

Definition: A sequence number within the dwellings that indicates to which family the respondent belongs.

Source: Census Question.

The table below indicates, for each census year, the numbers of the census questions corresponding to this variable. Click on the question number of the chosen schedule to view more details.

Census Years	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911					
1921					
1931	11	11	4		
1941	11	11	4		
1951					

Census Guide, 1931

11. Relationship to head

A. Census Question	Relationship to head of family or household.
B. Question Number	11 schedules 1A and 1B.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELATIONSHIP
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1931.
E. Total Target Population	10, 376, 786
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	101. Column 11: Relationship to head of family or household. The head of the family or household, whether husband or father, widow or unmarried person of either sex, is to be designated by the word "Head" in Column 11, and the other members of the family as wife, father, mother, son, daughter, grandson, daughter-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, partner, boarder, lodger, servant, etc., according to the relationship which the person bears to the head of the family. Persons in an institution may be designated as officer, inmate, patient, pupil, prisoner, etc., and in the case of the Chief Officer his title should be used

	as Warden, Superintendent, Principal, etc. If the husband and wife, the father and children, or mother and children are boarding they constitute a family and it should be indicated in this column with a bracket. (See Specimen Schedule lines 49, 50.)
I. Remarks	

Census Guide, 1941

11. or 4. Relationship to head

A. Census Question	Relationship to head of household.
B. Question Number	11 on schedules 1A and 1B; 4 on schedule 1C.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELATIONSHIP DEPENDENTS
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 2, 1941.
E. Total Target Population	11, 506, 655
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	<p>81. Column 11. Relationship to head of household.</p> <p>(1) Head of the household. For census purposes, there must be a head to each household. The name of the head shall be entered first when enumerating a household, and on the same line as the name, the word "head" shall be entered in Column 11.</p> <p>(2) Who should be reported as "head"? Enumerate as "head" the person on whom falls the chief responsibility for the maintenance of the household. However, when husband and wife or parent and unmarried children live in the same household always report the husband as "head" rather than the wife, and the parent rather than the unmarried child. When brothers and sisters comprise a household, usually the eldest will be reported as the "head". If several unrelated persons share housekeeping facilities on a partnership basis, enumerate one of them as "head" and the others as "partners".</p> <p>(3) Relationship to "head". Describe the other members of the household according to their relationship to the head as wife, son, daughter, father, mother, grandson,</p>

	<p>grandmother, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, nephew, niece, uncle, aunt, partner, servant, employee, boarder, lodger, evacuee, refugee, etc.</p> <p>(4) Institutions and hotels. In an institution or hotel, enter as "head" the highest-ranking officer or employee in the main household. Entries in column 11 for other members of the institutional or hotel household will be their relationship to the institution or hotel, as officer, employee, inmate, patient, pupil, prisoner, etc.</p> <p>(5) Family. Occasionally, some members of a household will constitute a separate family from that of the head of the household. For example, the head of the household may have living with him, as part of the household, a married son and his wife and children. While these would be members of the same household, still they would form a separate family. In such cases, the Enumerator shall indicate such families by placing their members within brackets on the left of column 11. (See Specimen Schedule, page 1, lines 4 to 6.)</p> <p>(6) "Family" defined. A family consists of husband and wife (with or without children) or a parent with an unmarried child (or children) living together in the same housekeeping community.</p> <p>(7) Dependency on head. The Enumerator shall ask of every member of the household, whether or not this person is dependent on the head of the household for his or her maintenance. In the affirmative he shall enter the letter "D" in Column 11, after the relationship to the head.</p> <p>(8) "Dependant" defined. For census purposes, a dependant is a person who is wholly reliant or reliant to the extent of 50 per cent or more on the head of the household for his or her maintenance. Homemakers are not to be regarded as dependants.</p>
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FAMILY_NUMBER

Codes:

1 "Primary"
2 "Secondary 1st"
3 "Secondary 2nd"
4 "Secondary 3rd"
5 "Secondary 4th"
6 "Secondary 5th"
7 "Secondary 6th"
8 "Secondary 7th"
9 "Secondary 8th"
10 "Non-Family"
99999001 "Blank"
99999002 "Damaged"
99999003 "Illegible"
99999004 "In Error"
99999005 "Suspicious"
99999006 "Missing -- Mandatory Field"
99999007 "Not Applicable"
99999008 "Not Mapped"
99999009 "Correction"
99999010 "Suggestion"
99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"
99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"
99999901 "None"
99999902 "Not Given"
99999903 "Unknown"
99999904 "Invalid Value"
99999999 "Uncodable" Last Updated (Thursday, 11 June 2009)

Remarks: In 1931 and 1941 The enumerator was instructed to use brackets in the RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD field to identify family units within the dwelling. The CCRI data capture operators were instructed to use FAMILY NUMBER to record 'nested families'. By default all individuals belong to family #1. Members of a sub-family will have a family number greater than 1. For example, a head of household (a father), his spouse and all his children would have family number 1. If the members of his son's family were living in the same dwelling then the son, the son's wife, and the son's children would have a family number of 2.