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From 1801 to 1831, census records were used to create summaries of localities and later destroyed. So, for family historians, the full censuses dating from 1841 to 1911 are the ones of real interest.

Here's a brief summary on the history of British censuses and what these detailed family records can tell you.

### 1801 Census

The first UK census was taken on 10 March 1801 but no longer exists apart from fragments like [1801 Kent, Dartford Census](#).

### 1811 Census

Taken on 27 May 1811, very few of the records survive.

### 1821 Census

Like those before it, very little remains of the 1821 Census which took place on 28 May that year. You'll find some of the remaining exceptions from [Kent](#), [Westminster](#) and [Orkney](#) on Findmypast.

### 1831 Census

This census was taken on 30 May 1831. Excerpts from [Westminster](#), [Sheffield](#) and [Shrewsbury](#) survive, among others.

### 1841 Census

The first fully surviving UK census was taken on 6 June 1841.

PLACE	HOUSES Uninhabited or Building Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
			Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.
Granby St		Thomas Allen	40		Gardener	✓	
		Mary do		40		✓	
		Larry do	20			✓	
		Thomas do	13			✓	
		George do	11			✓	
		Susan do		9		✓	
		William do	7			✓	
		Georgiana do		2		✓	
		John Alexander	43		Grocer	✓	
		Elizabeth do		40		✓	
		David do	19			✓	
		John do	15			✓	
		Larry do	11			✓	
		George do	9			✓	
		William do	7			✓	
		Edward do	5			✓	
		Joseph Ballard	25		Labourer	✓	
		Mary do		25		✓	
		Thomas do	1			✓	
		Thomas Baxford	37		Labourer	✓	
		Mary do		37		✓	
		Elizabeth do		11		✓	
		William Moody	25		Publican	✓	
		Mary do		25		✓	
		William do	1			✓	
TOTAL in ? Page 11		2	17 8				

City or Borough of *Sambeth*  
Parish or Township of *St. Mary's*

Enumeration Schedule.

PLACE	HOUSES Uninhabited or Building Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
			Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.
Granby St		Ann Ware	20		S.P.	✓	
		Charles Blundell	12		M.L.	✓	
		Francis Hume	30		Ind.	✓	
		Ann Tamworth	35		Do.	✓	
		Larry Blake	25		Baker	✓	
		Thomas Norster	50		Coal Porter	✓	
		Elizabeth do		40		✓	
		John Garland	32		Carpenter	✓	
		John do	1 1/2			✓	
		Susan do		29		✓	
		Thomas Holliday	25		Baker	✓	
		Charlotte do		25		✓	
		George do	1			✓	
		George Grumley	5			✓	
		William Price	28		Cook	✓	
		Mary do		30		✓	
		Mary do		8		✓	
		John Dewing	60		Lighterman	✓	
		Mary do		40		✓	
		Larry do	17		Do. Ap.	✓	
		Elizabeth do		15		✓	
		Sarah do		9		✓	
		John do	5			✓	
		Emily do		1		✓	
		Matthew do	19		Lighterman	✓	
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1841 census return from Lambeth.

The 1841 Census can reveal useful information for your [family tree](#) including:

- Names
- Ages
- Genders
- Addresses
- Birthplaces

## **1851 Census**

The 1851 census took place on 30 March that year.

Parish or Township of <i>Charlton</i>		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of <i>Greenwich</i>		Town of		Village of	
No. of House holder's Schedule	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
					Males	Females			
76 74	76 Soldier Cottages	Thomas Cannon	Head	Mar	39		Gunner R. Artillery	Kent Charlton	
		Susan "	Wife			40	Laundress	Middlesex London	
		James Thomas "	Son		12		Scholar	Kent Charlton	
		Alme Susan do	Daughter			9	do	do "	
		Henry Kemp do	Son			7	do	do "	
		Marialett do	Daughter					do do	
		Louisa Mills	Orphan			7	Scholar	Banks Newfoundland	
77 75	77 do do	John Mark	Head	Mar	39		Gunner R. Artillery	Middlesex Hovey	
		Mary "	Wife			37		Scotland St Andrews	
		Elychett do	Daughter			14		Gibraltar	
		Anne "	do			12	Scholar	do	
		John "	Son			7	Scholar	do	
		Robert "	do			5	do	Kent Woolwich	
		Alfred "	do			3	do	Guernsey St. Martin	
		Euphemia do	Daughter					Kent Charlton	
78 76	78 do do	Robert Brown	Head	Mar	46		Gunner R. Artillery	Scotland Aberdeen	
		Rosa "	Wife			41		Lincolnshire Louth	
Total of Houses		I 3 U B		Total of Persons		59			

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1851 census return from Greenwich.

As well as all of the information included in the 1841 Census, this edition also features more information on your family's relationships. Each entry includes:

- Relationship to head of household
- Marital status

### **1861 Census**

Taken on 7 April 1861, this census includes all of the same information as the one that was recorded a decade earlier.



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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of
Manchester	Manchester	Oxford Street	Manchester			St John & St Jude

No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	Inhabited	HOUSES Inhabited (1881)	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, and-Dumb
							Males	Females			
152	Continued	—		Mary Monk	wife	Mar	28		Furniture Broker	Lancashire - Manchester	
				Joseph Leeming	Head	Mar	30		Engine Smith	Do Do	
				Elizabeth	wife	Mar	30			Do Do	
				Elizabeth Ann	Daughter		8		Scholar	Do Do	
				Julia	Daughter		6		Do	Do Do	
				Ann	Daughter		3		Do	Do Do	
153	No 20 Pump Street	1		Peter O'Neill	Head	Mar	28		Lithographic Printer (master)	Do Do	
				Isabel	wife	Mar	25			Do Do	
				Charlotte	Daughter		4			Do Do	
				Margaret	Daughter		9 months			Do Do	
				Thomas Pritchard	Father in Law	Mar	63		Fusion Cutter (operative)	Do Do	
				Frances	Sister in Law	Un	20		Maker up of Braid	Do Do	
				Rosetta Andrews	Broader	Un	19		Do	Do Do	
154	No 22 Do	1		Stephen Mansley	Head	Mar	29		Plater in a Mechanic's Shop	Do Chorley	
				Isabel	Wife	Mar	29			Do Salford	
				John	Son		3			Do Do	
				Charles	Son		10 months			Do Manchester	
155	No 24 Do	1		Thomas Mitchell	Head	Mar	30		Tailor	Galway - Galway	
				Eliza	wife	Mar	25			Widmore	
				Mary Jane	Daughter		6		Scholar	Lancashire - Manchester	
				Margaret	Mother	Widow	70			Galway - Galway	
				Catherine	Daughter		4			Lancashire - Manchester	
				Margaret	Daughter		1			Do Do	
156	No 26 Do	1		James Kelly	Head	Mar	34		Tailor	Do Do	
				Marion	wife	Mar	30			Do Do	
				William	Son		10		Scholar	Lancashire - Manchester	
				John	Son		5			Do Do	
				Thomas	Son		1			Do Do	
Total of Houses...		4		Total of Males and Females...		11	17			20	

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1861 census return from Manchester.

On Findmypast, as well as searching census records for a person, you can also switch to a dedicated address search.

This is perfect for tracing who used to live at your address or how your local area has changed over time.

**New to me: how does it work?**

## 1871 Census

Another UK census was recorded in England, Scotland and Wales on 2 April 1871.

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										
* Civil Parish (or Township) of		Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town of		Village or Hamlet, &c., of
								Local Board, or (Improvement Commissioners District) of		Ecclesiastical District of
						Wellington				
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (H) or Vacant (V)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Whether	
						Male	Female		1. Deaf-and-Dumb	2. Blind
									3. Imbecile or Idiot	4. Lunatic
8	6 Cannon St	1	Charles Knight	Head	Mar	60		Market Gardener	Norths Wellington	
			Katharine Do	Wife	Do	60		Do	Do	
			George Do	Son	Unm	20		Shoemaker	Do	
			Joseph Do	Do	Do	25		Machine Appu Closer	Do	
9	7 Cannon St	1	Elizabeth Phillips	Head	Mar	49			Do	
			William Do	Son	Unm	18		Glazier	Do	
			Martha A Do	Daughter	Do	8		Schooler	Do	
10	8 Cannon St	1	John Prentice	Head	Mar	44		Age Lab	Norths Sharnbrook	
			Mary Do	Wife	Do	46		School Nurse	Do Edelt	
			Willa A Do	Daughter	Do	14		Shoe Maker	Do Seldrop	
11			George Ashton	Son	Unm	21		Iron Str Lab	Do Edelt	
			Fredrick Do	Do	Do	17		Do Do	Do Do	
			Samuel Laland	Do	Mar	21		Do Do	Do Do	
12	9 Cannon St	1	George Allen	Head	Do	29		Shoe Maker	Norths Wellington	
			Lisannah Do	Wife	Do	29		Do Glazier	Do Do	
13	1 Carters Cottages	1	William Lawton	Head	Do	22		Iron Stone Lab	Norths Old Weston	
			Ann P Lawton	Wife	Do	23			Norths Seldrop	
			George Scrembs	Son	Unm	20		Do Do	Norths Old Weston	
14	2 Carters Cottages	1	Ann Belcher	Head	Mar	59			Norths Wellington	
15	2 Do Do		Samuel Costa	Head	Do	19		Blacksmith Lab	Norths Cardington	
			William Davis	Son	Unm	29		Plasterer	Norths Seldrop	
16	11 Cannon St	1	William Rockley	Head	Mar	55		Turner	Norths Seldrop	
			Lophia Do	Wife	Do	52			Do Wellington	
			Helen Do	Daughter	Do	12			Do Wellington	
			Elizabeth A Do	Do	Do	10			Do Do	
Total of Houses...		7	Total of Males and Females...			14	11			

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1871 census return from Northamptonshire.

It was around 1871 that modern street numbering in Tewkesbury appears

The information that was captured in the previous two censuses was sought again in 1871.



# 1881 Census

Transcripts of the 1881 UK census, recorded on 3 April that year, are free to access on Findmypast.

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the											[Page 13]
Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of				
Cardiff	Cardiff	West	Cardiff	Cardiff	Cardiff		St. Mary				
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES		NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
		In-habited (I.)	Un-inhabited (U.)				Males	Females			
64				Samuel Daniel	Head	Mar	36		Graver	Cardiff Mon	
				Jane Ann do	wife	Mar	31			Aberystwyth do	
				Bessie Andruy do	Daughter	-	3			Llanvillidr do	
				Baby out-married	Daughter	-	1 day			Cardiff	
				Emma Bailey	Nurse	Mar	46		Professional Nurse	Radstock Somerset	
65				John Hy Jones	Boarder	Mar	25		Printer's Compositor	Gully Carmarthen	
				Samuel J. Jones	Boarder	Mar	22		Printer's Assistant	St. David's do	
66	11 Wood St.	1		Nathan Lawrence	Head	Mar	63		Blacksmith	Red Bank Gloucestershire	
				Ann do	wife	Mar	67			Cardiff	
				William Smith	Son	-	14			Cardiff	
				Mary Smith	Daughter	-	7			do	
67	12 do	1		Edwin Walford	Head	Mar	56		Butcher	Bristol England	
	(Butcher Shop)			Mary Ann do	wife	Mar	49			do	
68	13 do	1		Richard Jones	Head	Mar	50		Graver	Cardiganhire	
	(Grocery Shop)			Mary do	wife	Mar	48			Wiltshire	
				Elizabeth Anderson	Daughter	Mar	25		Apur-maker	Cardiff	
69				William Jones	Son	Mar	35		Carpenter	Aberystwyth Cardiganhire	
70				Thomas Morgan	do	Mar	10		Butcher	Gwynedd Carmarthen	
				George Jones	do	Mar	36		Carpenter	Down Llanelli	
71	14 do	1		George Jones	Head	Mar	50		Graver	Down Llanelli	
				Elizabeth do	wife	Mar	29			do	
72	15 do	1		John Phillips	Head	Mar	52		Shoemaker	North Wales	
				Jane do	wife	Mar	52			do	
				Henry do	Son	Mar	20			do	
9	Total of Houses...	5		Total of Males and Females...				14	11		

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1881 census return from Cardiff.

Like previous censuses, details on names, ages, addresses and family relationships are included.

**Once the 1881 Census was fully compiled, officials noted that there was an alarming rise in the number of individuals being reported as "deaf and dumb", compared to previous census returns. After enquiries were made, it transpired that many enumerators had recorded babies as being deaf and dumb simply because they could not speak.**

## 1891 Census

For the first time, the UK census recorded a person's employment status in 1891. This adds even more colour as you build a detailed picture of your ancestors' lives.

Administrative County of <u>Newcastle on Tyne</u>					The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										Page 3	
Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Town or Village or Hamlet		Rural Sanitary District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Ecclesiastical Parish or District		
of <u>All Saints (part)</u>		of <u>Newcastle on Tyne</u>		of <u>All Saints North</u>		of <u>Newcastle on Tyne</u>		of _____		of _____		of <u>Newcastle on Tyne</u>		of <u>Christ Church</u>		
Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12	13	14	15	16
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (U.) or Building (B.)	Number of rooms in house if less than five	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION		Employer	Employed	Number of Employed	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot		
							Males	Females								
12	16 Canada St.	1	3	John Wilson	Head	M.	38		Tailor		X		Scotland			
				Mary J. Do.	Wife	M.		24					Northumb. Island. Blyden			
				James W. Do.	Son		25		Errand Boy		X		Do Newcastle			
				John M. Do.	Son		13		Errand Boy		X		Do Do			
				Annice Do.	Daus.			14	Scholar				Do Do			
				Charles J. Do.	Daus.			8	Scholar				Do Do			
				Thomas Do.	Son		5		Scholar				Do Do			
				Minie Do.	Daus.			X					Do Do			
13	18 Do.	1	3	Stephen Thompson	Head	M.	28		Electrical Engineer		X		Do Do			
				Dorothy Do.	Wife	M.		24					Do Do			
				Isabella Do.	Daus.			X					Do Do			
14	20 Do.	1	3	Isabella Brumwell	Head	Wid.	20						Do North Shields			
				John M. Do.	Son	S.	25		Brass Finisher		X		Do Do			
15	22 Do.	1	2	Joseph Mitchell	Head	M.	34		Cartman		X		Do Horton			
				Christian Do.	Wife	M.		33					Do Hetton			
				Alexander Do.	Son			X					Do Newcastle			
				Margaret Do.	Daus.			2					Do Do			
				George Do.	Son			X					Do Do			
16	24 Do.	1	3	Matthew Nelson	Head	M.	28		Butcher			X	Do Do			
				Elizabeth M. Do.	Wife	M.		24					Do Do			
				John Do.	Daus.			X	Scholar				Do Do			
				Mary J. Do.	Daus.			X					Do Do			
				William Do.	Daus.			8					Do Do			
				Henry Do.	Son			5					Do Do			
17	28 Do.	1	3	John G. Blakely	Head	M.	23		Printer-Compositor		X		Do Do			
				Elizabeth M. Do.	Wife	M.		20					Norfolk. Yarmouth			
				Annabell Do.	Daus.			14					Northumb. Island. Newcastle			
				James Do.	Father	Wid.	68		Butcher		X		Do. Ponteland			
6	Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...	6	6	Total of Males and Females...				13	15							

1891 census return from Newcastle.

In Wales, the 1891 Census included an extra question on the language spoken.

This census took place on 5 April 1891.

## 1901 Census

The first UK census of the 20th century requested the same information as the one before it. It was taken on 31 March 1901.

Administrative County of Cornwall The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the St Blazey Town Page 11 33

Civil Parish of St Blazey Municipal Borough of St Blazey Urban Sanitary District of St Blazey Rural Sanitary District of St Austell Parliamentary Borough or Division of St Austell Ecclesiastical Parish or District of St Austell

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES In- habited (1)	Un- inhabited (2)	Number of persons in the house (3)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed	Unemployed	WHERE BORN	(4) Deaf-and-Dumb (5) Blind (6) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot
79	Chapel Terrace	1		3	Mary Braz	Wife	M	67				Cornwall St Austell	
80	"	1		3	Robert Braz	Son	S	34	Saddler			St Blazey	
81	"	1		3	Thomas Parker	Head	M	50	Refined Stone Mason			"	
	"				Fane Parker	Wife	M	54				"	
	"				Robert Thomas	Head	M	76	Living on Wages			St Austell	
	"				Joseph Thomas	Son	S	14	"			Cornwall St Blazey	
	"				Elizabeth Thomas	Son	S	34	House Keeper			"	
82	"	1		3	Fane Thomas	Son	S	76	"			"	
	"				Ellen Cox	Head	M	76	"			"	
	"				Frederick Cox	Son	S	76	Iron Foundry Apprentice			St Austell	
	"				Ada Cox	Son	S	16	"			St Blazey	
	"				Henry Cox	Son	S	15	Farmer Servant			"	
	"				Beattie Cox	Son	S	10	Scholar			"	
	"				William Cox	Son	S	10	"			"	
83	"	1		3	William Finch	Head	M	76	China Clay Labourer			St Austell	
	"				Fane Finch	Wife	M	59	"			"	
	"				Francis Finch	Son	S	76	"			St Austell	
	"				Willie Finch	Son	S	76	China Clay Labourer			"	
	"				Fred Finch	Son	S	76	"			"	
84	"	1		3	William Ware	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
	"				Margaret Ware	Wife	M	76	"			Cornwall St Austell	
85	"	1		3	John Ennes	Head	M	76	Mason			St Austell	
	"				Caroline Ennes	Wife	M	76	"			St Austell	
86	"	2		3	John Ennes	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
87	"	1		3	John Ennes	Head	M	76	Clay Labourer			Cornwall St Austell	
	"				Rebecca Ennes	Wife	M	76	"			"	
88	"	1		3	John Ennes	Head	M	76	Refined Seaman			St Austell	
	"				Caroline Ennes	Wife	M	76	"			"	
89	"	1		3	Madison Pearce	Head	M	76	Labourer			St Austell	
	"				Mary Pearce	Wife	M	76	"			St Blazey	
90	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
91	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
92	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
93	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
94	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
95	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
96	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
97	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
98	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
99	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
100	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
101	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
102	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
103	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
104	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
105	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
106	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
107	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
108	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
109	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
110	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
111	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
112	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
113	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
114	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
115	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
116	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
117	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
118	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
119	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
120	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
121	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
122	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
123	"	1		3	William Pearce	Head	M	76	"			St Austell	
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The 1911 Census was taken on 2 April that year and is the most recent census currently open to the public. It's often a must-search [starting point](#) for anyone new to British family history.

1911 census return from Liverpool.



The 1911 Census contains far more information than any census that came before it. For the first time, the census recorded:

- Nationality
- Marriage length
- The number of children who were born, who died and who were still living

Scotland's census from 1911 is only available online at [scotlandspeople.gov.uk](https://scotlandspeople.gov.uk).

There are some known missing pages from UK census records. You can see the full list [here](#).

## When will census records next be released?

Due to UK privacy laws, 100 years must pass before the public can access census records. The 1921 Census is the next census to be released. It's scheduled to arrive in 2022 and **you'll only find it online at Findmypast.**

For the first time, the 1921 Census requested employer information.

## UK censuses after 1921

The 1931 Census took place on 26 April in England, Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland was recorded as part of the 1926 Irish Census so wasn't included in the 1931 UK Census. Along with the information requested in 1921, the 1931 Census asked respondents about their usual place of residence. **While the records for England and Wales were destroyed by fire, the 1931 census for Scotland survives.**

The next UK census was on 8 April 1951 with the records due to be released in 2052. It included questions on household amenities for the first time.

The UK census has continued every decade since the 1950s. Along the way, more and more questions were asked reflecting changes in British society and technology was introduced to make the process more efficient. In 1966, an additional census was taken trialling new methods of enumeration. The first question about religion appeared in 2001, while specific questions on civil partnerships first featured in 2011.

Without historical censuses, our journeys into the past would lack a lot of richness. What have you discovered with census records? Reach out to us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) to share your stories.