

1940 Census Questions/Instructions

Column	Heading
1	Name of street, avenue, road, etc.
2	House number (if cities and towns)
3	Number of household in order of visitation sequence by census worker
4	Home owned (O) or rented (R)
5	Value of Home, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented
6	Do the members of this household live on a farm? (Yes or No)
7	Name of each person who had their usual place of residence at this address on April 1, 1940 <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Persons temporarily absent from household. Write "Ab" after names of such persons2. Children under 1 year of age. Write "Infant" if child has not been given a first name <p>Enter "X" after name of person furnishing information</p>
8	Relationship of this person to the head of the household
Code A – leave blank	
9	Sex – Male (M), Female (F)
10	Color or race
11	Age at last birthday
12	Marital Status
13	Attended school or college any time since March 1, 1939? (Yes or No)
14	Highest grade of school completed
Code E – Leave blank	
15	Place of Birth - If born in the United States, give State, Territory or possession <ul style="list-style-type: none">If foreign born, give country in which birthplace was situated on January 1, 1937Distinguish Canada-French from Canada-English and Irish Free State (Eire) from Northern Ireland
Code C – Leave blank	
16	Citizenship – Citizenship of the foreign born. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Info in 17/18/19/20 For a person who on April 1, 1935, was living in the same house as at present, enter in Col. 17 "Same house"For a person living in a different house but in the same city or town, enter "Same place," leaving Cols. 18, 19 and 20 blank in both instancesFor a person who lived in a different place, enter city or town, county, or state, as directed in instructions (Enter an actual place of residence, which may differ from Mail address)
17	Residence – name of city, town, or village having 2,500 or more inhabitants. Enter "R" for all other places.
18	Residence – county
19	Residence – State (or Territory or foreign country)
20	On a farm? (Yes or No)
Code D – Leave blank	
21	Was this person At Work for pay or profit in private or non-emergency Govt. work during the week of March 24-30? (Yes or No)
22	If not, was he at work on, or assigned to, public Emergency work (WPA, NYA, CCC, etc.) during the week of March 24-30? (Yes or No)
23	If neither at work nor assigned to public emergency work ("No" in Cols 21 and 22.) – Was this person Seeking Work? (Yes or No)
24	If neither at work nor assigned to public emergency work ("No" in Cols 21 and 22.) – If not seeking work, did he have a Job, business, etc.? (Yes or No)
25	For persons answering "No" to quest. 21, 22, 23, and 24. – Indicate whether engaged in home housework (H) in school (S) unable to work (U) or other (O)
Code E – Leave blank	
26	If private or nonemergency Government work ("Yes" in Col. 21) – Number of hours worked during week of March 24-30, 1940 in weeks
27	If seeking work or assigned to public emergency work. ("Yes" in Col. 22 or 23.) – Duration of unemployment up to March 30, 1940 – in weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none">For a person at work, assigned to public emergency work, or with a job ("Yes" in Col. 21, 22, or 24), enter present occupation, industry and class of workerFor a person seeking work ("Yes" in Col 23):<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) If he has previous work experience, enter last occupation, industry and class of worker;(b) if he does not have previous work experience, enter "New worker" in Col. 28, and leave Cols 29 and 30 blank
28	Occupation – Trade, professional, or particular kind of work, as – frame spinner, salesman, laborer, rivet heater, music teacher
29	Industry – Industry or business, as – cotton mill, retail grocery, farm, shipyard, public school
30	Class of worker
Code F – Leave blank	
31	Number of weeks worked in 1939 (Equivalent full-time weeks)
32	Amount of money wages or salary received (including commissions 12 months ending December 31, 1939)
33	Did this person receive income of \$50 or more from sources other than money wages or salary? (Yes or No)
34	Number of Farm Schedule