

# BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS IN THE U.S. SOUTHWEST

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## ARIZONA

1909

gen. compliance by 1926

–RESTRICTED ACCESS–

- **Births:** 75 years
- **Deaths:** 50 years

**Births before 1855**

- *SUB:* Death, Cemetery, Newspapers, Church, Census, Military

**Births 1855-75 yrs before present year**

- search AZ Department of Health Services (ADHS) website

**Births 75 years before present year thru 1989**

- no statewide index at this time
- certificates 1950-1989 can be purchased at ADHS website

**Births after 1990**

- Order from County Health Dept.
- must prove relationship

**Deaths 1844 thru 50 yrs ago**

- obtain from ADHS
- must prove relationship

**Deaths from 50 yrs through present year**

- same as above
- *SUB:* SSDI

## CALIFORNIA

1905

gen. compliance by 1920

**Births before 1905**

- *SUB:* Death, Cemetery, Newspapers, Bible, Church, Census, Military

**Births after 1905**

- search index databases
- obtain a certificate from local county offices, Offices of Vital Records, or VitalChek

**Deaths before 1905**

- search in databases
- *SUB:* Cemetery, Newspapers, Probate, Tax, Church, Census, and Bible records

**Deaths after 1905**

- search in FamilySearch and California datases
- search SSDI
- obtain a certificate from local county offices, Offices of Vital Records, or VitalChek

## COLORADO

1907

gen. compliance by 1920

–RESTRICTED ACCESS–

- **Deaths:** 75 years

**Births before 1876**

- *SUB:* Death, Cemetery, Newspapers, Bible, Church, Census, Military

**Births 1876-1906**

- no complete indexes available online
- Delayed birth records exist during this period
- try CO State Archives
- try CO State Archives
- *SUB:* Death, SSDI, census, cemetery, church, military, Bible

**Births after 1906**

- no complete indexes available online
- try CO State Archives
- obtain a certificate from Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment or VitalChek

**Deaths before 1876**

- *SUB:* Cemetery, Newspapers, Probate, Church, Census, and Bible records

**Deaths 1876-1899**

- no complete indexes
- search county where death occurred
- obtain a certificate from local county offices, Offices of Vital Records, or VitalChek

**Deaths 1900 thru present**

- same as 1876-1899

## NEVADA

1911

gen. compliance by 1911

–RESTRICTED ACCESS–

- **Births:** 100 years
- **Deaths:** 50 years

**Births before 1887**

- *SUB:* Death, Cemetery, Newspapers, Bible, Church, Census, Military

**Births 1887-1910**

- search databases
- obtain copy from county
- *SUB:* Death, SSDI, census, cemetery, church, military, Bible

**Births after 1911**

- search databases
- obtain copy from Nevada State Health Division or VitalChek

**Deaths before 1911**

- *SUB:* Cemetery, Newspapers, Probate, Tax, Church, Census, and Bible records

**Deaths after 1911**

- know exact death date
- obtain a certificate from Office of Vital Records, or VitalChek
- or search *SUB* and *SSDI*

## NEW MEXICO

1920

gen. compliance by 1930

–RESTRICTED ACCESS–

- **Births:** 100 years
- **Deaths:** 50 years

**Births before 1907**

- *SUB:* Death, Cemetery, Newspapers, Bible, Church, Census, Military

**Births from 1907-1920**

- at county level

**Births after 1920**

Currently no online indexes

- New Mexico Dept of Health with written approval

**Deaths before 1906**

- *SUB:* Church, Newspapers, Probate, Cemetery, Census, Bible

**Deaths from 1906-1949**

- 1906 - some counties
- 1920 - statewide regis.

**Deaths after 1949**

Currently no online indexes

- *SSDI*
- New Mexico Dept of Health with written approval & fee.

## UTAH

1905

gen. compliance by 1919

–RESTRICTED ACCESS–

- **Births:** 100 years
- **Deaths:** 50 years

**Births before 1898**

- *SUB:* Death, Cemetery, Newspapers, Church, Census, Military
- SLC & Ogden in 1890, Park City in 1892 at Utah State Archives

**Births 1898-1905**

- search individual county records

**Births from 1905-1913**

- at state archives, index and images
- search individual county records

**Births after 1914**

- Utah State Dept. of Vital Statistics with written approval

**Deaths before 1897**

- *SUB:* Cemetery, Newspapers, Probate, Tax, Church, Census, Bible

**Deaths from 1898-1962**

- search individual county records
- statewide regis. 1905
- state archives 1914

**Deaths after 1963**

- *SSDI*
- Utah State Dept. Health