

### SPOTLIGHT

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A newsletter from East View highlighting census data from around the world

## GLOBAL CENSUS ARCHIVE AT THE CHARLESTON CONFERENCE

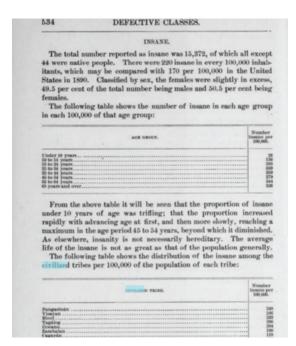
In November, East View Information Services showcased its **Global Census Archive** (GCA) platform at the Charleston Conference. Recognized as a premier event for librarians, publishers, and vendors, the Charleston Conference fosters collaboration and innovation in the library community. Aligning with this year's theme, "The Sky's the Limit," participants shared research and practices related to all aspects of scholarly publishing. In a vendor session titled "Not by the Numbers: Global Census Publications are More Than the Sum of Their Parts," program manager Irmak Ertuna Howison presented the GCA platform, highlighting its ability to enhance research and provide libraries with access to millions of pages of primary source content without occupying precious shelf space.

As primary sources, censuses convey more than just quantitative data, offering insights into evolving methodologies, societal attitudes, and government priorities at specific points in time.

### Explore the World's History with GCA

Census publications encompass thematic reports, public awareness campaigns, methodological documents, and legal decrees. In other words, a single census from one country can include dozens or even hundreds of volumes. These documents serve as snapshots of societies, providing rich, multidisciplinary material for researchers.

GCA offers access to millions of pages of publications that illuminate social history. For instance, researchers can explore the pages of the 1881 Indian census to understand how British colonial authorities recorded caste population numbers or examine the 1903 Philippine Census conducted after the Philippine—American War to see how the American military categorized the population into "civilized" and "wild" groups. These examples, among many similar ones, demonstrate the profound insights censuses can provide into the cultural, political, and societal contexts of their time, making them invaluable resources for understanding historical narratives.



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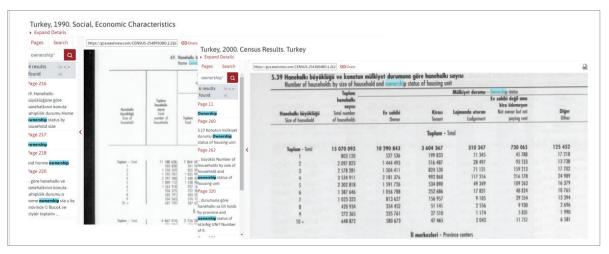
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# The Sky's the Limit – GCA Continues to Grow with Historical and Current Census Content

East View has recently completed the digitization of the International Population Census (IPC) archive, the contents of which are now accessible on the GCA website. In addition to the archival material from the IPC collection, more recent censuses, including those from the 2010 and 2020 rounds, are being added to the platform as they become available. Fully global in scope, GCA simplifies access to these primary sources from around the world through a harmoniously organized interface. The platform enhances research with full-image and full-text search capabilities, as well as facet filters, inviting a new generation of researchers to delve into the rich and diverse world of censuses.



Slide from East View's GCA presentation at the Charleston Conference

#### Further reading on Global Census Archive and the Charleston Conference:

- Global Census Archive: <a href="https://www.eastview.com/resources/e-collections/gca/">https://www.eastview.com/resources/e-collections/gca/</a>
- Charleston Hub: https://www.charleston-hub.com/the-charleston-conference/
- "Richard Charkin on South Carolina's Charleston Conference": <a href="https://publishingperspectives.com/2024/12/richard-charkin-on-south-carolinas-charleston-conference/">https://publishingperspectives.com/2024/12/richard-charkin-on-south-carolinas-charleston-conference/</a>



The East View **Global Census Archive**® (GCA) is an innovative program to collect official data and publications issued by the national census authorities of more than 200 countries, from the early 19th century to the present day, providing a key resource for scholars and analysts to find current and historical census data to support critical research into our changing world. GCA provides a single platform experience to explore the world's census publications: all countries and regions, the complete depth of published census materials, including original census publications in e-book form, as well as modern tabular data in Excel format and GIS files for advanced users.