

## History - 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?



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 such as the names of people living in a household, their 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 not only identify and confirm births, marriages and deaths but 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.

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### The History of the Census timeline

