

## The Norwegian Historic Population Register (HBR)

The site [histreg.no](http://histreg.no) is the open part of HBR. We also have a closed register with data from closed sources that connects to the Central Population Register of Norway that have data from the population from 1964.

The population register is documented in the scientific article:

[Holden, Lars](#); [Boudko, Svetlana](#). The Norwegian historic population register and migration. [Journal of Migration History](#) (ISSN 2351-9916). 4(2) pp 249-263. doi: [10.1163/23519924-00402002](https://doi.org/10.1163/23519924-00402002). 2018. . [Full-text](#)

Histreg.no is only available in Norwegian. This text described the register, the project and gives a short introduction to the [histreg.no](http://histreg.no) site such that it may be possible to use it without understanding Norwegian. Histreg.no gives an overview of the Norwegian population, mainly from 1801. It is based on open sources only and where we only link together information about diseased persons due to privacy. The newest large sources are the 1910 and 1920 census and a list of Death in Norway 1951-2014.

The Historical Population Register (HBR) is a project for registering and compiling personal data from various sources, with the aim of creating an overview of Norway's population in the past.

HBR is based on all censuses, church books and other sources in the Digital Archive and links together information about the same person in several sources. In addition, a number of other sources are used. The linking is done both by automatic methods and by a large number of people. In this way, we cover the entire population from the beginning and avoid duplicates of the same person. At the same time, we will never finish because the job is too large and some instances in sources we are unable to link to other sources. HBR has references to as many other sources as possible so that HBR should become a register of historical information, not replace other overviews. We want to go as far back in time as we can document in sources and follow the ancestors and descendants of people who have lived in Norway so that we can follow migration in and out of Norway.

More than 90% of all links and family relations are made by algorithm. This is necessary in order to make a large number of links even though this also introduce more errors. Also, more than 0,5 mill. links are made manual contributions.

The project was started by the Registration Center for Historical Data (RHD) at the University of Tromsø with Gunnar Thorvaldsen as project manager. HBR is run by RHD in collaboration with the National Archives, Statistics Norway, the Norwegian Computing Center, the Norwegian Institute of Local History, the Volda University College, Public Health and the University of Oslo. Currently, HBR is funded from the Research Council together with deductibles from all partners and emphasis is placed on facilitating research. HBR has significant cultural and local historical value as well as being very important to genealogists.

We want HBR to be used by as many people as possible and as documentation in many different contexts. The museum pages and reference lists are two such examples. [Chris Nyborg](#) and [Lars Holden](#) have each created their own pedigree on [Local History Wiki](#) which makes it

easy to present and find their own genealogy in HBR. Anyone can register as a user and create a corresponding overview on Local History Wiki.

Data is based on the Digital Archive of the National Archive. The project is in part funded by the Research Council of Norway, grant number 225950. Users must and refer to those who created or stored the data: the National Archives and Statistics Norway. Users must send us the title and full reference to publications, research reports or educational material that uses the data or documentation. Copies of such material are received with thanks to [web@sv.uit.no](mailto:web@sv.uit.no). Printed material should be sent to:

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For the time being, scientific references can refer to this article: Holden, Lars; Thorvaldsen, Gunnar; Suddenly, Torkel Rønold. Historical Population Register and DNF 1814. (full text) Heimen 2012; Volume 49. ISSN 0017-9841.s 399 - 414.

## Description of the [histreg.no](http://histreg.no) site

This site is developed by Norsk Regnesentral (Lars Holden and Svetlana Boudko) and the site is run by the National Archive of Norway together with the Digital Archive. The Digital Archive has all transcribed censuses, church books and many other transcribed sources. The Archive also has many images of the sources, but this is not utilized by [histreg.no](http://histreg.no). [Histreg.no](http://histreg.no) connects the same person and family between the different sources.

[Histreg.no](http://histreg.no) is openly available at internet. It is possible to apply to [histreg@nr.no](mailto:histreg@nr.no) and ask to be a contributor. This gives the right to add information to the register. The text below translates the most important text from Norwegian to English, both the text that is available for all users and the text that is only available for contributors.

Norwegian	English	Explanation
<a href="#">Top menu</a>		
Forside	Front page	
Om HBR	About HBR	
Bruksanvisning	Users Guide	
Søkesiden	Search	Find persons and sources. This is the same search as in the Digital Archive, but added search in newspapers and where same person that already is linked may be merged in the search result
Aviser	Newspapers	Possible to find and register death notices, marriages, anniversaries and events of general interest from newspapers
Uregistrerte	Non-registered	Possible to register persons that is not included in any of the sources in the Digital Archive or newspapers notices
Referanser	References	
Statistikk	Statistics	

Top menu, only available for contributors		
Autolenking	Auto linking	Reads list of links, i.e. same person in different sources
Feilhåndtering	Error handling	May remove all persons links or family relations for person
Endringer	Changes	Gives a list of changes between two dates
Profil	Profil	Change of user name, password etc.
Admin	Administration	Administration of user rights
Front Page		
Kjente personer	Known persons	List of known persons that are found in several sources
Temaer	Themes	Academics, expeditions, sports, culture, Royal fam. etc.
Eksempler	Examples	
Forskning	Research	
Museer	Museums	
Byutvikling	City development	
Slektshistorielag	Ass. of family history	
Nyheter	News	
Lokalhistoriewiki	Local History Wiki	
Search page		
Søk	Search	
Fornavn	First name	
Etternavn	Last name	
Kjønn	Sex	
Fødselsår fra	Year of birth, from	
Fødselsår til	Year of birth, to	
Fødselsdato	Date of birth	
Fødested	Place of birth	
Bosted	Place of living	
Stilling og stand	Occupation	
Geografi	Geography	
Hendelse	Event	
Rolle	Role	
Person page		
Foreldre og søsken	Parents and siblings	
Partner og barn	Partner and children	
Livsløpstabell	Main events	One line per source, mainly church book and census
Biografi og merknader	Biography	
Referanser	References	
Person page, only for contributors		
Legg i personkurv	Put in person basket	Same person found in different sources
Legg i familiekurv	Put in family basket	Register family relationship between persons
Rediger persondata	Edit person data	Name, place and time of birth/death
Vis lenking av familie	Shows linking of family members	Makes it possible to link together(merge) family members fast, i.e. same person is shown as to two different

		brothers and we may register this as the same person.
Lenk sammen personene	Link together same person from different sources	
Vis redigering	Show editing	
Delenk personer	Delink person	Remove a link that states that two persons found in different sources are the same person
Lenke	Link	State that two persons found in different sources are the same person
Koble	Connect	Connect two persons with a family relationship, ie. State that A is parent to B
Lagre fjerning	Remove a person from a list	The list may be a person basket, family basket or list of events for a person