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Circular No. 9 – Census Records I: State Enumerations

Because enumerations are difficult to reference, anyone seeking information from these records is encouraged to visit the Archives of Michigan to consult the desired census in person. Periodically during the nineteenth century, usually during those years ending in 4, the State of Michigan conducted censuses, primarily for apportionment purposes. Due to a variety of tragedies, only a few of these records survive today. Listed below is an inventory of the enumerations available at the Archives of Michigan. A maximum of 5 different schedules were prepared during any given canvass, and they are listed across the top of the columns (Inhabitants, Mortality, Agriculture, Industry, and Social Statistics). The figures that appear below each schedule are the microfilm reel numbers that cover that particular subject area. Additional information on the state of Michigan censuses can be found in the magazine "Family Trails," volume 6, number 1 (Summer-Fall, 1978). In the list below, not all townships may be represented for the years given. Not all surviving schedules are complete.

County	Year	Inhabitants	Mortality	Agriculture	Industry	Social Statistics	Index
Allegan	1894			4784			
Baraga	1884	1	1	1			X
Baraga	1894	1	1		1	1	X
Barry	1884	5033-34	5034	5034	5034		
Barry	1894	5035	5035		5035	5035	
Bay	1884	5637-39	5639	5640	5640		
Bay	1894	4834-36	4836	4836	4836	4836	
Benzie	1884	5636					
Benzie	1894	5636					
Branch	1854	2121 (Coldwater Township Only)					
Branch	1874	2121					
Clinton	1864	4838		4838	4838		X
Crawford	1884	222		222	222		
Crawford	1894	222	222	222	222	222	
Dickinson	1894	4839	4839A				
Eaton	1845	627					X
Eaton	1854	627		627	627		X
Eaton	1864	629		629	629		
Eaton	1874	632		632	632		X
Emmet	1884	2025			2025	2025	X
Emmet	1894		633	633	633		
Gratiot	1894	4840					
Hillsdale	1884	2002 (Scipio through Hillsdale Township Only)					
Hillsdale	1894	2002-03					
Houghton	1864	5216					

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Houghton	1874	5216					
Ingham	1884	1788-89	1789	1789	1789	1789	
Ingham	1894	1790-93		1793	1793		
Iosco	1894	638					
Isabella	1884		639		639		
Isabella	1894				639		
Jackson	1884	4789-90					
Jackson	1894	4791-92					
Kalamazoo	1884	4795					
Kalamazoo	1894	4796-97					
Kent	1884	2014-16	2016	2016-17	2017		X
Kent	1894	2018-20		2020			
Keweenaw	1884	5217	5217	5217	5217		
Keweenaw	1894	5217		5217	5217		
Lake	1934	RG 78-20					
Lapeer	1884	5641					
Lapeer	1894	5642-43					
Menominee	1884	5644		5645	5645		
Menominee	1894	5646	5646	5646			
Midland	1894	4837					
Montcalm	1884	1940			1940	1940	
Montcalm	1894	1941-42					X
Muskegon	1884	2004-05	2005			RG 78-98	
Muskegon	1894	2005-06	2006			2006	
Newaygo	1864	RG 79-62		RG 79-62	RG 79-62		
Newaygo	1884	1711-12	4808	4808	4808	4808	X
Newaygo	1894	1712					
Ottawa	1884	4828-29					
Ottawa	1894	4830		4830-31			
Roscommon	1884	4793		4793	4793		
St. Clair	1884	2070-71					
St. Clair	1894	2072-74					
St. Joseph	1845	4798					X
St. Joseph	1884	4798-99			4799	4799	
St. Joseph	1894	4800-01			4801	4801	
Sanilac	1864	217		217	217		
Sanilac	1884	218-219					
Sanilac	1894	220-221					
Van Buren	1845	2075					
Wexford	1884					RG 78-98 (Newaygo County)	

* Social Statistics include information about:

1. Schools (number of teachers and their wages, number of pupils, value of estate, kind and amount of taxes, number of months in session, and type of building construction).
2. Libraries (name of or identification of owner and number of volumes).
3. Churches (name, denomination, ownership of parsonage, type of construction material, seating capacity, and value of property).
4. Newspapers (name, frequency, and circulation).