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["Center of population" is that point at which an imaginary flat, weightless, and rigid map of the United States would balance if weights of identical value were placed on it so that each weight represented the location of one person on the date of the census]

YEAR ¹	North latitude	West longitude	Approximate location
1790 (Aug. 2)	39 16 30	76 11 12	23 miles east of Baltimore, MD
1850 (June 1)	38 59 0	81 19 0	23 miles southeast of Parkersburg, WV
1900 (June 1)	39 9 36	85 48 54	8 miles southeast of Columbus, IL
1950 (Apr. 1)	38 50 21	88 9 33	8 miles north-northwest of Olney, Richland County, IL
1960 (Apr. 1)	38 35 58	89 12 35	In Clinton Co. about 6 1/2 miles northwest of Centrailla, IL
1970 (Apr. 1)	38 27 47	89 42 22	5.3 miles east-southeast of the Mascoutah City Hall in St. Clair County, IL
1980 (Apr. 1)	38 8 13	90 34 26	1/4 mile west of De Soto in Jefferson County, MO



¹For dates of admissions of the States and changes in areal definition, see "State Origins and Boundaries," *United States Summary, U.S. Census of Population: 1960*, vol. 1. For year of admission to statehood, see table 334.

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