

History - What can the census tell us about local areas?

census	An official survey recording information about a population.
decade 🔑	Ten years.
Head of Household	The main person responsible for earning money and making important decisions for the household.
historical enquiry 🔑	The process of investigating the past by asking questions, examining sources and piecing together how things happened.
inference	Using the clues in sources to form an idea.
local history	The study of the history of an area, looking at its past events, people and changes over time.
occupation 🔑	A person's job or profession.
politics 🔑	Activities or ideas involved in making decisions for a country, city or group.
reliable 🔑	Something or someone that can be trusted.
suffrage 🔑	The right to vote in political elections.



Key vocabulary

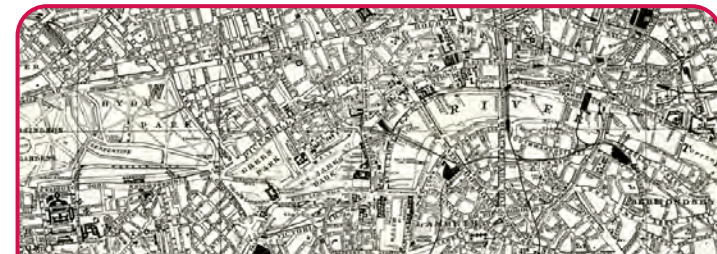


Birth, marriage and death records not only identify and confirm births, marriages and deaths but also give extra information such as who witnessed marriages and people's occupations.

What sources can provide information about the local area?

Area	1801	1811	1821	1831
St Pancras	2,716	11,896	76,000	90,812
St Mary Abchurch	3,127	96,829	112,761	82,847
St Martin in the Fields	3,929	51,029	26,083	31,341
City of London Union	454	58,982	27,149	29,783
St Martin in the Fields	305	24,640	11,371	13,722
St George, Hanover Square	481	78,230	81,920	100,510
St James Westminster	114	31,426	7,577	16,829
St Margaret St John	917	15,609	33,490	33,115
St Mary Redcliffe	1277	4,634	13,690	75,172
St Mary Lambeth	4,115	10,825	13,690	75,172
St Mary Southwark	2,115	14,778	31,089	33,889

The census is a survey collecting information from every household in the country. It can be used to focus on specific people and places or to identify changes in a particular household over a period of time. It contains information such as the names of people living in a household, their ages, occupations, places of birth, their relationship to the head of household and the number of rooms in a dwelling.



Old maps or plans of the local area show what it was like in the past and allow people to identify how the local area has changed.



The history of the census timeline

