

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

Bartholomew County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog
Clark County	1853-1854		Indiana Digital Archives
Crawford County	1853		Genealogy Microfilm
Floyd County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog
Franklin County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog
	1853-1854		Indiana Digital Archives
	1853-1856		Genealogy Microfilm
Gibson County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog
Harrison County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog
	1853-1863		Genealogy Microfilm
	No date		ISL Catalog
Hendricks County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog
Jackson County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog
Jefferson County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog

Knox County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog
LaGrange County	1853		Genealogy Microfilm
Martin County	1852-1865 1853-1860		ISL Catalog Genealogy Microfilm
Montgomery County	1853		Online
Ohio County	1852-1865		ISL Catalog
Orange County	1852-1865 1853-1854 1853-1861		ISL Catalog Indiana Digital Archives Genealogy Microfilm
Posey County	1853-1855		Genealogy Microfilm
Switzerland County	1852-1865 1853-1854		ISL Catalog Indiana Digital Archives
Vigo County	1853-1854		Indiana Digital Archives
Washington County	1852-1865 1853-1861		ISL Catalog Genealogy Microfilm

Enumerations of Males

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

Washington County	1899, 1901 1913	Jackson Township Brown Township	ISL Catalog ISL Catalog
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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 1840 1886		ISL Catalog ISL Catalog Card index, Genealogy Division
Dearborn County	No date		Genealogy Microfilm
Franklin County	1894		Genealogy Microfilm
Kosciusko County	1847		ISL Catalog
Martin County	1886 1886-1890		ISL Catalog ; Genealogy Microfilm 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 1866-1895	Center Township	Genealogy Microfilm ISL Catalog
Washington County	1866-1895 1900	Jackson Township	ISL Catalog ISL Catalog
Wayne County	1896-1924		Genealogy Microfilm

Miscellaneous Enumerations

Statewide	No date		ISL Catalog
Harrison County	1815		ISL Catalog
Kosciusko County	1850, 1853		ISL Catalog
Lawrence County	No date	Perry Township	ISL Catalog
Marshall County	1853 1867 1926	Bourbon Township Bourbon Township	Online Online 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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