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Andorra

Records

Dates covered

Church Records

christenings, marriages, burials
Roman Catholic Diocese of Urgel (Spain)

1851 – 1876

Civil Registration

births, marriages, deaths
Ancestry.com

1924 – 2016

Census Records

kept at municipal or parish level

1700 – present

Helpful Tools

Gazetteer

List of cities and towns in Andorra https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_and_towns_in_Andorra

Online Catalanian Dictionary <https://glosbe.com/ca/en>

Genealogical Societies

La Societat Catalana de Genealogia (SCGHSVN)

c. Jaume I, 33-51
08195 Sant Cugat del Vallès
(Vallès Occidental) Barcelona
Spain
Telephone: 93 554 52 50
Email: scgenealogia.cultura@gencat.cat

Germany

Records	Dates covered
Civil Registration Contain the full legal names for births, marriages and death	everywhere: 1872 to present (from 1796 in areas bordering France)
Church Records Contain full names for christenings, marriages and burials	from 1575 to present
Other records Tax Records, Guild Records, Military Records, Ortsfamilien-Bücher, Census Records, Land Conveyances, Court Records. Contain names, ages at time of important life events, some relationships to other relatives.	From 1200 to present
Helpful Tools	Dates covered
Meyers Ortslexikon Shows in 1914 to which parish and civil registration office. https://www.meyersgaz.org/	1914
Genealogical Societies	
Computerverein für Genealogie Contains online maps, search engines and advice. Arranged by locality. https://wiki.genealogy.net/Hauptseite	
DAGV (Dachverband für Genealogische Vereine) Contains contact information on most of the primary genealogical societies.	

Austria

Records

Civil Registration

Birth, marriage and death records are kept by the local civil registration office (Standesamt)

Dates covered

Since 1939 nationwide and in Vienna since 1860

Church Records

Church records (Christenings, Marriages, and Burials)

www.familysearch.org | www.matricula-online.eu | Contact the church directly

Since 1500

Other records

Tax Records, Guild Records, Military Records, Land Records, etc. dating back to the late Middle Ages are kept in the National and Regional Archives

Helpful Tools

Broschüre zu Familienforschung in Austria

https://www.dioezese-linz.at/dl/MrKNJKJkLmlkJqx4kJK/Tipps_Familienforschung_2018_pdf

Genealogisches Ortsverzeichnis Österreich (Felix Gundacker)

<https://www.genteam.at>

FamilySearch Wiki Article covering Austria

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Austria_Genealogy

Sütterlinschrift lesen

<http://www.suetterlineschrift.de>

Online Lektionen und Datenbanken für Österreich (Norbert Willmann)

<https://nw-service.at/>

Kurrent- Deutsche Schrift

<http://www.kurrent.de/index.htm>

Genealogical Societies

Familia-Austria

<https://www.familia-austria.at>

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Familien- und regionalgeschichtlicher Forschung (ÖRF)

<https://oe-fr.at>

Heraldisch-Genealogische Gesellschaft „Adler“

www.adler-wien.at

Switzerland

Records

Dates covered

Civil Registration

Births, Marriage Banns, Deaths, Census Records, Guild Records. Provides full name and place as well as the name/profession of the parents. Records are kept locally at the Civil Registration Office and/or at the Canton Level

Kept everywhere from 1876 onwards but depending on the canton kept as early as 1798 in the Canton of Geneva

Church Records

Christenings, Marriages, Burials. Also provides the names, dates and places of these life events as well as the names of the parents

Kept since the mid-1500's

Helpful Tools

Familienbuch der Schweiz

Pinpoints the location of every Swiss Family during the mid-1800's
<https://hls-dhs-dss.ch/famn/?lg=d>

Fuzzy Gazetteer

Computer aided search for finding locations with various alternative spellings
<http://isodp.hof-university.de/fuzzyg/query>

Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents

by Roger P. Minert
ISBN: 9780967842073

Julius C. Billeter Collection in [www. FamilySearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Microfiche 0193466 → 0193488

FamilySearch Wiki Article on Switzerland

www.familysearch.org

Genealogical Societies

Geneal-Forum

<https://www.geneal-forum.com>

Albania

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials Roman-Catholic, Greek Orthodox (30 %); Islam (70%) Local Parishes and Dioceses; Central State Archive of Albania	1700--1950
Civil Registration Births, marriages, deaths Local municipal and community offices; older records kept by Central State Archive of Albania	1929 – present (births and marriages only available from 1929 – 1950)
Census Records General Directorate of Archives: https://www.arkiva.gov.al/	Ottoman Empire: 1831, 1881/1883 Albanian Administration: 1923, 1930, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965

Helpful Tools

Gazetteers <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/371990-albania-official-standard-names-approved-by-the-u-s-board-on-geographic-names?offset=1>

Maps

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Albanien/@41.1529482,20.0894697,8z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x13453bf3bd274c2d:0x77ce589d6983bee!8m2!3d41.153332!4d20.168331>

Albanian Genealogical Word List

<https://omniglot.com/language/phrases/albanian.php#:~:text=English>

Genealogical Societies

Foundation for East European Family History Studies

<https://feefhs.org/>

Wales

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, banns/licenses, marriages, burials	1541 -- 1907
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths Superintendent registrar: https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/reg/index.html Office for National Statistics	1837 -- present
Census Records https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1493745 https://1841census.co.uk/pre-1841-census-information/	1801, then every ten years until 1991

Helpful Tools

Gazetteers <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/281780?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
Maps <https://places.library.wales/>
Welsh Language https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wales_Languages

Genealogical Societies

List of Regional Societies

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wales_Societies

Serbia

Records	Dates covered
Church Records Serbian Orthodox https://spc.rs/eng/contact , https://archivum.asztrik.hu/?q=en	1837 – present
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths kept at civil registration office (Ministry of Internal Affairs)	1895 – present
Census Records local and regional archives	Austrian Empire 1733, Serbian Head of Household: 1815, 1824, 1834; Serbian Entire Family: 1863, 1866, 1874, 1884, 1895, 1900, 1905, 1910, 1912

Helpful Tools	
Online Maps https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Serbia_Maps	
Serbo-Croatian Genealogical Word List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Serbo-Croatian_Genealogical_Word_List	
Archives of Serbia https://arhivsrbije.rs/	

Genealogical Societies	
Society of Serbian Armigers http://www.heraldikasrbija.rs/	
Society of Serbian Genealogists “Poreklo” https://www.poreklo.rs/poreklo-in-english/	
Rodoslovije Serbian Genealogy Society https://www.rodoslovlje.com/	
Serbian Heraldry Society http://srpskoheraldickodrustvo.com/index.html	
Ancestry.com Message Board for Serbia https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.europe.yugoslavia.serbia/1865	

Romania

Records	Dates covered
Church Records Romanian National Archives http://arhivelenationale.ro/site/en/first-page/	1600 -- present
Civil Registration https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/groups/e803503e-76c5-4fcd-ba84-ef9a82a3ff41	1865 – 1903
Census Romanian National Archives http://arhivelenationale.ro/site/en/first-page/	1785 (Austrian-Hungarian Empire) 1859, 1899, 1912, 1930, 1941,1956,1966

Helpful Tools
Online Interactive Map http://arhivelenationale.ro/site/en/first-page/
Arhiva Transilvania https://www.arhivatransilvania.ro/index.htm and for 1850-1914 (civil registration): http://hpdt.ro:4080/
Romanian Paleography (old handwriting, mitric alphabet) https://www.slideshare.net/LilianaBencea/1936-bogdandamianhenristahlmanualdepaleografieslavoromana?from_action=save Little recorded data https://billiongraves.com Jewish Records at JewishGen https://www.jewishgen.org Meta Sourcing (other sources) https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/romanian/romanian-genealogy-resources/ https://feefhs.org/resource/romania Romanian Archives (Ministry of Domestic Affairs) http://arhivelenationale.ro/site/

Genealogical Societies
Romanian Genealogy Society https://romaniangenealogy.com/?fbclid=IwAR2kOhK9y4SAgcxQ85HVa6jIFccxm-K67w8EOjEpyrrs2K1GzHlogRw_cWc

Cyprus

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials Cyprus Research Centre P.O. Box 21952 1515 Nicosia, CYPRUS	1839 – present kept in local parishes
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths Civil Registry and Migration Office Arch. Makariou Avenue, 90 1077 Nicosia, CYPRUS	1878 – present
Census Records Office of the Ministry of the Interior	1860 (Ottoman Administration) 1901, 1911, 1921, 1931, 1946, 1960, 1973, 1976, 1982, 1991

Helpful Tools

Maps <https://www.google.com/maps/@35.1636078,32.3011023,8z>

Greek Genealogical Word List [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Greek_Genealogical_Word_List_\(modern_Demotic\)](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Greek_Genealogical_Word_List_(modern_Demotic))

Genealogical Societies

Message Board <https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.europe.cyprus>

Slovenia

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials Inventory of church parishes: http://www2.arnes.si/~rzjtopl/ziz/ziz.htm Status Animarum (Church Census): https://www.nadskofija-ljubljana.si/nadskofija/nadskofijski-arhiv/ (Ljubljana) ; https://www.nadskofija-maribor.si/web/index.php/vodstvo/nadskof-arhiv (Maribor)	1550 – present 1750 - present
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1985107 https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1491143 (funerals) kept at provincial archives or civil registration office	1895 – 1918 1937 - 1970
Census https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/1004032?availability=Family%20History%20Library	1830 (Ljubljana only); 1857, 1869, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1921, 1928, 1931
Helpful Tools	
Slovenia Letter Writing Guide https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Slovenia_Letter_Writing_Guide Old Maps of Slovenia https://www.oldmapsonline.org/en/Slovenia#bbox=13.375469559999999,45.42142412000001,16.59677015,46.876681520000005&q=&date_from=0&date_to=9999&scale_from=&scale_to=	
Genealogical Societies	
Slovenian Genealogy Society International https://www.slovenianguenealogy.org/	

Greece

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials kept at civil district [eparhia] level	1500's in some places and late 1600's elsewhere
Civil Records births, marriages, deaths Town Records [dimotologion] in family groups	1840 to 1945 1887- present
Census Records (Hellenic Statistical Authority) http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/categoryyears?p_cat=10007862&p_topic=10007862&fbclid=IwAR1Z3ogPNVrkAc5WI-Bp9bhcsqjmv1HSO4-tl_soX_WZ45tptVM7n71mwwU (difficult to obtain public access)	1724 - 1889
Helpful Tools	
Gazetteer https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/9/98/Greek_Gazetteer_Vol._1_Part_1%2C_by_Lica_Catsakis.pdf Conversion of Old Town Names to Modern Town Names https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/1/18/Old_and_New_Names_of_Towns.pdf	
Greek Genealogical Word List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Greek_Genealogical_Word_List_(modern_Demotic) Greek Handwriting https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Reading_Greek_Old_Handwriting_Made_Easy	

Genealogical Societies	
National Hellenic Society Hellenic Historical and Genealogical Association	https://www.nationalhellenicsociety.org/ https://www.helleniccomserve.com/hhga.html

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christening, marriages, burials view at Family History Center or Croatian State Archives http://www.arhiv.hr/Croatian-State-Archives	1516 - 1994
Civil Registration contact Ministry of Justice and Administration E-mail: pitanja@mpu.hr	1946 – present
Census Records names lists, where they exist, are located in municipal and district archives	1804/05, 1857, 1869 and every ten years: 1880-1910
Helpful Tools	
Gazetteers Austrian General Gazetteer, vol. 6 (Krain), 7 (Coastal Region), 14 (Dalmatia) https://digi.landesbibliothek.at/viewer/image/AC03177788/2/LOG_0002/	
Croatian Genealogical Word List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Serbo-Croatian_Genealogical_Word_List	
Genealogical Societies	
Croatian Genealogy and Heraldic Society http://www.croatia.org/crown/croatians/www.croatians.com/CROATIAN%20GEN.htm	

Portugal

Records		Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials www.familysearch.org , www.FindMyPast.com , www.MyHeritage.com ; www.Tombo.pt		1563 – 1910
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths www.familysearch.org kept at local civil registry office and after many years sent to District Archives		1832- present
Census Records kept at district archives and sometimes at local parishes		1527, 1639, 1732, 1798, 1801
Helpful Tools		
Gazetteer		https://purl.pt/13938/4/
Conferencia Episopal Portuguesa Online Church Directory		https://www.conferenciaepiscopal.pt/v1/dioceses/
Portuguese Word List		https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Portuguese_Genealogical_Word_List
Genealogical Societies		
São Jorge Genealogical Society		https://saojorgegenealogy.org/
Message Board for Portuguese Research		www.ancestry.com

Denmark

Records	Dates covered
Church Records Christenings, Confirmations, Marriages and Burials Arrivals and Removals from Parishes Online at FamilySearch, Ancestry.com, Find My Past, and My Heritage	1576- 1959 1814 - present
Civil Records Births, marriages, deaths	1924 – 1924 nationwide (Marriage Records in Copenhagen 1739-1964) (Deaths 1857-1932)
Census Records 1769, 1787, 1801, 1834, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1870, etc.	en.rigsarkivet.dk (Danish National Archive)
Helpful Tools	
Gazetteer of Denmark https://www.geonames.org/search.html?q=Denmark&country=	
Nordic Handwriting https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/scandinavian-handwriting	
Genealogical Societies	
Samfundet for Dansk genealogi or Personahistorie http://www.genealogi.dk/	
National Danish-American Genealogical Society https://danishgenealogy.org/	

Kilder	Tidsperiode for kilderne
Kirkebøger Fødsel/dåb, Konfirmationer, Ægteskaber, Dødsfald og begravelser Tilgangs – og Afgangslister fra sognene Online på Arkivalieronline - Kirkebøger fra hele landet (sa.dk) FamilySearch, www.ancestry.se , MyHeritage	1576- 1960/dødsfald indtil 1969 1814 – 1860
Kommunale optegnelser Fødsler, ægteskaber, dødsfald/begravelser i København www.kbharkiv.dk	Borgerlige ægteskaber, København, 1739-1964 Dødsfald/begravelser, København 1857-1932
Folketællinger 1769, 1787, 1801, 1834, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1870, etc.	https://www.sa.dk/ao-soegesider/da/rif/rif-collection/7
Værdifulde værktøjer	
Aviser/tidsskrifter, Historiske sognegrænser, slægtshistoriske databaser http://www.salldata.dk/ http://www.krabsen.dk/stednavnebase/ https://www.danishfamilysearch.dk www.digdag.dk https://www.ddd.dda.dk/soeg_person_enkel.asp	
Nordisk Håndskrift/gotisk https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/scandinavian-handwriting , www.gotisk.dk	
Slægtshistoriske Foreninger	
Samfundet for Dansk genealogi og Personalhistorie http://www.genealogi.dk/ Danske Slægtsforskere www.slaegt.dk	
National Danish-American Genealogical Society https://danishgenealogy.org/	

Norway

Records		Dates covered
Church Records christenings, confirmations, marriages, burials, arrivals and removals		1634 - 1941
Ancestry.com 1634 – 1941 DigitalArkivet FamilySearch.org 1634 – 1930	Find My Past 1634 - 1927 My Heritage 1634-1941 Norwegian Historical Data Ctr. 1700-1900	
Civil Registration Ancestry.com		1880 - present
Census Records FamilySearch.org or regional state archives		1500's – present on regional level, since 1800's at national level; every 10 years since 1900.
Helpful Tools		
Gazetteers Worldwide Online Gazetteer: https://archive.org/search.php?query=World%20Gazetteer Listing of Norway's parishes: http://www.norwayparishes.com/ Listing of Norway's Farm Names: https://www.dokpro.uio.no/rygh_ng/rygh_form.html		
Norwegian Genealogical Word List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Norwegian_Genealogical_Word_List		
Genealogical Societies		
Genealogy Society of Norway Norsk Slektshisorish Forening Norsk Lokalhistorisk Institutt NLI	https://www.slektogdata.no/ http://genealogi.no/ e-mail: nli@lokalhistorie.no	

Spain

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, confirmations, marriages, burials www.familysearch.org	1563 – present
Civil Records births, marriages, deaths kept at local civil registration office	1869 – present
Census Records local census records exist for various regions: Barcelona, Asturias, Aragon, Gerona www.familysearch.org	1749 – 1756 (Marques de Catastro de Ensenada) 1387 -- 1956

Helpful Tools

Gazetteers

Biblioteca Virtual Andalucia

<http://www.bibliotecavirtualdeandalucia.es/catalogo/consulta/registro.cmd?id=6353>

Conference Episcopal Espanola

<https://www.conferenciaepiscopal.es/diocesis>

Spanish Genealogical Word List

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Spanish_Genealogical_Word_List#General_Word_List

Latin Genealogical Word List

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Latin_Genealogical_Word_List

Genealogical Societies

Hispagen

<http://hispagen.es/>

Sweden

Records

Dates covered

Church Records

Christenings, marriages, burials, house records, moving in and out (Inflyttnings- och Utflyttningsländer)

Online at:

FamilySearch	1611-1920	FindMyPast	1611-1920
Ancestry.com	1451-2006	My Heritage	1611 - 1926
ArkivDigital	1690 – 1890	Riksarkivet	1690 - 1890

Helpful Tools

Sveriges Församlingar genom tiderna

<https://www.skatteverket.se/folkbokforing/sverigesforsamlingargenomtiderna/forteckning.4.18e1b10334ebe8bc80003999.html>

Contains history of parish boundary changes

Swedish Word List

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Swedish_Genealogical_Word_List

Swedish National Archives online database

<https://sok.riksarkivet.se/nad>

Swedish Handwriting

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Sweden_Handwriting

Genealogical Societies

PIS Föreningen

<https://www.dis.se/>

Föreningen Släktdata

<https://www.slaktdata.org/>

Genealogiska Föreningen

<https://www.genealogi.net/engresearch.htm>

France

Records	Dates covered
Civil Records Births, Marriages, Divorces, Deaths	1792-2020
Church Records Christenings, Marriages, Burials	1570- present
Census Records recorded and kept on regional level	1830-1911
Helpful Tools	Dates covered
French GenWeb Communes Gazetteer Listing of all towns	http://www.francegenweb.org/communes/recherche.php
French Republican Calendar Converter Free online tool for converting dates to the current calendar	https://www.napoleon.org/en/history-of-the-two-empires/the-republican-calendar/
French Language Word List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/French_Genealogical_Word_List	
Genealogical Societies	
There are at least 300 regionally based genealogical societies inside of France French Genealogical Federation https://genefede.eu/	

Romania

Records	Dates covered
Church Records None	No contract between Romanian Archives under the Ministry of Domestic Affairs and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Civil Registration None	No contract between Romanian Archives under the Ministry of Domestic Affairs and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Indexing Project: Romania—Civil Registration, 1865–1903 on https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/groups/e803503e-76c5-4fcd-ba84-ef9a82a3ff41
Census Records None	No contract between Romanian Archives under the Ministry of Domestic Affairs and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Helpful Tools	Dates covered
Arhiva Transilvania https://www.arhivatransilvania.ro/index.htm and for 1850-1914 (civil registration): http://hpdtr.ro:4080/	[enter text]
Romanian Paleography (old handwriting, mitric alphabet) https://www.slideshare.net/LilianaBencea/1936-bogdandamianhenristahlmanualdepaleografieslavoromana?from_action=save Little recorded data https://billiongraves.com Jewish Records at JewishGen https://www.jewishgen.org Meta Sourcing (other sources) https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/romanian/romanian-genealogy-resources/ https://feefhs.org/resource/romania Romanian Archives (Ministry of Domestic Affairs) http://arhivelenationale.ro/site/	[enter text]

Genealogical Societies

Romanian Genealogy Society

(We do not know much about it)

https://romaniangenealogy.com/?fbclid=IwAR2kOhK9y4SAGcxQ85HV6jIFccxm-K67w8EOjEpyrrs2K1GzHlogRw_cWc

Iceland

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials church census http://skjalaskrar.skjalasafn.is/r/MjU5OTU3 moves in and out of parish	1664- present 1744- 1965
Civil Registration births, marriages and deaths (municipal and county magistrates office) Naturalizations, divorces, adoptions, name changes (Ministry of Justice)	1953 - present
Census Records Online at: FamilySearch.org; National Archives http://www.manntal.is/?lang=en	1703, 1816 - 1920
Helpful Tools	Dates covered
Íslendingabók (available to legal residents of Iceland only) https://www.islendingabok.is/login	1800's to present
Surname Navigator Iceland https://www.geneaservice.nl/navigator/iceland/index.html	
Icelandic Genealogical Word List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Icelandic_Genealogical_Word_List	
Genealogical Societies	
The Icelandic Genealogy Society https://www.facebook.com/AEttfraedifelagid/	
National Archives of Iceland https://skjalasafn.is/national_archives_of_iceland	

Hungary

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, deaths	1660's to present
Roman Catholic	1660's/1680's to present
Lutheran	Early 1700's to present
Calvinist (Reformed)	Early 1700's to present
Unitarian	No fixed dates Before 1787, records from all other denominations under the supervision of the Roman Catholic Church
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths	1895 – present Online at FamilySearch.org and My Heritage
Census Records Family History Library in Salt Lake City, access restricted in Hungary	1696 (Buda only), nationwide 1715, 1720, 1728, 1747, 1784/85, 1808, 1828, 1848 (Jews only), 1850, 1857, 1869, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1941, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990

Helpful Tools

Hungary GenWeb Project: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~wghungar/>

Gazetteers: <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/196762-redirect#page=1&viewer=picture&o=&n=0&q=>
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/493286-redirect#page=1&viewer=picture&o=&n=0&q=>
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/281247-redirect#page=1&viewer=picture&o=&n=0&q=>

Hungarian Genealogical Word List:
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hungarian_Genealogical_Word_List

Hungarian Handwriting:
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hungary_Letter_Writing_Guide

Netherlands

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials (sometimes confirmations, membership records, conversions)	1550-1811 https://www.openarch.nl/ www.familysearch.org
Civil Records Births, marriages, deaths	1811-present https://geneaknowhow.net/digi/bronnen.html https://www.dutchgenealogy.nl/top-10-dutch-genealogy-websites/
Population Registers (bevolkingsregister) [Description]	1574-1940 www.familysearch.org (Netherlands, Population Index 1720-1944)

Helpful Tools	Dates covered
Gazetteer	1859 https://www.van-diemen-de-jel.nl/Gemhis/index2.html
Dutch Word List	https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Dutch_Genealogical_Word_List
Dutch Handwriting	https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Netherlands_Handwriting
Genealogical Societies	
Central Bureau voor Genealogie	https://cbg.nl/
The Dutch Genealogical Society	https://www.genhomepage.com/

Italy

Records	Dates covered
Church Records (Catholic) christenings, marriage banns, marriages, burials, church census https://www.italianparishrecords.org , www.familysearch.org	1563 –present (in a few places starts earlier)
(Jewish) Contact an Israeli Consulate	
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths Kept at local level www.antenatisan.beniculturali.it ; www.familysearch.org	1806-1815; 1870-present
[name or type]	[enter text]
Helpful Tools	Dates covered
Italian Word List	https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Italian_Genealogical_Word_List
Catholic Parish Search	https://www.italianparishrecords.org/
Archivi di Stato (Search Engine for Provincial Archives)	https://www.beniculturali.it/enti/archivi-di-stato

Genealogical Societies
Istituto genealogico italiano genealogia.it/English/index
Italian Genealogy www.daddezio.com

Belgium

Records	Dates covered
Civil Registration Births, Marriages, Deaths Look at: MyHeritage, arch.be	1795-1910
Church Records Christenings, Marriages, Burials Look at: FamilySearch Historical Records	1560-1890
Census Families and Individuals by locality	1792- present

Helpful Tools	Dates covered
BYU Research Guide to Belgium Comprehensive Guide	http://files.lib.byu.edu/family-history-library/research-outlines/Europe/Belgium.pdf
Online Search for persons in Archive Search Engine for Belgian Archives	Geneaknowhow.net

Genealogical Societies	
Belgium Genealogical Forum	genealogy.com/forum/regional/countries/topics/belgium
The Belgian Researchers	Email: babette602001@gmail.com Website: The Belgian Researchers, Inc. Groups: Belgian Researchers Group Facebook: The Belgian Researchers Queries Blogspot: What's New in Belgian Genealogical Research?

Liechtenstein

Records	Dates covered
Births and Christenings available at FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com, and FindMyPast.com	1650-1875
Civil Registration Civil Registry Office St. Florinsgasse 3 P.O. Box 684 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein	1875-present
Land Records Liechtensteinisches Urkundenbuch www.lub.li	1417-1510

Helpful Tools	Dates covered
Fuzzy Gazetteer Online Gazetteer	http://isodp.hof-university.de/fuzzyg/query

Genealogical Societies	
Geneal-Forum Online Genealogical Forum	https://www.geneal-forum.com
Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents Roger P. Minert	ISBN: 9780967842073

Poland

Records	Dates covered
Church Records Christenings, Marriages, Burials Roman Catholic records are kept in the parishes whereas Protestant records are in the State Archives.	1548 – present (but often starting as late as 1700)
Civil Records Births, Marriages, Deaths;	Civil transcripts of church records since 1790's. After 110 years records are kept in the state archive
Census Records Householders, other family members	Late 1700's – present (kept by Prussian Administration, Russia and Austria depending on location)
Population Registers of Residents Moves and Arrivals [KSIĘGI LUDNOŚCI STAŁEJ]	1798 - present
Helpful Tools	Dates covered
Kartenmeister determines the corresponding church parish as well as civil registration office to which each locality belonged	1905 http://www.kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp
Meyer's 1871 Gazetteer Online Covers territory belonging to Germany. For territory belonging to Russia and Austria, go to Skorowidz Gazetteer Online: https://www.wbc.poznan.pl/dlibra/publication/edition/12786?id=12786&from=publication	1871 https://www.meyersgaz.org/
Genealogical Societies	
Polish Historical Society (Polskie Towarzystwo Historyczne) <i>Address:</i> Rynek Rynek Stare Miasto 29/31 00-272 Warsaw <i>Email:</i> pth@ihpan.edu.pl <i>Website:</i> http://www.pth.net.pl/	

Czech Republic

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials	1552 – 1981 (Regional Archives at Litomerice, Opava, Trebon and Zámrsk) 1571 – 1905 (Regional Archives - Northern Moravia) 1650 – 1900 (Regional Archives – Southern Moravia)
Civil Registration Births, marriages, deaths	1874 – 1937 Familysearch.org/search/collection/2207717; otherwise contact municipal vital records office
Census Records partially available online, the rest are in the archives	

Helpful Tools	Dates covered
Gazetteer Archives in the Czech Republic	Genteam.at Geniki.de/Kategorie:Archiv_in_Tschechien
Czech Genealogical Word List Czech Handwriting	Familysearch.org/en/wiki/Czech_Gen_Word_List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Czechia_Handwriting

Genealogical Societies	
Czech Genealogy and Heraldry Society in Prague	genealogie.cz/en/home
My Czech Roots Professional profitmaking enterprise	myczechroots.com

Estonia

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials https://www.ra.ee/ (Estonian National Archive); www.familysearch.org (Estonian Records); https://nimed.ee/ (Estonian Cultural Index)	1603 – 1980
Civil Records births, marriages, deaths https://nimed.ee/ (Estonian Cultural Index); or contact county civil registration office; or Archives of the Department of Population: https://www.siseministeerium.ee/en/certificates-and-extracts	1926
Census Records https://www.ra.ee/ (Estonian National Archive); https://raduraksti.arhivi.lv/collections/1:8 (Latvian State Historical Archives) for Tartu, Voru, Parnu and Arnsburg Counties	1881, 1897, 1922, 1959, 1970, 1989, 2000, 2011

Helpful Tools

Estonian Genealogical Word List

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Estonian_Genealogical_Word_List

Genealogical Societies

Estonian Genealogical Society

<https://www.genealoogia.ee/English/english.html>

Estonian Heritage Society

<https://muinsuskaitse.ee/>

Finland

Records	Dates covered
Protestant Lutheran Church https://astia.narc.fi/uusiastia/aineistot.html Christenings, Confirmations, Marriages, Burials, Moving in/out of parish Orthodox Church https://astia.narc.fi/uusiastia/aineistot.html Communion Books at Ancestry.com	1527 – 1922 1700's – 1900 1670 - 1917
Civil Registration: births, marriages, deaths Without confession 1923 – present: Everyone else 1970- present Census Records: 1634 - present	Write to: Väestörekisterikeskus PL 7 (Kellosilta 4) 00521 Helsinki Finland Telephone: 011-358-9-229 161 Fax: 011-358-9-2291 6795 URL: http://www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi/

Helpful Tools	Dates covered
Gazetteers	GeoNames.org, Finland World Gazetteer at Archive.org
Finnish Genealogical Word List	https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Finnish_Genealogical_Word_List
Genealogical Societies	
The Genealogical Society of Finland Suomen Sukututkimusseura/Genealogiska Samfundet i Finland	Liisankatu 16A 00170 Helsinki Finland Telephone: 011-358-9-278-1188 Fax: 011-358-9-278-1199 The Genealogical Society in Finland

Lithuania

Records	Dates covered
Church Records Roman Catholic https://www.metrikai.lt/index.php ; https://www.epaveldas.lt/ Jewish Protestant (Lutheran) https://www.epaveldas.lt/ Greek Orthodox/ Russian Orthodox Russian Old Believers	1613 – present 1835 – 1940 1833 – present 1796/ 1722 1874 - 1940
Civil Records births, marriages, deaths	1837 - 1940
Census Records	1923
Helpful Tools	
Locating the correct Catholic Parish https://gengen.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=feb35d29fa9f4582a71d728c77ef286e Locating graves http://atminimoknyga.lt/index.php	
Gazetteer http://lithuaniangenealogy.org/static_db/LT-gazetteer2.php?letter=A	
Genealogical Societies	
Lithuanian Global Genealogical Society http://lithuaniangenealogy.org/ Historical Archive of Lithuania https://www.archyvai.lt/en/genealogical-search.html	
Lithuanian Genealogy and Heraldry Society https://www.genealogija.lt/	

Belarus

Records	Dates covered
Church Records Russian Orthodox Greek Orthodox Roman Catholic Protestant (Lutheran) Old Believers Baptists	1641 – 1930 1722 – 1930 1796 – 1930 1613 – 1930 1641 – 1930 1874 – 1930 1879 -- 1930
Civil Records Contact local civil registration office	1920 – present
Census Records Russian Empire Census Revision Lists	1897 1794-1808, 1811, 1815-1825, 1833-1835, 1850-1852, 1857-1859

Helpful Tools	
Gazetteer Russian Word List	http://dir.icm.edu.pl/pl/Slownik_geograficzny/Tom_I/
Genealogical Societies	
Belarus Family Roots Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/belarus.family.roots/
Russian Genealogical Word List	https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Russian_Genealogical_Word_List
Reading Russian Documents	https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/reading-russian-documents-the-russian-alphabet

Latvia

Records		Dates covered
Church Records	https://www.raduraksti.arhivi.lv/collections/1:4:10 ; www.ancestry.com ; www.familysearch.org	
Lutheran		1608 - 1940
Roman Catholic		1613 – 1940
Russian Orthodox		1722 – 1940
Jewish		1835 – 1940
Old Believers		1874 – 1940
Baptists		1879 – 1940
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths	Ministry of Justice: https://www.tm.gov.lv/lv/pakalpojumi-0 ; For Riga, contact civil registration office: https://www.riga.lv/EN/Channels/Riga_Municipality/	1922 - 1990
1897 All-Russian Empire Census	https://raduraksti.arhivi.lv/collections/1:8 (in the Tautas skaitisana- Census Collection)	1897

Helpful Tools

Gazetteer <http://www.fallingrain.com/world/LG/>
Latvian Genealogical Word List
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Latvian_Genealogical_Word_List
Russian Genealogical Word List
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Russian_Genealogical_Word_List

Genealogical Societies

Latvian Genealogical Society
<http://www.celmina.com/society.html>

Rootes=Saknes
<http://www.rootes-saknes.lv/>

Russia

Records	Dates covered
Church Records births/christenings, marriages, deaths/burials Orthodox Church Catholics and Jews Lutherans Central Ecclesiastical or Civil Office	 1722 -- present 1826 -- present 1822 -- present
Civil Registration of Vital Records births, marriages, deaths Civil Registration Office in regions (ZAGS) after 75 years transferred to regional archives	 1919 – present
Census Records	Russian Empire Census 1897; Russian Census 2002, Family Lists 1860- 1918 kept at State Archives, Household Censuses 1646-1717 (male lineage and residence)

Helpful Tools

List of Russian Registration Offices <http://mxkr.ru/en/registry-offices>

Russian Genealogical Word Lists https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Russian_Genealogical_Word_List

Gazetteers https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Russia_Gazetteers

Maps of Russia https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Russia_Maps

Genealogical Societies

Russian Genealogy Society <http://www.petergen.com/irgoe.htm>

The Genealogy Center of the National Library of Russia <https://nlr.ru/eng/RA1503/genealogy-center>

slovakia

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials www.MyHeritage.com ; www.familysearch.org	1592 -- 1910
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths municipal and local record offices	1895 –1921 Austro-Hungarian Administration 1921 – present Czechoslovak Administration
Census Records regional archives	1784/85, 1808, 1828, 1848, 1850, 1857, 1869, 1880, 1890,1900, 1910 Austro-Hungarian Administration 1921, 1930, 1940, 1950, 1961, 1970, 1980, 1991 Czech-Slovak Administration

Helpful Tools

Gazetteers https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Slovakia_Gazetteers
Slovak Genealogical Word List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Slovak_Genealogical_Word_List

Genealogical Societies

Slovak Historical Society
<http://www.forumhistoriae.sk/en/k%C4%BE%C3%BA%C4%8Dov%C3%A9-slov%C3%A1/slovak-historical-society>

Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International
<https://cgsi.org/>

Armenia

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials www.familysearch.org	1811 -- 1934
Civil Registration Births, marriages, deaths varies by region	1920 -- present
Census Records Modern History Archive in Yerevan Family Lists National Archive in Yerevan	1922 – present 1881 – 1922

Helpful Tools
Gazetteers https://tert.nla.am/archive/HAY%20GIRQ/Ardy/2001-2011/hhbnakavayrer_2008.pdf Historical Gazetteer https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/%C4%96rivan_Gubernia_Gazetteers
Armenian Genealogical Word List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Armenian_Genealogical_Word_List Handwriting https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Armenia_Handwriting

Genealogical Societies
Armenian Genealogy Conference https://armeniangenealogyconference.com/ Society for Armenian Studies https://societyforarmenianstudies.com/

Romania

Înregistrări	Datele acoperite
Înregistrările bisericii Arhivele Naționale Române http://arhivelenationale.ro/site/en/first-page/	1600 -- prezent
Înregistrarea civilă https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/groups/e803503e-76c5-4fcd-ba84-ef9a82a3ff41	1865 – 1903
Recensământ Arhivele Naționale Române http://arhivelenationale.ro/site/en/first-page/	1785 (Imperiul Austro-Ungar) 1859, 1899, 1912, 1930, 1941,1956,1966

Instrumente ajutătoare
Hartă interactivă online http://arhivelenationale.ro/site/en/first-page/
Arhiva Transilvania https://www.arhivatransilvania.ro/index.htm și pentru 1850-1914 (înregistrarea civilă): http://hpdt.ro:4080/
Paleografia română (scris de mână vechi, alfabet mitric) https://www.slideshare.net/LilianaBencea/1936-bogdandamianhenristahlmanualdepaleografieslavoromana?from_action=save Puține date înregistrate https://billiongraves.com Înregistrări evreiești la JewishGen https://www.jewishgen.org Meta Sourcing (alte surse) https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/romanian/romanian-genealogy-resources/ https://feefhs.org/resource/romania Arhivele Române (Ministerul Afacerilor Interne) http://arhivelenationale.ro/site/
Societăți Genealogice
Societatea Română de Genealogie https://romaniangenealogy.com/?fbclid=IwAR2kOhK9y4SAgcxQ85HVa6jIFccxm-K67w8EOjEpyrrs2K1GzHlogRw_cWc

San Marino

Records

Church Records

Christenings, marriages, deaths

Until 1977 belonged to Roman Catholic diocese of Montefeltro→ now: San Marino-Montefeltro

Civil Registration

Segreteria di Stato per gli Affari Interni, la Funzione Pubblica, i Rapporti con le Giunte di Castello, la Semplificazione Normativa, gli Affari Istituzionale la Pace

Parva Domus

P.zza della Libertà (Freedom Square), 2

47890 San Marino

Email: segreteria.interni@gov.sm

Census Records

Census 1772-1947 are conserved by the central Archives of San Marino

Archivio di Stato - Republic of San Marino;

E-mail: paride@ciscoop.sm

Contrada Omerelli, 13 - San Marino

The State Archives for the Republic of San Marino has a digitized online collection for censimenti and stati d'anime records. Registration is required.

Helpful Tools

Italian Genealogical Word List

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Italian_Genealogical_Word_List

Genealogical Societies

Ancestry.com (Message Board):

<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.weurope.sanmarino>

Isle of Man

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials MyHeritage.com, www.familysearch.org , www.Ancestry.com	1598 – 1950
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths MyHeritage.com, www.familysearch.org , www.Ancestry.com , https://www.gov.im/categories/births-deaths-and-marriages/	1878 – present
Census Records www.familysearch.org , www.Ancestry.com , https://www.findmypast.co.uk/	1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911

Helpful Tools

Gazetteer <http://www.isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/gazateer/index.htm>
List of Parishes https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Isle_of_Man_Parishes
Manx Language https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Isle_of_Man_Languages

Genealogical Societies

The Isle of Man Family History Society <http://www.iomfhs.im/>
The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (Isle of Man Group Page) <https://isbgfh.org/links.php?sid=1>

www.Ancestry.com
Message Board for Isle of Man

Malta

Records

Dates covered

Church Records

Roman Catholic

1537 – present

Anglican

1801 – present

Local parishes/ Cathedral Museum (Archbishop Square- Mdina on Gonzo; Archbishop's Curia, St. Calcedonius Square, Floriana; National Library, Republic Square in Valletta; **See also**; Adami Collection:

1485 - 1868

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/1215731?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

Civil Registration

1863 – present

births, marriages, deaths

Public Registry: <https://pronline.identitymalta.com/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Census Records

Early 1500's, 1828, 1837, 1842, 1851, and every ten years thereafter

<https://www.geneanum.com/malte/bases/recensements.html>

Helpful Tools

Maltese Dictionary <https://mlrs.research.um.edu.mt/resources/gabra/#home>

Gazetteer <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015024981956&view=1up&seq=3>

Maps

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Malta/@35.94245,14.37835,11z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x130e45281d8647c5:0xf582d86136be4239!8m2!3d35.937496!4d14.375416>

Genealogical Societies

Malta Genealogy <https://www.maltagenealogy.com/>

Ancestry.com (Message Board for Malta) <https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.weurope.malta.general>

Moldova

Records

Dates covered

Church Records (Metrical books)

Orthodox

1812 – present

Protestant

1641 – present

Jews

1835 – present

Baptists

1879 – present

State Historical Archive until 1910; afterwards local civil registry office

Civil Registration

1920 – present

E-Mail: petitii@gov.md

Census Records

1860 – 1920

State Historical Archive in Kishiner

Helpful Tools

Gazetters: see FamilySearch.com https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Moldova_Gazetteers

Maps: Google Maps

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Moldawien/@46.9797334,28.3900073,7z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x40c97c3628b769a1:0x258119acdf53acdb!8m2!3d47.411631!4d28.369885>

Ukrainian Genealogical Word List: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ukrainian_Genealogical_Word_List

Romanian Genealogical Word List: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Romanian_Genealogical_Word_List

Genealogical Societies

Ancestry.com (Message Board for Moldova)

<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.europe.moldova>

Jewishgen database (Mailing List for Moldova)

<https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/>

Montenegro

Records

Church Records

Orthodox

Roman Catholic

Islam

local parish office/older records may be kept at diocese level

Civil Registration

civil registry office

<https://zakoni.skupstina.me/25saziv/index.php/en/skupstina/sluzba-skupstine/pisarnica>

Helpful Tools

Serbo-Croatian Genealogical Word List

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Serbo-Croatian_Genealogical_Word_List

Genealogical Societies

Ancestry.com (Message Board for Montenegro)

<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.europe.yugoslavia.montenegro>

Bosnia

Records

Church Records:

Google Map Results for Orthodox Church in Bosnia/Herzegovina

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/orthodox+churches+in+Bosnia+and+Herzegovina/@39.4261493,15.7716077,5z>

Google Map Results for Catholic Church in Bosnia/Herzegovina

https://www.catholicdirectory.com/search_results?q=&location_value=Wikipedia:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Catholic_dioceses_in_Bosnia_and_Herzegovina

Google Map Results for Protestant Churches in Bosnia/Herzegovina

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/protestant+churches+in+Bosnia+and+Herzegovina/@43.8124044,16.6395751,8z/data=!3m1!4b1>

Civil Records:

births, marriages, deaths

Kept until 1878 by Ottoman Administration; 1878- 1918 Austro-Hungarian Empire; since 1946 by Bosnia/Herzegovina (Formerly Yugoslavia)

Census Records:

Kept by Ottoman Administration until 1878; Austro-Hungarian Empire 1895, 1910; Yugoslavia starting 1921

Helpful Tools

Serbo-Croatian Genealogical Word List

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Serbo-Croatian_Genealogical_Word_List

Turkish Word List

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Turkish_Genealogical_Word_List

Scotland

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials www.FamilySearch.org ; MyHeritage: https://www.myheritage.de/research/collection-30226/schottland-geburten-und-taufen-1564-1950 FindMyPast: https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/scotland-parish-births-and-baptisms-1564-1929	1564 - 1929
Civil Registration “Statutory Registers” Scotland’s People: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/	1855 – present
Census https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/	1801, 1811, 1821, 1831, 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911
Helpful Tools	
Gazetteers: FamilySearch Places https://www.familysearch.org/research/places/?reqParents=10579050&reqParentsLabel=Scotland,%20United%20Kingdom&reqParentsType=580&pagenum=1&pagesize=20	
Maps: https://web.archive.org/web/20160704065941/http://www.scotlandsfamily.com/parish-maps.htm	
Genealogical Societies	
Scottish Association of Family History Societies https://www.safhs.org.uk/	
The Scottish Genealogy Society http://www.scotsgenealogy.com/	

Ireland

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials Church of Ireland Roman Catholic Presbyterian Methodist Quaker (Society of Friends)	 1536 – present 1750 – present 1605 – present 1746 – present 1654 -- present
Civil Registration https://www.familysearch.org/sea rch/collection/1408347	1845 – 1958
Census Records	1821 – 1911, 1926, 1936, 1946, 1951

Helpful Tools

Gazetteers

<https://www.irish-genealogy.com/irish-maps--gazetteers.html>

Map

<http://downsurvey.tcd.ie/down-survey-maps.php>

Genealogical Societies

The Irish Ancestral Research Association <https://tiara.ie/>
Irish Family History Foundation <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>
Irish Genealogical Research Society <http://www.igrsoc.org/>
Irish Genealogical Society International <https://www.irishgenealogical.org/>

England

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials Church of England (Anglican), Non-Conformists: Methodists, Society of Friends (Quakers), Roman Catholics www.familysearch.org , www.ancestry.com , www.FindMyPast.com , www.MyHeritage.com	1538 -- present
Civil Registration https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp	1837
Census Records National Archives: https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/census-records/ www.familysearch.org , www.myheritage.com , www.findmypast.com , www.ancestry.com	1801 and every 10 years thereafter

Helpful Tools
Gazetteer https://www.familysearch.org/research/places/?focusedId=267&searchTypeaheadInputText=england&text=england&pagenum=1&pagesize=20
Maps https://www.familysearch.org/mapp/
Genealogical Societies
Society of Genealogists https://www.sog.org.uk/
British Association for Local History https://www.balh.org.uk/societies-az

Bulgaria

Records

Church Records

1880 -- present

(christenings, marriages, burials) available mostly in the churches (Eastern Orthodox), sometimes they are destroyed, sometimes they are in the state archive, available online or per request on the premises of the local district archive. Usually, the records are from around 1880 but most likely after that date. The Catholic church has bigger archives, extending further back in time. The Roman Catholic church records for the town of Belene are available online on the website of the state archive (<https://www.archives.government.bg/>)

For Islamic or Jewish records one has to go in person to a functioning synagogue or mosque and ask if anything is available. There are Muslim graveyards, as well as Jewish graveyards, usually as part of a bigger graveyard. The older Muslim graves are with unnamed headstones.

Civil Records

(births, marriages, divorces, deaths)

Ottoman Empire: Records kept during the Ottoman Empire (available in Istanbul, Turkey, almost all digitalized), as well as a small portion in the Sv. Sv. Kiril i Metodiy Library, Sofia, Bulgaria. Very few are translated, most are in Ottoman Turkish

1500 – 1890

Bulgarian Administration: (GRAO Department in each municipality) Civil records are available per request only by direct descendants. The civil records for several villages and small towns around Sofia and Plovdiv are available online for free on www.FamilySearch.org

1893 – present
1893 -- 1910

Census Records

Census Records kept during the Ottoman Empire (they are in the process of being translated, are available in the original Ottoman Turkish language, in the Sv. Sv. Kiril i Metodiy Library in Sofia, Bulgaria) Census Records kept during the Bulgarian Administration are not available to the general public except for generation information in them- numbers, ethnical groups, etc but no names due to the law for protection of privacy.

Helpful Tools

Ottoman State Archives: <https://hazine.info/basbakanlik-arsivi/>

List of the Bulgarian casualties in the Serbian-Bulgarian War: [СПИСЪК НА ЗАГИНАЛИТЕ В СРЪБСКО-БЪЛГАРСКАТА ВОЙНА \(1885–1886 г.\)](#)

List of Bulgarians who died during the Balkan wars: [СПИСЪК НА ЗАГИНАЛИТЕ В БАЛКАНСКИТЕ ВОЙНИ \(1912–1913 г.\)](#)

List of Bulgarians who died during World War I:

[СПИСЪК НА ЗАГИНАЛИТЕ В ПЪРВАТА СВЕТОВНА ВОЙНА \(1915–1918 г.\)](#)

List of Bulgarians who died during World War II: [СПИСЪК НА ЗАГИНАЛИТЕ ВЪВ ВТОРАТА СВЕТОВНА ВОЙНА \(1939–1944 г.\)](#)

The Bulgarian State Archive: <https://www.archives.government.bg/>

Genealogical Societies

Jewish Groups on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/640100986908605/>

Other ways to research Bulgarian genealogy: joining Bulgarian genealogical groups on Facebook (for example Генеалогично ъгълче), visiting graveyards, churches, visiting the places where the ancestors were born.

Germany

AUFZEICHNUNGEN

Personenstandsregister

Geburts-, Heirats- und Sterbeaufzeichnungen
Enthält Namen, Daten und Orte der Lebensereignisse

Daten verfügbar

Seit 1872 bis heute
Seit 1796 in den Grenzgebieten zu Frankreich

Kirchenbücher (Matriken)

Taufbücher, Heiratsbücher, Sterbebücher
Enthält Namen, Daten und Orte der Lebensereignisse

Seit 1575

Katholische Kirchenbücher www.maticula-online.eu/
Evangelische Kirchenbücher <https://www.archion.de/>
Kath. und Ev. Kirchenbücher www.familysearch.org /

Andere Aufzeichnungen

Urbare, Grundbücher, Urkunden, Militärunterlagen, Ehedispensen, Eheverträge,
Zunftbücher, Verlassenschaften, Gerichtsakten, usw.
Enthalten Namen, Alter zum Zeitpunkt wichtiger Lebensereignisse

Seit 1200 bis heute
Auffindbar in den zuständigen Archiven

HILFREICHE WERKZEUGE

Meyers Ortslexikon

zeigt 1914 welches Pfarr- und Standesamt zuständig war
<https://www.meyersgaz.org/>

Sütterlinschrift lesen

<http://www.suetterlineschrift.de>

GENEALOGISCHE VEREINE

Computerverein für Genealogie

Enthält Online-Karten, Suchmaschinen und Ratgeber. Nach Orten geordnet.
<https://wiki.genealogy.net/Hauptseite>

DAGV (Dachverband für Genealogische Vereine)

Enthält Kontaktinformationen zu den meisten primären genealogischen Gesellschaften.
<https://www.dagv.org/>

Austria

AUFZEICHNUNGEN

Daten verfügbar

Personenstandsregister

Geburts-, Heirats- und Sterbeaufzeichnungen werden vom örtlichen Standesamt geführt
Enthält Namen, Daten und Orte der Lebensereignisse

Österreichweit seit 1939
Burgenland war ungarisch, daher seit 1895

Kirchenbücher (Matriken)

Taufbücher, Heiratsbücher, Sterbebücher
Enthält Namen, Daten und Orte der Lebensereignisse

Seit ca. 1500
www.familysearch.org
www.matricula-online.eu

Andere Aufzeichnungen

Urbare, Grundbücher, Urkunden, Militärunterlagen, Ehedispensen, Eheverträge, Zunftbücher, Verlassenschaften, Gerichtsakten, usw. enthalten Namen, Alter zum Zeitpunkt wichtiger Lebensereignisse

auffindbar in den Staats- und Regionalarchiven

HILFREICHE WERKZEUGE

GenTeam – Genealogische Datenbank für Österreich

https://www.genteam.at/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=33&Itemid=47&lang=de

FamilySearch Wiki Article covering Austria

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Austria_Genealogy

Sütterlinschrift lesen

<http://www.suetterlineschrift.de>

Broschüre zu Familienforschung in Austria

https://www.dioezeselinz.at/dl/MrKNJKJkLmlkJqx4kJk/Tipps_Familienforschung_2018_pdf

GENEALOGISCHE VEREINE

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Familien- und regionalgeschichtlicher Forschung (ÖFR)

<https://oe-fr.at>

Familia-Austria

<https://www.familia-austria.at>

IGAL – Interessengemeinschaft Ahnenforscher Ländle

Landesverein für Familienforschung in Vorarlberg <https://www.igal.at/>

Heraldisch-Genealogische Gesellschaft „Adler“

www.adler-wien.at

AUFZEICHNUNGEN

Daten verfügbar

Personenstandsregister

Geburten, Heiratsaufgebote, Todesfälle, Volkszählungsunterlagen, Gildenunterlagen.
Vollständiger Name und Ort sowie Name/Beruf der Eltern. Die Aufzeichnungen werden lokal
beim Zivilstandsamt und/oder auf Kantonsebene geführt

Ab 1876 überall aufbewahrt,
je nach Kanton
Ab 1798 im Kanton Genf

Kirchenbücher

Taufen, Hochzeiten, Beerdigungen. Enthält Namen, Daten und Orte der Lebensereignisse

Seit Mitte des 16. Jahrhunderts

HILFREICHE WERKZEUGE

Familiennamenbuch der Schweiz

alle Familien, die 1962 in einer schweizerischen Gemeinde das **Bürgerrecht**
besaßen.

<https://hls-dhs-dss.ch/famn/?lg=d>

Sütterlinschrift lesen

<http://www.suetterlineschrift.de>

Geneal-Forum

Diskussionsforum - Schweiz/Deutschland/Österreich/Frankreich

<https://www.geneal-forum.com/>

FamilySearch Wiki Article on Switzerland

www.familysearch.org

GENEALOGISCHE VEREINE

GHGO - Genealogisch-Heraldische Gesellschaft Ostschweiz

<https://www.ghgo.ch>

SGFF - Schweizer Gesellschaft für Familienforschung

<https://www.sgffweb.ch/>

Slovenia

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christenings, marriages, burials Inventory of church parishes: http://www2.arnes.si/~rzjtopl/ziz/ziz.htm Status Animarum (Church Census): https://www.nadskofija-ljubljana.si/nadskofija/nadskofijski-arhiv/ (Ljubljana) ; https://www.nadskofija-maribor.si/web/index.php/vodstvo/nadskof-arhiv (Maribor)	1550 – present 1750 - present
Civil Registration births, marriages, deaths https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1985107 https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1491143 (funerals) kept at provincial archives or civil registration office	1895 – 1918 1937 - 1970
Census https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/1004032?availability=Family%20History%20Library	1830 (Ljubljana only); 1857, 1869, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1921, 1928, 1931
Helpful Tools	
Slovenia Letter Writing Guide https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Slovenia_Letter_Writing_Guide Old Maps of Slovenia https://www.oldmapsonline.org/en/Slovenia#bbox=13.375469559999999,45.42142412000001,16.59677015,46.876681520000005&q=&date from=0&date to=9999&scale from=&scale to= Cadastral maps available at https://maps.arcanum.com/en/map/europe-18century-firstsurvey/?layers=163%2C165&bbox=-327151.1825471716%2C5473485.385116618%2C3388299.8883386757%2C6796763.218789589	
Genealogical Societies	
Slovenian Genealogy Society International- US based https://www.slovenianguenealogy.org/ Slovenian Genealogy Society- Slovenia based https://rodoslovje.si/	

Records	Dates covered
Church Records christening, marriages, burials view at Family History Center or Croatian State Archives (some records are kept at Church archives or parish offices as well) http://www.arhiv.hr/Croatian-State-Archives	1516 - 1994
Civil Registration Better to contact local Records office (Matični ured) for all records within the last 100 years. contact Ministry of Justice and Administration E-mail: pitanja@mpu.hr	1946 – present
Census Records NOT TRUE names lists, where they exist, are located in municipal and district archives There are no census records available for Croatia, for only the statistic's were saved, while all other information was destroyed. There are some military census's that can help, but they are	1804/05, 1857, 1869 and every ten years: 1880-1910
Helpful Tools	
Gazetteers Austrian General Gazetteer, vol. 6 (Krain), 7 (Coastal Region), 14 (Dalmatia) https://digi.landesbibliothek.at/viewer/image/AC03177788/2/LOG_0002/ Mjestopisni riječnik at https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nnc1.cu11705876&view=1up&seq=5	
Croatian Genealogical Word List https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Serbo-Croatian_Genealogical_Word_List	
Genealogical Societies	
Croatian Genealogy and Heraldic Society http://www.croatia.org/crown/croatians/www.croatians.com/CROATIAN%20GEN.htm Croatian genealogical society http://www.rodoslovlje.hr/ For area of Rijeka, Kastav, Matulji	