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RELATIONSHIP

Definition: Refers to the relationship of each individual to the head of the household: wife, father, mother, son, daughter, grandson, daughter-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, partner, boarder, lodger, servant, etc. The head refers to the husband, father, widow, or unmarried person of either sex. Persons in an institutions are designated as officer, inmate, patient, pupil, prisoner, etc., and in the case of the chief officer, the title is used, such as Warden, Superintendent, Principal, etc.

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	6				
1921	11	11	5		
1931	11	11	4		
1941	11	11	4		
1951				3	3

Census Guide, 1911

A. Census Question	Relationship to head of family or household.
B. Question Number	6 on Schedule 1.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELATIONSHIP
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1911.
E. Total Target Population	7, 206, 648
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	84. Relationship to head of family or household. The head of the family or household in column 6, whether husband or father, widow or unmarried person of either sex, is to be designated by the word "Head," 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.
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Census Guide, 1921

A. Census Question	Relationship to head of family or household.
B. Question Number	Column 11 of Forms 1A and 1B; Column 5 of Form 1C.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELATIONSHIP
D. Reference Point	As of Census Day, June 1, 1921.
E. Total Target Population	8 788 483
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Every person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	80. 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. Person 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.
I. Remarks	In 1921, unlike in previous censuses, persons in the same household but not related to the Head by blood or marriage were no longer considered part of the Private Family.

Census Guide, 1931

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

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	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

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, 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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A. Census Question	Relationship to head of household (as head, wife, son, daughter, ward, son-in-law, grandson, mother, uncle, niece, employee, partner, lodger, lodger's wife, lodger's daughter, inmate, etc.)
B. Question Number	3 on Form 2 and 2A.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	RELATIONSHIP
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1951.
E. Total Target Population	14, 009, 429
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	<p>For census purposes every household must have a head. In households consisting of husband and wife with or without children, the husband will be recorded as "head". In households consisting of one parents and an unmarried child or children, the parent will be recorded as "head". In households consisting of a parent and a married son (or daughter) and his (her) family, the "head" may be either the parent, or the son or son-in-law, depending upon which is mainly responsible for the maintenance of the household. In households consisting of brothers and sisters, one (usually the eldest) will be recorded as "head". In households consisting of a group of unrelated persons on equal footing, one will be selected arbitrarily as "head", and the others recorded as "partner". In hotel and institutional households the head will be the officer in charge, providing that he fulfills the residence requirements – otherwise a resident member of the staff. If the household consists entirely of guests, lodgers, patients, or inmates, one will be selected arbitrarily as "head".</p> <p>Be sure to record the true relationship of each person to the <i>head of the household</i>. This is essential to the correct classification of families. The wife of a married son must be shown as "daughter-in-law" – not "wife", and her children as "grandson" or "granddaughter". The families of lodgers or employees should be recorded as "lodger's wife", "employee's daughter", etc.</p>
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Codes

- 1 "Head"
- 2 "Spouse"
- 3 "Husband"
- 4 "Wife"
- 5 "Father"
- 6 "Step-father"
- 7 "Father, adopted"
- 8 "Father, foster"
- 9 "Mother"
- 10 "Step-mother"
- 11 "Mother, adopted"
- 12 "Mother, foster"
- 13 "Son"
- 14 "Step-son"
- 15 "Son, adopted"
- 16 "Son, foster"
- 17 "Son, illegitimate"
- 18 "Daughter"
- 19 "Step-daughter"
- 20 "Daughter, adopted"
- 21 "Daughter, foster"
- 22 "Daughter, illegitimate"
- 23 "Child"
- 24 "Step-child"
- 25 "Adopted child"
- 26 "Foster child"
- 27 "Grandfather"
- 28 "Step-Grandfather"
- 29 "Grandfather, adopted"
- 30 "Grandmother"
- 31 "Step-Grandmother"
- 32 "Grandmother, adopted"
- 33 "Grandson"
- 34 "Step-Grandson"
- 35 "Grandson, adopted"
- 36 "Grandson, illegitimate"
- 37 "Granddaughter"
- 38 "Step-Granddaughter"
- 39 "Granddaughter, adopted"
- 40 "Granddaughter, illegitimate"
- 41 "Grandchild"
- 42 "Brother"
- 43 "Half-brother"
- 44 "Step-brother"
- 45 "Brother, adopted"
- 46 "Brother, foster"

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47 "Sister"
48 "Half-sister"
49 "Step-sister"
50 "Sister, adopted"
51 "Sister, foster"
52 "Twin"
53 "Cousin"
54 "Second Cousin"
55 "Step-Cousin"
56 "Cousin, foster"
57 "Uncle"
58 "Step-Uncle"
59 "Aunt"
60 "Step-Aunt"
61 "Nephew"
62 "Step-Nephew"
63 "Nephew, adopted"
64 "Niece"
65 "Step-Niece"
66 "Niece, adopted"
67 "Great Nephew"
68 "Great Niece"
69 "Great-grandfather"
70 "Great-grandmother"
71 "Great Grandson"
72 "Great Granddaughter"
73 "Great Uncle"
74 "Great Aunt"
75 "Father-in-law"
76 "Step-father-in-law"
77 "Mother-in-law"
78 "Step-mother-in-law"
79 "Son-in-law"
80 "Step-son-in-law"
81 "Son-in-law, adopted"
82 "Daughter-in-law"
83 "Step-daughter-in-law"
84 "Daughter-in-law, adopted"
85 "Grandfather-in-law"
86 "Grandmother-in-law"
87 "Grandson-in-law"
88 "Granddaughter-in-law"
89 "Brother-in-law"
90 "Sister-in-law"
91 "Cousin-in-law"
92 "Uncle-in-law"
93 "Aunt-in-law"
94 "Nephew-in-law"

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95 "Niece-in-law"
96 "Co-Head"
97 "Godfather"
98 "Godmother"
99 "Godson"
100 "Goddaughter"
101 "Parent"
102 "Great Grandchild"
103 "Grandparent"
104 "Relative, n.e.c."
105 "Single"
106 "Household"
107 "Child of Labourer"
108 "Child, Illegitimate"
109 "Dependant"
110 "Other Adopted Relationship"
111 "In-law, n.s."
112 "Step Relative, n.s."
113 "Foster, n.s."
114 "Adopted, n.s."
115 "Relative, n.s."
116 "Widow"
117 "Friend"
118 "Guest"
119 "Visitor"
120 "Companion"
121 "Bachelor"
122 "Chief"
123 "Boarder"
124 "Spouse of boarder"
125 "Parent of boarder"
126 "Child of boarder"
127 "Other relative of boarder"
128 "Lodger"
129 "School lodger"
130 "Spouse of lodger"
131 "Parent of lodger"
132 "Child of lodger"
133 "Other relative of lodger"
134 "Roomer"
135 "Relative of Roomer"
136 "Landlady"
137 "Landlord"
138 "Tenant or Renter"
139 "Relative of Landlord/Landlady"
140 "Occupant"
141 "Resident"
142 "Roommate"

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143 "Partner"
144 "Spouse of Partner"
145 "Child of Partner"
146 "Other Relative of Partner"
147 "Colleague"
148 "Relative of Colleague"
149 "Associate"
150 "Spinster"
151 "Housekeeper"
152 "Assistant Housekeeper"
153 "Lady's Maid"
154 "Parlor Maid"
155 "Chambermaid"
156 "Kitchen Maid"
157 "Nursemaid"
158 "Housemaid"
159 "Table Maid"
160 "Dress Maid"
161 "Maid, n.e.c."
162 "Widower"
163 "Maid, n.s."
164 "Coachman"
165 "Stableman"
166 "Assistant Gardener"
167 "Landlord and Parent"
168 "Footman"
169 "Motor Guard"
170 "Driver"
171 "Chauffeur"
172 "House Master"
173 "Partner's Lodger/Boarder"
174 "Son-in-law's Wife"
175 "Spouse of Employee"
184 "House Boy"
185 "Governess"
186 "Nanny"
187 "House Mistress"
188 "Housemaker"
189 "Houseman"
190 "Butler"
191 "Manservant"
192 "Valet"
193 "Stablehand"
194 "House Surgeon"
195 "Steward"
196 "Gardener"
197 "Chief Steward"
198 "Trimmer"

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199 "Handyman"
200 "Hired Man"
201 "Hired Woman"
202 "Hired Boy"
203 "Hired Girl"
204 "Hired Help"
205 "Hired Hand"
209 "Assistant Mistress"
210 "Mistress"
215 "Master"
216 "Staff Member"
245 "Relative of Steward"
246 "Servant, n.s."
247 "Domestic employee, n.s "
248 "Domestic employee, n.e.c"
249 "Relative of Domestic Employee"
250 "Farmer"
251 "Farm Labourer"
252 "Farm Assistant"
253 "Farm Hand"
254 "Farm Helper"
255 "Farm Employee"
256 "Farm Manager"
257 "Farm Operator"
258 "Farmer, Retired"
260 "Farm Boy"
261 "Farm Girl"
262 "Ranch Worker"
265 "Herder"
270 "Spouse of Labourer"
271 "Other Relative of Labourer"
289 "Lady"
290 "Gentleman"
295 "Co-Boarder"
296 "Co-Tenant"
297 "Co-Worker"
298 "Co-Adjustor"
299 "Co-Owner"
300 "Administrator"
301 "Superintendent"
302 "Superior"
303 "Supervisor"
304 "Manager"
305 "Director"
306 "Official"
307 "Employer"
308 "Relative of Official"
309 "Chairman"

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310 "Assistant Superintendent"
311 "Assistant Superior"
312 "Assistant Supervisor"
313 "Assistant Manager"
314 "Assistant Director"
315 "Owner"
316 "Overseer"
317 "Subordinate"
318 "Contractor"
319 "Disciplinarian"
320 "Attendant"
321 "Assistant Attendant"
323 "Orderly"
324 "Former Owner"
325 "Assistant"
326 "Lawyer"
328 "Subject"
329 "Orderly Clerk"
330 "Caretaker"
331 "Relative of Caretaker"
332 "Janitor"
333 "Relative of Janitor"
334 "Assistant Janitor"
335 "Cleaner"
336 "Finisher"
337 "Head Cleaner"
338 "Child of Employee"
339 "Child of Employer"
340 "Carpenter"
341 "Electrician"
342 "Plumber"
343 "Blacksmith"
344 "Engineer"
345 "Iron Worker"
346 "Milliner"
347 "Pipe Adjuster"
348 "Plasterer"
350 "Matron"
351 "Assistant Matron"
352 "Night Matron"
353 "Deputy Matron"
358 "Pauper"
359 "Inmate's Spouse"
360 "Inmate"
361 "Invalid"
362 "Inmate Employee"
363 "Inmate Pupil"
364 "Child of Inmate"

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365 "Nurse"
366 "Assistant Nurse"
367 "Nurse in training"
368 "Floor Nurse"
369 "Male Nurse"
370 "Director/Directress of Nurses"
371 "Nursing Sister"
372 "Cook's Son"
373 "Cook"
374 "Assistant Cook"
375 "Refectory Worker"
376 "Pantryman"
377 "Messboy"
382 "Dietitian"
383 "Assistant Dietitian"
388 "Orphan's Cousin"
389 "Orphan Lodger"
390 "Orphan Boy"
391 "Orphan Girl"
392 "Orphan Child"
393 "Ward"
394 "Evacuee/Refugee"
399 "Nursing Teacher"
400 "Principal "
401 "Teacher"
402 "Vocational Instructor"
403 "Instructor"
404 "Professor"
405 "Vice Principal"
406 "School Inspector"
407 "Regent"
408 "Registrar"
409 "Archivist"
410 "Assistant Teacher"
411 "Assistant Instructor"
412 "Assistant Principal"
424 "Dean"
425 "Tutor"
426 "Prefect"
427 "Counsellor"
428 "Treasurer"
429 "Professeur"
430 "Librarian"
440 "Drifter"
441 "Roamer"
442 "Newcomer"
443 "Stranger"
444 "Emigrant"

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445 "Found Man"
449 "Child of Student"
450 "Student"
451 "Pupil"
452 "Scholar"
453 "School Child"
454 "Residential Student"
501 "Priest"
502 "Religious Brother"
503 "Monk"
504 "Brother in Religion"
505 "Lay Brother"
506 "Oblate Brother"
507 "Missionary"
508 "Jesuit"
509 "Archbishop"
510 "Pastor"
511 "Minister"
512 "Vicar"
513 "Chaplain"
514 "Clergyman"
515 "Lay Father"
516 "Preacher"
517 "Abbot"
518 "Rector"
519 "Curate"
520 "Seminarian"
521 "Head Priest"
522 "Relative of Priest"
523 "Prior"
524 "Assistant Priest"
525 "Bishop"
526 "Reverend"
546 "Religious Student"
547 "Private Sister"
548 "Teaching Sister"
549 "Religious Professor"
550 "Nun"
551 "Religious Sister"
552 "Postulant"
553 "Novice"
554 "Sister in Religion"
555 "Lay Sister"
556 "Mother Superior"
557 "Deaconess"
558 "Religious Superior"
559 "Religious Instructor"
560 "Penitent"

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594 "Religious Employee"
595 "Religious Invalid"
596 "Religious Tenant"
597 "Lay Person"
598 "Religious, n.e.c."
599 "Religious, n.s."
600 "Officer Cadet"
601 "Prison Warden"
602 "Prisoner"
603 "Convict"
604 "Warden"
605 "Watchman"
606 "Guard"
607 "Guardian"
608 "Probationer"
609 "Keeper"
610 "Constable"
611 "Police Officer"
612 "Fireman"
613 "Postmaster"
614 "Fire Guard"
615 "Inspector"
645 "Signalman"
646 "Major"
647 "Leading Aircraftman"
648 "Lieutenant"
649 "Lance Corporal"
650 "Non-commissioned Officer"
651 "Officer"
652 "Second Officer"
653 "Assistant Officer"
654 "Commandant"
655 "Trooper"
656 "Sapper"
657 "Warrant Officer"
658 "Gunner"
659 "Captain"
660 "Seaman"
661 "Ensign"
662 "Purser"
663 "Ship's Mate"
664 "Cadet"
665 "Soldier"
666 "Military, n.e.c."
667 "Salvation Army Officer"
668 "Staff Officer"
669 "Corporal"
670 "Subaltern"

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680 "Deckhand"
700 "Trainee"
701 "Doctor"
702 "Surgeon"
703 "Physician"
704 "Medical Assistant"
705 "Hospital Staff"
715 "Pharmacist"
716 "Assistant Pharmacist"
717 "Laboratory Technician"
718 "Surveyor"
725 "Patient"
726 "Hospital Patient"
727 "Asylum Patient"
728 "Hospital Boarder"
746 "Wine Clerk"
747 "Night Hostess"
748 "Patron"
749 "Washer"
750 "Dishwasher"
751 "Bartender"
752 "Barmaid"
753 "Bar Boy"
754 "Waitress"
755 "Waiter"
756 "Concierge"
757 "Bellhop"
758 "Porter"
759 "Hotel Help"
760 "Accountant"
761 "Bookkeeper"
762 "Broker"
763 "Entrepreneur"
764 "Intern"
765 "Office Employee"
766 "Office Clerk"
767 "Secretary"
768 "Stenographer"
769 "Messenger"
770 "Office Boy"
771 "Chief Clerk"
775 "Bank Clerk"
776 "Trader"
777 "Telephone Operator"
778 "Technician"
779 "Operator's Assistant"
780 "Provincial Secretary"
781 "Printer"

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782 "Operator"
783 "Bursar"
784 "Bus Boy"
800 "Butcher"
805 "Baker"
806 "Grocer"
825 "Cashier"
848 "Linen Sorter"
849 "Tailor"
850 "Dressmaker"
851 "Seamstress"
852 "Laundress"
853 "Laundry Man"
854 "Cobbler"
855 "Jeweller"
856 "Cheesemaker"
857 "Hostler"
858 "Checker"
859 "Merchant"
900 "Federal Government Employee"
901 "Mayor"
947 "Lobster Factory Employee"
948 "Maintenance"
949 "Machinist"
950 "Foreman"
951 "Foreman's Helper"
954 "Member's Relative, n.e.c"
955 "Member's Wife"
956 "Member's Son"
957 "Member's Daughter"
958 "Mother, Unwed"
959 "Motor Man"
960 "Forester"
961 "Logger"
962 "Log Driver"
963 "Lumberman"
964 "Craftsman"
965 "Miner"
966 "Yardsman"
967 "Railroad Employee"
968 "Teamster"
969 "Mill Worker"
970 "Mechanic"
971 "Truck Driver"
972 "Traveller"
973 "Repairer"
974 "Sexton"
975 "Brander"

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976 "Elevator Operator"
977 "Stoker"
978 "Community Member"
979 "Golf Pro"
980 "Musician"
981 "Painter"
982 "Photographer"
983 "Choir Member"
984 "Busker"
985 "Hind Man"
986 "Choreman"
987 "Boiler"
988 "Salesperson"
989 "Agent"
990 "Member"
991 "Labourer"
992 "Helper"
993 "Worker"
994 "Clerk"
995 "Clerk, n.e.c."
996 "Assistant, n.e.c."
997 "Apprentice"
998 "Relative of Employee"
999 "Employee, n.s."
1001 "Beau Fils"
1002 "Beau Frere"
1003 "Beau Pere"
1004 "Beau Grandpere"
1005 "Belle Fille "
1006 "Belle Soeur"
1007 "Belle Mere"
1008 "Belle Grandmere"
1009 "Beau Petit Fils"
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"

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99999904 "Invalid Value"

99999999 "Uncodable"

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