Locating Historical Census Publications

It can be challenging to both locate and use older U.S. government documents and statistical data that only exist in paper form. It does not help that the paper format is often in less-than-stellar condition.

The State Data Center at the Indiana State Library has recently added Part I of a two-part microfiche set to the center’s collection. Originally filmed by Greenwood Press, this set includes non-decennial U.S. Census publications issued from 1820 to 1945 and contains 2,500 Census reports on 5,934 microfiche.

Included in this set are censuses of:

- agriculture
- business
- dependent, defective, and delinquent classes
- foreign trade
- government
- housing
- industry
- manufacturers
- international
- population
- religious bodies
- statistical abstract
- vital statistics
- partial employment, unemployment, and occupations, 1937
- Cuba, Philippine Islands, and Virgin Islands
- activity and history of the Census

The State Data Center is located on the second floor of the Indiana State Library. This microform set is available for public use on the library’s second floor where there are also more than two dozen microform readers with printing capabilities.

If you would like to view or use this set, please feel free to visit and see what’s new at the Indiana State Data Center!

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