http://www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2010.htm 50 Most Popular Genealogy Websites for 2010

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These rankings were determined in the first quarter of 2010. They are are based on the popularity of websites as measured by four major ranking companies, and is explained in an article published in the Digital Genealogist, edited by Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens. The 2009 and 2008 rankings are given, in that order, in parenthesis after the website description. Sites new to the list for 2010 are so identified.

## Rank Website Coverage/Content

- 1. Ancestry.com \$ Ancestry.com is the leading genealogical data site, with some articles, instruction, and reference help. (1>1)
- 2. FamilyLink.com (New) One of the most popular FaceBook applications helps people identify and network with their family. (80>72)
  - 3. MyHeritage.com Focuses on genealogy community building and networking. (3>3)
- 4. FamilySearch.org This major data website sponsored by the LDS Church includes the IGI, census records, the library's catalog and more, with instruction and reference help. (5>5)
  - 5. Genealogy.com \$ This is major data site, with instruction and reference help. (2>4)
- 6. RootsWeb.com Rootsweb is a major data site, with free instruction and reference help. (4>2)
- 7. FindAGrave.com A database of more than 45 million cemetery inscriptions and photos. (7>7)
- 8. USGWArchives.net (New) A large collection of free data, arranged by state and searchable across the entire collection. (not ranked)
- 9. OneGreatFamily.com \$ Primarily a family trees sharing and collaboration website. (11>9)
- 10. GenealogyToday.com Includes instruction, reference articles, and some unique data collections. (12>11)
  - 11. AncestorHunt.com A site consisting of collected genealogy links. (11>12)
- 12. SearchForAncestors.com Interactive directory of free genealogy websites and data. (19>21)
- 13. AccessGenealogy.com Includes references to helpful articles, especially for Native American information, and some data. (14>13)
- 14. CyndisList.com A huge subject catalog of genealogy webpage links. (17>15)
- 15. EllisIsland.org Database of 24 million New York passenger arrivals that is free to search. Actual passenger list images can be printed or purchased. (20>14)
  - 16. Interment.net Transcribed and indexed cemetery inscriptions. (16>16)
- 17. WorldVitalRecords.com \$ The data collection provided by Family Link, with over a billion records, as well as instruction and reference help. (13>10)
  - 18. USGennet.org Historical and genealogical web hosting service. (15>17)

- 19. GenealogyBank.com \$ Database with index and images of newspapers and early books. (31>41)
- 20. FamilyTreeDNA.com DNA testing service focused upon family history test types. (26>27)
- 21. GeneBase.com A DNA ancestry cataloguing project (24>24)
- 22. CensusFinder.com Links to free census records. (29>40)
- 23. DeathIndexes.com Lists of links to United States death records, by state. (25>31)
- 24. Linkpendium.com Nine million genealogy links organized by state/county and surname. (24>35)
- 25. Genealogytrails.com Four year old site with free data contributed by volunteers (35>NR)
- 26. JewishGen.org Jewish, reference, instruction, coordination, and databases. (32>28)
- 27. GenealogyBuff.com (New) A free genealogy search site with hundreds of data sources. (134.NR)
- 28. FamilyTreeMaker.com Homepage for Ancestry.com's genealogical software. (21>20)
- 29. KindredKonnections.com \$ Grassroots created data site with compiled family Trees, and some extracted records. (22>19)
- 30. FamilyTiez.com (New) A site where families can establish their own pages to share news, photos, events and genealogy with each other. (not ranked)
- 31. Geni.com Web 2.0 and focuses on genealogy community building and networking. (8>18)
- 32. HeritageQuestOnline.com \$ Census, PERSI (the periodical index), books. (39>39)
- 33. MyFamily.com Hosts family websites for sharing photos, genealogy, and more. (5>5)
- 34. DistantCousin.com An online archive of genealogy records and images of historical documents. (23>22)
- 35. TribalPages.com Family trees hosting and charting program. (28>25)
- 36. PoliticalGraveyard.com Comprehensive source of U.S. political biography that tells where many dead politicians are buried. (33>34)
- 37. Footnote.com \$ In conjunction with the U.S. National Archives, Footnote offers data, original records images, and more. (9>8)
- 38. FamilyHistory101.com Less than three years old and full of instruction and guidance for genealogists (47>107)
- 39. CousinConnect.com A large free queries website. (27>23)
- 40. GenoPro.com Genealogy software that produces genograms (37>53)
- 41. Archives.com \$ (New) A major new subscription data site, launched in July 2009 and already with more than a billion names. (not ranked)
- 42. GenWed.com Online marriage records, where to order, some indexes, and more. (43>42)
- 43. Dar.org Site of the largest lineage society; includes their library catalog and 32 million name index. (49>67)
- 44. The Peerage.com (New) A genealogical survey of the peerage of Britain as well as the royal families of Europe. (53>58)

- 45. Genealogy.org (New) A listing of 400+ registered websites, ranked weekly by hits. (69>56)
- 46. AncientFaces.com Share genealogy research, community pages, family photos & records more for free. (48>38)
- 47. ObitLinksPage.com State-by-state directory of obituaries and obituary resources. (not ranked)
- 48. SurnameWeb.org (New) A collection of surname website links; online since 1996. (62>26)
- 49. US-Census.org Census abstracts (U.S. GenWeb Census Project) (45>37)
- 50. Genuki.org.uk Large collection of genealogical information pages for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. (34>32)

Dropping out of the top 50 (with their new ranking):

- 52. Census-Online.com (Down from 38)
- 53. GenealogyLinks.net (Down from 50)
- 56. USGenWeb.com (Down from 30)
- 57. FindMyPast.com \$ (Down from 46)
- 58. Geneanet.org (Down from 42)
- 60. Daddezio.com (Down from 41)
- 71. GenCircles.com (Down from 36)
- 92. ObitCentral.com (Down from 29)

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