



THE 1921 CENSUS KEY DETAILS, EXTRA QUESTIONS & CHANGES FROM THE 1911 CENSUS

1921 CENSUS RELEASE DATE AND ACCESS

Friday, the 6th January, 2022, is the proposed release date. Access will be via [Findmypast](#). Searches will be free to members, but you will have to pay to look at the original documents. The prices for downloads are £2.50 for Record Transcriptions. Every original record image downloaded will be £3.50. There will be a 10% discount for Findmypast Pro members!

It will be free at The National Archives! I would suggest leaving it a while as I have a feeling that with the world wide interest there will be a number of computer crashes due to the volume of enquiries! But then I'm a pessimist.

The 1921 census was taken on the night of Sunday 19th June, 1921, following a delay of almost two months due to a series of strikes. This MIGHT change the location of your family than the original date due to their being on holiday, etc.

THE 1921 CENSUS INFORMATION INCLUDING NEW AND DELETED QUESTION

1. Name of person
2. Relationship to the head of the household
3. Age – this was now required as years and completed months, rather than just years as in previous censuses
4. Sex (M or F)
5. If aged 15 or over, whether single, married or divorced, divorce being included for the first time
6. If under 15, whether parents are living, “both alive,” “father dead,” “mother dead” or “both dead”
7. Birthplace, county and town or parish (or country plus state, province or district for persons born abroad)
8. If born abroad, nationality
9. Whether attending school or other education establishment (detailed questions on education)
10. Trade
11. Employer
12. Place of employment, the industry they worked in and the materials they worked with as well as their employer's name.
13. Number and ages of living children or stepchildren under 16

The enumerator who collected the form was also responsible for recording the number of “living rooms” at the premises.

The “fertility” question from the 1911 Census about the number of years of the marriage and the total number of children, number alive and number dead was dropped. The full address of the property has also been dropped! (Why? It would have been useful to locate relatives!)

The 1921 Census includes merchant vessels, Navy, Army and for the first time, RAF bases abroad too.

The Scottish and Welsh censuses asked additional questions on their native tongue and/or English

There was no census for Ireland due to the civil unrest.

These details have been compiled from a number of web sites and were correct at the time of printing.