

Indiana State Censuses and Alternate Enumerations

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The United States Census included Indiana for the first time in 1820. Prior to that, there was at least one enumeration of the Indiana Territory, in 1807.

Although the Indiana Constitution of 1816 provided for regular state censuses, in practice the state was enumerated on an irregular schedule and many of the censuses were “enumerations” in the strictest sense of the term: enumerators counted the number of white males in each township and county without listing any personal information about any individuals. Most of these enumerations have not survived at the state level, although some may still exist in various county auditors’ offices.

For researchers interested in Indiana pre-statehood and between federal censuses, the lack of resources can be discouraging. However, there are alternate enumerations that, while not full-fledged censuses, still provide information on the residents of a given township or county. Some counties recorded the number of free African-Americans living in the county, while others recorded males over the age of 21 or registered voters. Many counties recorded the names of school-aged children, along with their parents or guardians.

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Enumerations of African-Americans

Clark County	1853-1854	Indiana Digital Archives
Crawford County	1853	Genealogy Microfilm
Franklin County	1853-1854	Indiana Digital Archives
	1853-1856	Genealogy Microfilm
Harrison County	1853-1863	Genealogy Microfilm
	No date	ISL Catalog
LaGrange County	1853	Genealogy Microfilm
Marshall County	1853	Online
Martin County	1853-1860	Genealogy Microfilm
Orange County	1853-1854	Indiana Digital Archives
	1853-1861	Genealogy Microfilm
Posey County	1853-1855	Genealogy Microfilm
Switzerland County	1853-1854	Indiana Digital Archives
Vigo County	1853-1854	Indiana Digital Archives
Washington County	1853-1861	Genealogy Microfilm

Enumerations of Males

Statewide	1807	Territorial Census	ISL Catalog
	1820	14 counties	ISL Catalog
	1820		ISL Catalog
	1865		ISL Catalog
Blackford County	1856-1895		ISL Catalog
	No date	Washington Township	ISL Catalog
Boone County	1907		Online
	1913		Online
	1919		Online
	1925		Online
Carroll County	1850		ISL Catalog
Clinton County	1866		ISL Catalog
Elkhart County	No date		ISL Catalog
Fayette County	1877		ISL Catalog
Hamilton County	1919		Online
Hancock County	1887-1919		Online
	1931		WorldCat
Hendricks County	1853		WorldCat
Henry County	1907		Online
	1913		Online
	1919		Online
	1925		Online
	1931		Online
	1937		WorldCat
	No date		ISL Catalog
Johnson County	1889, 1895		ISL Catalog
Kosciusko County	1866		Online
Lawrence County	1890	Perry Township	ISL Catalog
Marshall County	1888, 1925, 1931, 1937		Online
Miami County	1850-1920		WorldCat
Montgomery County	1925		Online
	1937		Online
Pike County	1889-1919		WPA Index (red books)
Ripley County	1853		ISL Catalog
	1919	Jackson Township	ISL Catalog
Shelby County	1925	Van Buren Township	ISL Catalog
Starke County	1913	Center Township	ISL Catalog
Washington County	1899, 1901	Jackson Township	ISL Catalog
	1913	Brown Township	ISL Catalog

Enumerations of Registered Voters

Pike County	1919-1920	WPA Index (red books)
Pulaski County	1922	WPA Index (red books)
St. Joseph County	1921-1922	WPA Index (red books)
Tippecanoe County	1922	WPA Index (red books)
Washington County	1913	
White County	1883-1931	WPA Index (red books)

Enumerations of Soldiers, Widows, Orphans, and/or Pensioners

Statewide	1835	ISL Catalog
	1840	ISL Catalog
	1886	Card index, Genealogy Division
Dearborn County	No date	Genealogy Microfilm
Franklin County	1894	Genealogy Microfilm
Kosciusko County	1847	ISL Catalog
Martin County	1886	ISL Catalog ; Genealogy Microfilm
	1886-1890	Genealogy Microfilm
Morgan County	1890	Online
Owen County	1894	ISL Catalog
Pike County	1886-1890	Genealogy Microfilm
Starke County	1861-1886	Genealogy Microfilm
Steuben County	1886, 1894	ISL Catalog
Wabash County	1890	Genealogy Microfilm

School Enumerations

Bartholomew County	1885-1899, 1901-1927	Genealogy Microfilm
Clark County	1884	Monroe Township ISL Catalog
Crawford County	1884-1885	Whiskey Run Township ISL Catalog
Decatur County	1896	ISL Catalog
Elkhart County	1895	ISL Catalog
Franklin County	1890, 1892-1899, 1904-1907	Genealogy Microfilm
Fulton County	1896	ISL Catalog
Gibson County	1837-1852	ISL Catalog
Harrison County	1846-1847, 1852	ISL Catalog
Knox County	1847	ISL Catalog

Lake County	1880-1894, 1897-1902		ISL Catalog
	1880-1931		ISL Catalog
	1890, 1896		ISL Catalog
	1903-1911, 1913-1917	Calumet Township	ISL Catalog
	1919-1924	Calumet Township	ISL Catalog
	1919-1924	Calumet Township	ISL Catalog
	1919-1924	Calumet Township	ISL Catalog
	1919-1930	Calumet Township	ISL Catalog
	1903-1924	Lowell	ISL Catalog
	1903-1931	Cedar Creek Township	ISL Catalog
	1903-1931	Center Township	ISL Catalog
	1903-1932	Center Township	ISL Catalog
	1903-1931	Eagle Creek & Winfield Townships	ISL Catalog
	1903-1931	Hanover Township	ISL Catalog
	1903-1931	Hobart Township	ISL Catalog
	1903-1931	North Township	ISL Catalog
	1903-1931	Ross Township	ISL Catalog
	1903-1931	St. John Township	ISL Catalog
	1903-1931	West Township	ISL Catalog
	1908-1920	Griffith	ISL Catalog
1913-1919	Whiting	ISL Catalog	
1920-1924	Whiting	ISL Catalog	
1925, 1927	Whiting	ISL Catalog	
1925	Hammond	ISL Catalog	
LaPorte County	1840		ISL Catalog
Lawrence County	1882	Bono Township	ISL Catalog
	1890	Perry Township	ISL Catalog
	1916	Spice Valley Township	Online
Marshall County	1895		Online
	1912-1914	Bourbon Township	Online
Miami County	1853-1891	Clay Township	ISL Catalog
Morgan County	1905-1906, 1908	Clay & Monroe Townships	ISL Catalog
	No date		ISL Catalog
	No date	Jackson Township	ISL Catalog
Perry County	1899-1900	Troy	ISL Catalog
Pike County	1837-1852		ISL Catalog
	1842-1846		ISL Catalog
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Shelby County	1864		Online
Starke County	1896-1903		Genealogy Microfilm
	1866-1895	Center Township	ISL Catalog
Washington County	1866-1895		ISL Catalog
	1900	Jackson Township	ISL Catalog
Wayne County	1896-1924		Genealogy Microfilm

Miscellaneous Enumerations

Statewide	No date		ISL Catalog
Blackford County	1857	Hartford City	Online
Harrison County	1815		ISL Catalog
Kosciusko County	1850, 1853		ISL Catalog
Lawrence County	No date	Perry Township	ISL Catalog
Marshall County	1853		Online
	1867	Bourbon Township	Online
	1926	Bourbon Township	Online
Ohio County	1946	Rising Sun	ISL Catalog
Posey County	1850	Harmony Township	ISL Catalog
Vigo County	1835	Terre Haute	ISL Catalog

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