	577056	646872	680845	641935	619636	632446	617761	652717
Ohio	4767121	5759394	6646697	6907612	7946627	9706397	10652017	10797630
Oklahoma	1657155	2028283	2396040	2336434	2233351	2328284	2559229	3025290
Oregon	672765	783389	953786	1089684	1521341	1768687	2091385	2633105
Pennsylvan	7665111	8720017	9631350	9900180	10498012	11319366	11793909	11863895

Rhode Islar	542610	604397	687497	713346	791896	859488	946725	947154
South Caro	1515400	1683724	1738765	1899804	2117027	2382594	2590516	3121820
South Dakc	583888	636547	692849	642961	652740	680514	665507	690768
Tennessee	2184789	2337885	2616556	2915841	3291718	3567089	3923687	4591120
Texas	3896542	4663228	5824715	6414824	7711194	9579677	11196730	14229191
Utah	373351	449396	507847	550310	688862	890627	1059273	1461037
Vermont	355956	352428	359611	359231	377747	389881	444330	511456
Virginia	2061612	2309187	2421851	2677773	3318680	3966949	4648494	5346818
Washington	1141990	1356621	1563396	1736191	2378963	2853214	3409169	4132156
West Virgir	1221119	1463701	1729205	1901974	2005552	1860421	1744237	1949644
Wisconsin	2333860	2632067	2939006	3137587	3434575	3951777	4417731	4705767
Wyoming	145965	194402	225565	250742	290529	330066	332416	469557
Puerto Ricc	1118012	1299809	1543913	1869255	2210703	2349544	2712033	3196520

1990_POPI	2000_POPI	2010_POPI	1910_CHAI	1920_CHAI	1930_CHAI	1940_CHAI	1950_CHAI	1960_CHAI
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59668632	64392776	66927001	13.5	13.8	13.4	4	10.8	16.1
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4040587	4447100	4779736	16.9	9.8	12.7	7.1	8.1	6.7
550043	626932	710231	1.2	-14.5	7.7	22.3	77.4	75.8
3665228	5130632	6392017	66.2	63.5	30.3	14.6	50.1	73.7
2350725	2673400	2915918	20	11.3	5.8	5.1	-2	-6.5
29760021	33871648	37253956	60.1	44.1	65.7	21.7	53.3	48.5
3294394	4301261	5029196	48	17.6	10.2	8.4	18	32.4
3287116	3405565	3574097	22.7	23.9	16.4	6.4	17.4	26.3
666168	783600	897934	9.5	10.2	6.9	11.8	19.4	40.3
606900	572059	601723	18.8	32.2	11.3	36.2	21	-4.8
12937926	15982378	18801310	42.4	28.7	51.6	29.2	46.1	78.7
6478216	8186453	9687653	17.7	11	0.4	7.4	10.3	14.5
1108229	1211537	1360301	24.6	33.4	43.9	14.9	18.1	26.6
1006749	1293953	1567582	101.3	32.6	3	17.9	12.1	13.3
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5544159	6080485	6483802	7.3	8.5	10.5	5.8	14.8	18.5
2776755	2926324	3046355	-0.3	8.1	2.8	2.7	3.3	5.2
2477574	2688418	2853118	15	4.6	6.3	-4.3	5.8	14.3
3685296	4041769	4339367	6.6	5.5	8.2	8.8	3.5	3.2
4219973	4468976	4533372	19.9	8.6	16.9	12.5	13.5	21.4
1227928	1274923	1328361	6.9	3.5	3.8	6.2	7.9	6.1
4781468	5296486	5773552	9	11.9	12.5	11.6	28.6	32.3
6016425	6349097	6547629	20	14.4	10.3	1.6	8.7	9.8
9295297	9938444	9883640	16.1	30.5	32	8.5	21.2	22.8
4375099	4919479	5303925	18.5	15	7.4	8.9	6.8	14.5
2573216	2844658	2967297	15.8	-0.4	12.2	8.7	-0.2	0
5117073	5595211	5988927	6	3.4	6.6	4.3	4.5	9.2
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10847115	11353140	11536504	14.7	20.8	15.4	3.9	15	22.1
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16986510	20851820	25145561	27.8	19.7	24.9	10.1	20.2	24.2
1722850	2233169	2763885	34.9	20.4	13	8.4	25.2	29.3
562758	608827	625741	3.6	-1	2	-0.1	5.2	3.2
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453588	493782	563626	57.7	33.2	16	11.2	15.9	13.6
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9.8	0.2	3.4	5.5	3.2
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14.2	20	13.4	17.3	14.3
24.1	24	22.3	19.7	13.8
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32.8	33.8	36.9	14	13.3
36	53.5	34.8	40	24.6
7.7	18.9	2.8	13.7	9.1
27	18.6	25.7	13.8	10
25.8	30.9	14	30.6	16.9
19.6	2.5	5.8	3.6	4.9
22.8	8.4	12.1	17.6	14.6
-1	-15.6	-4.9	-5.7	5.2
37.1	43.6	32.7	23.5	17.6
16.4	19	18.6	26.4	18.3
21.5	25.5	14.9	9.3	12.3
6.8	32.5	6.7	28.5	21.1
10.2	2.8	0	8.6	3.3
11.4	5.7	1	9.7	6.6
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5.9	13.7	0.7	9.7	7.4
11.8	15.5	0.3	5.9	1.4
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26.5	7.5	13.4	10.8	9
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13.4	4.4	0.4	6.9	-0.6
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5.1	5.8	0.5	8.4	6.7
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21.5	24.8	20.5	11.4	6.5
18.2	2.7	5	8.9	4.5
6.8	28.2	16.3	20.1	13.2
8.7	-3.7	2.5	5.5	2.1
11.5	15.7	12.7	21.4	18.5
-2.3	5.7	-2.1	0.5	4.7
9.7	1.4	0.5	4.7	1.6
9.9	18.2	4	9.7	8.7
18.2	25.9	7.9	20.4	12
4.2	0.6	0.1	3.4	3.4

10.1	0	5.9	4.5	0.4
8.7	20.5	11.7	15.1	15.3
-2.2	3.8	0.8	8.5	7.9
10	17	6.2	16.7	11.5
16.9	27.1	19.4	22.8	20.6
18.9	37.9	17.9	29.6	23.8
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17.2	15	15.7	14.4	13
19.5	21.2	17.8	21.1	14.1
-6.2	11.8	-8	0.8	2.5
11.8	6.5	4	9.6	6
0.7	41.3	-3.4	8.9	14.1
15.4	17.9	10.2	8.1	-2.2