

Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses From 1790 to 2000

CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES AND INSTRUCTIONS: 1790 TO 2000

1790 QUESTIONNAIRE

The early census acts prescribed the inquiries in each decennial census, but the U.S. Government did not furnish uniform printed schedules until 1830. In 1790, the marshals submitted their returns in whatever form they found convenient (and sometimes with added information).

In 1790, marshals took the census in the original 13 states; plus the districts of Kentucky, Maine, and Vermont; and the Southwest Territory (Tennessee). Each household provided the name of the head of the family and the number of persons in each household of the following descriptions: Free White males of 16 years and upward (to assess the countries industrial and military potential), free White males under 16 years, free White females, all other free persons (by sex and color), and slaves.

An Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the town of <i>Weymouth</i>						<i>Weymouth</i> continued.					
Names of Heads of Families.	Free white Males of 16 years and upwards.	Free white Males, under 16 years.	Free white Females.	All other free Persons.	Slaves.	Names of Heads of Families.	Free white Males, of 16 years and upwards.	Free white Males under 16 years.	Free white Females.	All other free Persons.	Slaves.
<i>Reed Applebee</i>	3	2	5			<i>Samuel Hoffman</i>	4		5		
<i>Jonathan Smith</i>	3	3	3			<i>Nathaniel Taylor</i>	2		3		
<i>Joseph Smith</i>	3	3	6			<i>Isaiah Taylor</i>	2	3	3		
<i>Thomas Saw</i>	2		2			<i>Tabitha Brand</i>			1		
<i>Jedediah Cooper</i>	1	1	3			<i>David Wyman</i>	1	2	4		
<i>Thomas Saw Jr.</i>	1	1	1			<i>Abigail Whitney</i>	1	1	1		
<i>Isaac Brooks</i>	1	2	3			<i>Phineas Whitney</i>	1		3		
<i>James Saw</i>	2	1	3			<i>Abner Whitney</i>	3	3	3		
<i>Joshua Hillins</i>	2	3	5			<i>Abel Hoffman</i>	1		2		
<i>John Goodale</i>	2	2	3			<i>Jonathan Temple</i>	1	3	4		
<i>John Martin</i>	3	1	6			<i>Stephen Holden</i>	2		2		
<i>Samuel Norton</i>	1		3			<i>Benjamin Heywood</i>	1	1	4		
<i>Mary Wheeler</i>			1			<i>Abner Holden</i>	1	1	2		
<i>Jonathan Sawyer</i>	3	2	6			<i>Joseph Holden</i>	2	1	1		
<i>Anne Blodget</i>	2	3	2			<i>Joseph Larchwell</i>	1	2	1		
<i>David Maynard</i>	2	2	5			<i>Joseph Wheeler</i>	1	1	8		
	3	2				<i>Solomon G. W.</i>	2	1	4		
						<i>John Mead</i>	3	4	4		
						<i>Elipha Whitney</i>	1	1	4		
						<i>Nathaniel</i>			3		