

1950 QUESTIONNAIRE—POPULATION

The basic schedule, form P1, was a white 19" X 22" sheet, printed in green ink on both sides. The front included space for population information for 30 persons, with a separate line for each person enumerated. (The reverse side, the housing schedule, contained spaces for information for 12 dwelling units that housed the persons enumerated on the population side of the form.) Questions 15 through 20 were asked only for persons 14 years of age and over.

Questions at the bottom of the schedule (21-33c) were asked for the one person in five whose name fell on a sample line that was indicated in black. (There were five printings to vary the sample lines.) The person whose name fell on the last sample line was also asked the additional questions from 34 on. Of the sample items, Nos. 29 on applied only to persons 14 years of age and over.

1950 Questionnaire—Population

FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD						FOR ALL PERSONS								
LINE NUMBER (Name of street, avenue, or road)	Household apartment number	Social number of dwelling unit	Is this house on a farm or more acres? (Year 1949)	Is this house on a place of three or more acres? (Year 1949)	APPLICABLE QUESTIONS NUMBER	NAME		RELATIONSHIP	RACE	SEX	How old was he on his last birthday?	Is he now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married?	What State (or foreign country) was he born in?	Is he naturalized?
						What is the name of the head of this household?	What are the names of all other persons who live here?							
						(Last name first)								
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FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER									
What was this person doing most of last week—working, keeping house, or something else? (Wk, H, Ot, or U for unable to work)	If H or Ot in item 15—Did this person do any work at all last week, not counting work around the house? (Include work for pay, in own business, on farm, or unpaid family work) (Yes or No)	If No in item 16—Was this person looking for work? (See Special Cases below) (Yes or No)	If No in item 17—Even though he didn't work last week, does he have a job or business? (Yes or No)	If Wk in item 18 or Yes in item 16—How many hours did he work last week? (Include unpaid work on family farm or business) (Number of hours)	1. If employed (Wk in item 18, or Yes in item 18 or item 19), describe job or business held last week 2. If looking for work (Yes in item 17), describe last job or business 3. For all other persons, leave blank	What kind of work was he doing?	What kind of business or industry was he working in?	Class of worker	LINE NUMBER
					(Occupation)	(Industry)	(P, G, O, or NP) LEAVE BLANK		
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1950 Questionnaire—Population

FOR ALL AGES											
SAMPLE LINE	Was he living in this same house a year ago?	If No in item 21—		What country and State was he living in a year ago?	What country were his father and mother born in?	What is the highest grade of school that he has attended?	Did he finish this grade?	Has he attended school at any time since February 1st?			
		Was he living on a farm a year ago?	Was he living in this same county a year ago?								
		County (If county unknown, enter name of place or nearest place)	State or foreign country						LEAVE BLANK	(Enter US or name of Territory, possession, or foreign country)	LEAVE BLANK
21	22	23	24a	24b	D	25	E	26	27	28	
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Item 17: SPECIAL CASES—Enter Yes also for persons who would have been looking for work except for:

(a) own temporary illness

(b) incidents or more than 30-day layoff

(c) belief that no work was available

Item 26: CODES for GRADE ATTENDED

Name _____ Code _____

Kindergarten _____ K

ELEMENTARY, HIGH

Elementary (8 grades) S1 to S8

High (4 years) S9, S10, S11, S12

ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH

Elementary (6 grades) S1 to S6

Junior high (3 years) S7, S8, S9

Senior high (3 years) S10, S11, S12

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate (4 years) C1, C2, C3, C4

Graduate or professional school (1 year or more) C5

Items 12a, 12b, and 12c: DEFINITION OF FAMILY HEAD

A family head is—

Either (a) head of household with related persons present in household

or (b) person unrelated to household head but with persons related to him listed below him on the schedule for example: Lodger with wife present in household

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE USE ONLY

Number of lines on this sheet: 30

Number of cancelled lines on this sheet: _____

Number of persons enumerated on this sheet: _____

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FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER													
If looking for work (Yes in item 17)— How many weeks has he been looking for work? (Number of weeks)	Last year, in how many weeks did this person do any work at all, not counting work around the house? (Number of weeks in 1949)	Income received by this person in 1949			If this person is a family head (see definition below)— Income received by his relatives in this household			If Male— (Ask each question) Did he ever serve in the U. S. Armed Forces during—			LEAVE BLANK	SAMPLE LINE	
		Last year (1949), how much money did he earn working as an employee for wages or salary? (Enter amount before deductions for taxes, etc.)	Last year, how much money did he earn working in his own business, professional practice, or farm? (Enter net income)	Last year, how much money did he receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowances, pensions, rents, or other income (aside from earnings)?	Last year (1949), how much money did his relatives in this household earn working for wages or salary? (Amount before deductions for taxes, etc.)	Last year, how much money did his relatives in this household earn in own business, professional practice, or farm? (Net income)	Last year, how much money did his relatives in this household receive from interest, dividends, veteran's allowances, pensions, rents, or other income (aside from earnings)?	World War II	World War I	Any other time, including present service			
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34. To enumerator: If worked last year (1 or more weeks in item 30): Is there any entry in items 20a, 20b, and 20c? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes—Skip to item 36 <input type="checkbox"/> No—Make entries in items 35a, 35b, and 35c				35a. What kind of work did this person do in his last job?		35b. What kind of business or industry did he work in?		35c. Class of worker (P, G, O, or NP, as in item 20c)				20	
36. If ever married (Mar, Wd, D, or Sep in item 12)— Has this person been married more than once? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				37. If Mar—How many years since this person was (last) married? If Wd—How many years since this person was widowed? If D—How many years since this person was divorced? If Sep—How many years since this person was separated? _____ years, or <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year				38. If female and ever married (Mar, Wd, D, or Sep in item 12)— How many children has she ever borne, not counting stillbirths? _____ children, or <input type="checkbox"/> None					

Instructions to Enumerators

Changes from 1940 were few. Special pains were taken in the 1950 census, however, to distinguish among institutions, households, and quasi households (five or more nonrelatives of the head, other than employees).

College students were to be enumerated where they lived while attending school, rather than where their homes were located. Members of the Armed Forces who slept off post would be counted where they slept rather than where they were stationed.

The instructions continued to allow anyone to be designated as head of the household for relationship purposes, but if a woman was listed as head and her husband was present, he was reclassified as the head when the completed schedule was reviewed in the office. (At the time, the number of such cases was relatively small.)

A “family” was distinguished from a “household” in that the family represented a group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption. A household could contain one or more families, or none, but would occupy only one dwelling unit (quarters with separate cooking equipment or (new for 1950) a separate entrance.)

As in 1940, there was a separate form a respondent could use to report income. However, this was now a self-mailing piece (form P6) which the householder was asked to complete and post (rather than hand it to the enumerator).

A supplemental schedule (form P8) was used to obtain additional information on Indian reservations. In addition to entering each person’s name as it appeared on the regular schedule, the enumerator wrote in any other name(s) by which that person was known.

1950 QUESTIONNAIRE—HOUSING

SHEET NO.		FOR ALL DWELLING UNITS										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Serial number of dwelling unit	Block number	TYPE OF LIVING QUARTERS 1 <input type="checkbox"/> House, apartment, flat 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Tent, boat, railroad car X <input type="checkbox"/> Nondwelling-unit quarters in large rooming house, institution, hotel, tourist court, etc. (If nondwelling unit, do not ask remaining items)	TYPE OF STRUCTURE 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Detached 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-detached 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Attached	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS IN STRUCTURE (Number)	BUSINESS UNIT IN STRUCTURE 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	CONDITION OF UNIT 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Not dilapidated 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Dilapidated	We have listed (number) persons who live here. Have we missed anyone away traveling? Babies? Lodgers? Other persons staying here who have no home anywhere else? (Add names on other side if necessary) Enter correct number of persons: _____ (Final count) X <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied entirely by nonresidents V <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	How many rooms are in this unit, not counting bathrooms? (Number)	PIPED WATER SUPPLY 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Hot and cold piped running water inside this structure 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Only cold piped running water inside this structure 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Piped running water outside this structure 4 <input type="checkbox"/> No piped running water (hand pump, well, etc.)	TYPE OF TOILET 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Flush toilet inside this structure 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Flush toilet outside this structure 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Privy, outhouse, or chemical toilet 4 <input type="checkbox"/> No toilet for this unit	TOILET—EXCLUSIVE USE 1 <input type="checkbox"/> For this unit's exclusive use 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Shared with another unit 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No toilet for this unit	INSTALLED BATHTUB OR SHOWER 1 <input type="checkbox"/> For this unit's exclusive use 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Shared with another unit 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No bathtub or shower for this unit

			FOR ALL VACANT UNITS	FOR NONFARM VACANT UNITS ONLY	FOR NONFARM UNITS OCCUPIED BY OWNER	FOR NONFARM UNITS OCCUPIED BY RENTER						
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c. Is there a radio in this unit? ③ 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No V <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	c. Is there a television set in this unit? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No V <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	OCCUPANCY Occupied— 1 <input type="checkbox"/> By owner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> By renter 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Rent free Vacant— 4 <input type="checkbox"/> For rent 5 <input type="checkbox"/> For sale only 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Not for rent or sale	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Non-seasonal 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal	If "For rent"—Monthly rent for this unit— \$ _____	If "For sale only"—Sale price asked— \$ _____	How much would this property sell for? \$ _____	How many dwelling units are included in this property? (Number) _____	Is there any mortgage (trust) on this property? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	What is the monthly rent for this unit? \$ _____	In addition to rent, how much do you pay for— Enter amount in dollars Nothing paid Electricity? \$ _____ (Monthly average) <input type="checkbox"/> Gas? \$ _____ (Monthly average) <input type="checkbox"/> Water? \$ _____ (Monthly average) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood? Coal? Oil? \$ _____ (12 months total) <input type="checkbox"/>	Is this unit rented? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Unfurnished or 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Furnished	If rented furnished—What would it rent for monthly if unfurnished? \$ _____

Instructions to Enumerators—Housing

The census takers continued to define "nondwelling-unit quarters" (item 3) as they had in 1940, including as dwelling units those places with fewer than 10 lodgers. However, in subsequent office coding, any residence with 5 to 9 lodgers was reclassified as a nondwelling unit and excluded from the housing inventory. Vacant trailers, tents, boats, etc., were not enumerated.

There were detailed instructions for classifying various facilities (such as plumbing), equipment, and rooms for inclusion in the census.

In item 7 (condition of unit), the enumerator had to decide whether or not the place was "dilapidated," which, in conjunction with the information on plumbing facilities (items 10-13) would provide an indicator of housing quality. The reference manual had a special illustrated section devoted to item 7 and training was augmented with a filmstrip. With this background, "dilapidated" or "not dilapidated"

was to be checked without asking the householder about the condition of the unit. The decision was to be made on the basis of observation, looking for critical and minor housing deficiencies or for the adequacy of the original construction. A dilapidated unit, the census taker was told, was "below the generally accepted minimum standard for housing." It failed to protect the occupants from the elements or endangered their health or safety. It could be dilapidated because it had been neglected or because the original construction had been inadequate in the first place. A unit was not to be reported as "dilapidated" simply because it was old or dingy, nor was it "not dilapidated" because it happened to be freshly painted or shingled over.

Items 14 and 15 were five different sets of questions, and each household answered the set found on the line on which it was enumerated (thus constituting a 20-percent sample for these items).