

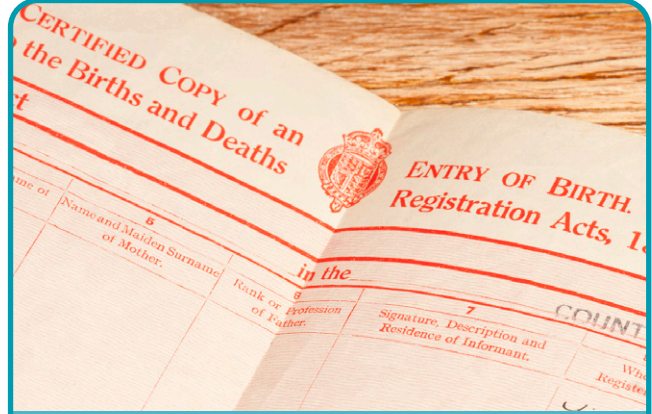
- What does the census tell us about our local area?

census	An official survey of the population which is carried out every ten years.
enumerator	A person employed to collect census forms and enter the data into an enumeration book.
head of household	The person who earns money to support a household and makes important family decisions.
governess	A person employed to teach a child in their home.
inference	A conclusion reached by using evidence.
observation	A statement based on something seen or heard.
occupation	A person's job or profession.
scholar	A term used on the census to mean someone attending school or a child.
suffragette	A woman who campaigned for the right to vote.

What sources can you use to find out about your local area?

Parish/Union	Population	Males	Females
St Marylebone, Statute Ward 1500	157,696	89,115	68,581
St Pancras	166,956	76,144	90,812
St Mary, Islington	95,329	42,276	53,053
Hackney Union	58,429	26,083	32,346
City of London Union	58,952	27,149	31,803
St Martin in the Fields	24,469	11,718	12,751
St George, Square Square	73,230	31,920	41,310
St James Westminster	51,456	27,577	23,879
St Margaret & St John Westminster	15,609	8,249	7,360
St Mary Paddington	43,455	21,572	21,883
St Mary Lambeth	109,025	53,572	55,453
St James's Clothworkers	14,778	7,189	7,589
St Giles's Clothworkers	54,677	23,774	30,903
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The census is a survey collecting information from every household in the country. It can be used to focus on specific people and places or to identify changes in a particular household over a period of time. It contains information about people such as names, ages, occupations, places of birth, their relationship to the head of household and the number of rooms in a dwelling.



Birth, marriage and death records also give extra information such as who witnessed marriages and people's occupations.



Local newspapers are a valuable source of information on the local area. They reflect the period in which they were written and provide details about local people and significant events.



Old maps or plans of the local area show what it was like in the past and allow you to identify how your local area has changed.

The History of the Census timeline

