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*Researchers in the U. S. are waiting with bated breath for the 2012 release of the 1940 census -- like a child on Christmas Eve, the morning cannot come soon enough.*

[Watch the opening event live webcast](#) (April 2, 8:30 A.M. EDT)

While the original intent of the census was to determine how many representatives each state was entitled to send to the U.S. Congress, it has become a vital tool for Federal agencies in determining allocation of Federal funds and resources. The census is also a key research tool for sociologists, demographers, historians, political scientists and genealogists.

(Source: *National Archives and Records Administration*, 12/Feb/2012)

Questions on the 1940 Census include standard ones such as: name, age, gender, race, education, and place of birth. It also asks new questions, reflecting concerns of the Great Depression. The instructions ask the enumerator to enter an X after the name of the person furnishing the information about the family; to note whether the person worked for the CCC, WPA, or NYA the week of March 24-30, 1940; and to list where they lived on April 1, 1935.

(Source: *National Archives and Records Administration*, 17/Nov/2011)

## The 1940 Census Web Sites

[The 1940 Census Joint Project](#): Archives.com, FamilySearch, findmypast.com, and other organizations.

[1940 United States Federal Census](#) (at Ancestry.com)

[1940 U. S. Census at CensusRecords.com](#) (from brightsolid)

[1940 U.S. Census on MyHeritage](#)

[U.S. Enumeration District Maps and Descriptions, 1940](#) (at Ancestry.com)

[1940 Census Images at NARA](#)

## Check out this Article from 2006!

### [Anticipating the 1940 United States Census](#)

Sometimes the wait can be just as agonizing and long, such as waiting for the release of the 1940 United States Census.

(Source: *Tracing Lines*, 14/Dec/2006)

## A Must Read Blog Post!

### [Eight Excuses to Tell Your Spouse, Kids, Coworkers and Friends So You Can Search the 1940 Census](#)

(Source: *Genealogy Insider via RSS Feed*, 26/Mar/2012)

## The Most Popular Stories about the 1940 Census

Based on clicks received from the Daily, Weekly and Online editions as of April 1, 2012.

### [Explore the 1940 U.S. Census on MyHeritage with free, easy and automatic discoveries](#)

World's largest family network pledges to make the 1940 U.S. Census available for free in 38 languages, searchable even on-the-go via mobile, with automatic matching to family trees

(Source: *MyHeritage*, 22/Mar/2012)

### [1940 Census to be Free on Ancestry.com](#)

Ancestry.com is committing to make the 1940 Census free from release through to the end of 2013, and by doing so hopes to help more people get started exploring their family history.

(Source: *Ancestry.com*, 17/Aug/2011)

### [National Archives Announces Website for Free 1940 Census Release Online on April 2, 2012](#)

Today the National Archives, with its partner Archives.com, launched its new website in preparation for its first-ever online U.S. census release

(Source: *National Archives and Records Administration*, 12/Feb/2012)

### [Preparing for the Release of the 1940 Census \(\\$\)](#)

For those looking to get a jump start on the upcoming 1940 U. S. Federal Census, now may be the time. With no guarantee that a name index will be immediately available, Rita Marshall, in her article, "Preparing for the Release of the 1940 Census," provides

alternate strategies for locating our ancestors.

(Source: *GenWeekly*, 11/Apr/2011)

### [National Archives to Release 1940 Census Free Online on April 2, 2012](#)

The National Archives today announced its selection of Inflection, parent company to family history web site Archives.com, to design and host a free web site for the April 2, 2012, at 9 AM (EST) launch of the 1940 U.S. Census.

(Source: *National Archives and Records Administration*, 17/Nov/2011)

### [Three Genealogy Powerhouses Join Forces to Publish 1940 US Census](#)

The ambitious project aims to engage online volunteers to quickly publish a searchable, high quality name index to the 1940 US Census.

(Source: *FamilySearch International*, 16/Dec/2011)

### [Getting Ready for the 1940 Census: Nine Absolute Must-Haves](#)

(Source: *Genealogy Insider via RSS Feed*, 22/Mar/2012)

### [Who Will You Look for First in the 1940 Census?](#)

(Source: *About.com: Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 27/Feb/2012)

### [Creating a 1940 Census Index](#)

(Source: *Genealogy Insider via RSS Feed*, 08/Nov/2011)

### [1940 Census, Simplified: What You Really Need to Know, in 7 Key Points](#)

(Source: *Genealogy Insider via RSS Feed*, 23/Mar/2012)

### [1940 Census Crashes](#)

(Source: *The Ancestry Insider via RSS Feed*, 28/Mar/2012)

### [1940 Census Consortium](#)

(Source: *The Ancestry Insider via RSS Feed*, 18/Jan/2012)

### [How to Find Granddad in the 1940 U.S. Census](#)

(Source: *About.com: Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 28/Feb/2012)

### [A Note from the Editor: Preparing for the Opening of the 1940 Census](#)

(Source: *Daily Genealogist via RSS Feed*, 09/Dec/2011)

### [1940 Census Indexing](#)

(Source: *BellaOnline Genealogy via RSS Feed*, 29/Feb/2012)

### [What is the 1940 census sampling, and how does it affect my research?](#)

The 1940 census was the first U.S. census to include a statistical sample, meaning not all questions were asked of all persons.

(Source: *Answers at Genealogy Today*, 30/Mar/2012)

### [Try the 1940 indexing simulation](#)

(Source: *DearMYRTLE's Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 13/Mar/2012)

### [New One Step Tutorial/Quiz on 1940 Census Searching Tools](#)

(Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter via RSS Feed*, 29/Jun/2011)

### [Want to Buy the 1940 U.S. Census?](#)

(Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter via RSS Feed*, 26/Nov/2011)

### [Follow-up to Earlier Article: NARA to Release 1940 Census Records?](#)

(Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter via RSS Feed*, 06/Jan/2011)

### [A Prediction About Online Access to U.S. 1940 Census Records \(\\$\)](#)

(Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter via RSS Feed*, 22/Mar/2012)

### [1940 Census Availability](#)

(Source: *The Ancestry Insider via RSS Feed*, 29/Mar/2012)

### [Depression, War, Waffle Irons, Controversy: The World of the 1940 Census \(\\$\)](#)

To make the wait just a bit more endurable, Rita Marshall provides us with something of a sneak-peek at what we might look forward to, in her article, "Depression, War, Waffle Irons, Controversy: The World of the 1940 Census." The article focuses on some of the questions asked, in addition to some that did not make the cut.

(Source: *GenWeekly*, 16/Mar/2011)

### [1940 Census Image: minimize access issues](#)

(Source: *DearMYRTLE's Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 30/Mar/2012)

### [Verifying Census Information \(\\$\)](#)

In preparation for the soon-to-be-released 1940 U.S. Federal Census, now might be a good time to brush up on our verification skills.

(Source: *GenWeekly*, 26/Mar/2012)

### [1940 Census: So Many Records, So Few Eyes](#)

(Source: *Genealogy Insider via RSS Feed*, 30/Mar/2012)

## [You Can Help With the 1940 US Census](#)

(Source: *Olive Tree Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 25/Feb/2012)

## [Where Were My Soldiers in 1940?](#)

(Source: *PollyBlog via RSS Feed*, 25/Feb/2012)

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