



Native Americans in the Bureau of the Census Records, 1857–1907

In addition to the census the Federal Government took every 10 years, the Bureau of the Census periodically compiled other censuses and rolls that provide useful information about Native Americans in general, and sometimes about specific nations or tribes.

1857 Shawnee Census

___M1813, *Kansas Territorial Censuses, 1855–1859*. 2 rolls. DP. The Kansas territorial censuses included an 1857 Census of Shawnees, Native or Adopted, as well as miscellaneous enumerations of Shawnees living in specific counties in 1858.

- At the end of **roll 1** of the 1857 census is an enumeration of Shawnee Indians in Kansas Territory, taken in conjunction with the treaty made with the tribe on May 10, 1854.
- The census is in two parts. Each part has a rough alphabetical index preceding it. In the index to part one, personal information such as relationships to other enumerated Shawnees has been added beside some of the names.
- In the 1858 census for Johnson County, 80 Shawnee Indians living in Shawnee County are also listed. There is no name index for this census.

1880 Special Census of Indians

___M1791, *Schedules of a Special Census of Indians, 1880*. 5 rolls. DP. Section 8 of the census act of March 3, 1879 (20 Stat. 475) authorized the Bureau of the Census to enumerate all Indians not taxed; that is, those on reservations or in unsettled areas. With the budget provided, the Bureau undertook enumerations in Washington Territory, Dakota Territory, and California. The Bureau used a special Indian population schedule containing 48 questions. The descriptive pamphlet (DP) contains a list of the questions.

- Washington Territory
 - Tulalip and Port Madison, **roll 1**
 - Swinomish, Muckleshoot, and Lummi, **roll 2**
 - Yakima, **roll 3**
- Dakota Territory
 - Standing Rock, **roll 4**
- California
 - Round Valley, **roll 5**

A complete list of the tribes included in this census is found at the beginning of **roll 1**. There is no name index for this census.

1890 Census Report

___T825, *Publications of the Bureau of the Census, 1790–1916*. 42 rolls. In 1894, the Bureau of the Census published *Report on Indians Taxed and Indians Not Taxed in the United States (Except Alaska) at the Eleventh Census, 1890* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1894), which consisted of statistical summaries followed by descriptions of each tribe. These descriptions are

arranged by state and usually include the number of people on the reservation and the location of the reservation, as well as a description of the schools, sources of income, health problems, and religion. Photographs of buildings and people are interspersed throughout, although information on individuals is very rare.

- In T825, the *Report on Indians Taxed and Indians Not Taxed* is reproduced on **roll 34**, item 2.
- The report is also available in the U.S. Congressional Serial Set, v. 3016, *H.misdoc. No. 340/9*, 52nd Cong., 1st Sess. (1891).

1907 Census of Seminole County, Oklahoma

___M1814, *1907 Census of Seminole County, Oklahoma*. 1 roll. This census was taken pursuant to a Presidential directive ordering a census of the population of Indian Territory and the Territory of Oklahoma prior to their admittance to the Union. Only the schedules for Seminole County survive.

- Enumerators identified Indians by “In” in the color or race column.
- There is no name index.

Additional Information

For more information, see the following reference reports:

- *Native Americans in the Federal Decennial Censuses, 1790–1930*
- *Enumeration of Pueblo Indians, 1790–1939*
- *Eastern Cherokee Enrollments and Census Enumerations, 1835–1940*
- *Enumeration of the Yakima Indians, 1880–1940*
- *Chippewa Enumeration, 1885–1940*

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