

National Archives and Records Administration
REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

Records Schedule Number: DAA-0029-2024-0007

Status: APPROVED
Date Approved: 08/20/2025

General Information

Agency or Establishment	Bureau of the Census
Record/Scheduling Group	0029 - Records of the Bureau of the Census
Records Schedule Applies To	Agency-wide
Schedule Subject	The 1940 - 1950 Public Use Microdata Sample Project Files
Additional Schedule Information	Decennial Census Data
Is There a Classified Version of This Schedule?	No
Is consultation and coordination with Tribal Governments required?	No - the records covered by this schedule do not implicate Tribal interests

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Item Count

Total number of disposition items: 1

Number of Temporary disposition items: 0

Number of Permanent disposition items: 1

Number of Items with Disposition Not Approved: 0

Number of Inactive disposition items: 0

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Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0029-2024-0007

Item #	Title	Disposition
0001	The 1940-1950 Public Use Microdata Sample Project Files	Permanent

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Records Schedule Items

DAA-0029-2024-0007-0001		STATUS: Active
ITEM GENERAL INFORMATION		
Item Title	The 1940-1950 Public Use Microdata Sample Project Files	
Item Description	<p>The item description of the internal version of the 1940-1950 public use microdata sample is as follows:</p> <p>Before the last remaining mainframe computer was decommissioned, a data recovery project obtained the original data entry files from the 1940-1950 Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Project the Census Bureau did in the early 1980s in association with the University of Wisconsin, led by Hal Winsborough. This dataset contains the original alphanumeric string entries for a variety of fields including surname, birthplace, occupation and industry, as well as geographic detail to the enumeration district level. Once the 1940 and 1950 sample files had been transferred to a Linux server, they were combined with the numeric coding from original corresponding PUMS file. The harmonized coding from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) version of the data was also combined with the 1950 file.</p>	
Is this item media neutral?	Yes	
Is this item a Big Bucket?	No	
SUPERSEDED AGENCY DISPOSITION AUTHORITIES AND GRS DEVIATIONS		
Does this item supersede existing disposition authorities?	No	
Is this item a deviation from the GRS?	No	
DISPOSITION INSTRUCTION		
Final Disposition	Permanent	
Cutoff Instructions	Other: Cut off at close of project	
Are there multiple instructions for this item?	No	
Transfer Instruction	Other: Transfer immediately upon approval.	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Current Records Format	Structured data formats:3 GB	
Approximate first year of records covered by this authority	1940	
End year of records covered by this authority	Year: 1950	

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Date span of the initial transfer	From: 01/01/1940 To: 12/31/1950
Frequency of transfer	0
Are any of the records covered by this item subject to a FOIA exemption?	No

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Signatory Information

Action	User	Date
Approve	Marco Rubio (Acting Archivist)	08/20/2025



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This schedule was signed outside of the ERA system using Standard Form 115.

NARA staff updated ERA to reflect this approval, moving the record schedule into an approved status. The approved status allows for generation of a PDF indicating that the schedule has been approved, and allows an agency to use the schedule in ERA to create transfer requests. The approved date in the system and on the PDF version of the records schedule reflects the system actions.