



Using the Census Records Online

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Free Sites

- FamilySearch: <www.familysearch.org> → “Search Records”
- FamilySearch Pilot: <pilot.familysearch.org> → “Browse our record collections”
- National Archives of Ireland 1911 Census: <www.census.nationalarchives.ie>
- Leitrim-Roscommon Genealogy Site: <www.leitrim-roscommon.com/1901census/>
- FreeCEN: <www.freecen.org.uk>
- Further links at
 - Census Finder: <www.censusfinder.com>
 - UKBMD: <www.ukbmd.org.uk>

Commercial Sites

- Ancestry: <www.ancestry.co.uk>
- Findmypast: <www.findmypast.co.uk>
- 1911 Census: <www.1911census.co.uk>
- Origins: <www.origins.net>
- TheGenealogist: <www.thegenealogist.co.uk>
- RootsUK: <www.rootsuk.com>
- GenesReunited: <www.genesreunited.com>
- 1901censusonline: <www.1901censusonline.com>
- ScotlandsPeople at <www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

Coverage

		England & Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man							Scotl.	Irel.	subs	ppv	
		1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	1841-1901	1911		
FREE	FamilySearch	✓ [†]			✓ [†]	✓ [*]							
	FreeCEN	<i>complete for some counties and years*</i>											
	NAI									✓			
COMMERCIAL	Ancestry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓ [*]		✓	✓
	Findmypast	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
	Origins	✓		✓	✓							✓	
	The Genealogist & Roots UK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
	Genes Reunited & 1901censusonline	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓
	ScotlandsPeople									✓			✓

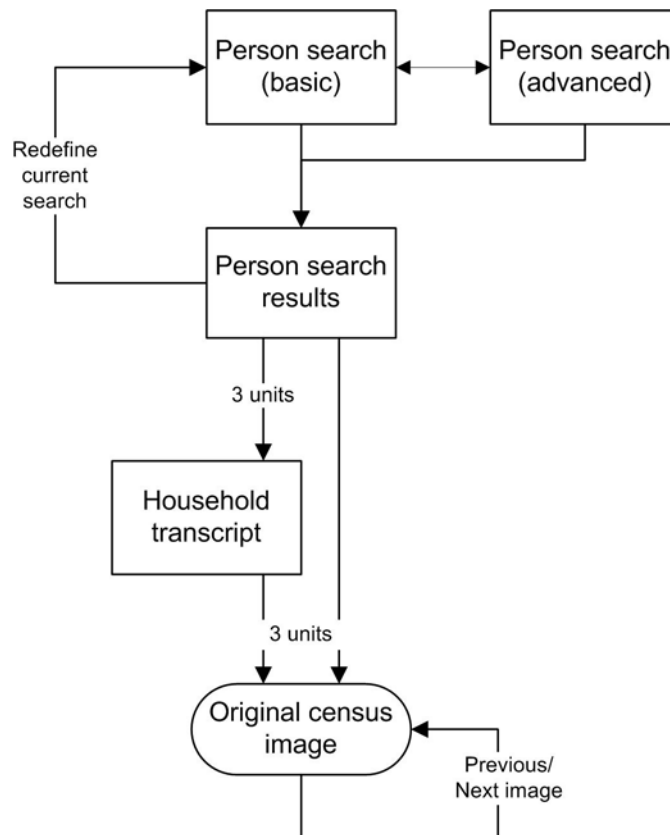
† free index on pilot site; images free at Family History Centres, or paid at Findmypast

* no images available

Cross-licensing:

- All sites use the same 1881 census index, originally on FamilySearch
- 1841 and 1871 indexes FamilySearch are from Origins & Findmypast
- 1841, 1861 & 1871 data on Origins and Findmypast is cross-licensed
- Genes Reunited licenses all but the 1901 index from TheGenealogist

Typical search process



(from Findmypast)

Error Rates

- Tables for *Census. The Expert Guide*: <www.spub.co.uk/census/tables.php>

Irish language

- Irish Dictionary: <www.irishdictionary.org>
- Irish Gaelic Translator – Relationships/Family: <www.irishgaelictranslator.com/articles/vocabulary/relationships-family>

Books

- Peter Christian & David Annal, *Census. The Expert Guide* (National Archives 2008).
- John Hanson, *How to get the best from the 1911 census* (Society of Genealogists, 2009).
- Peter Christian, *The Genealogist's Internet* (4th edition, National Archives, 2009). Chapter 6 covers census records.
- Edward Higgs, *Making Sense of the Census Revisited. Census Records for England and Wales 1801–1901* (Institute of Historical Research/The National Archives, 2005).