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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

A Data Collector / Field Survey Enumerator visits households, enterprises, and establishments to conduct socio-economic surveys and collect or verify data using handheld devices or laptops. The work is done for NGOs, research agencies, market research firms, and government bodies (such as the Census and NSSO) on a regular, contractual, or commission basis. It suits students who enjoy talking to people, travelling in the field, and paying close attention to detail while recording information accurately.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 10 pass + age 18
Training level	NSQF Level 4-6
Nature of work	Field-based, contractual/commission
Starting salary	₹10,250 - 12,000/month

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in understanding society and people's lives closely
- Interest in travelling and working in new areas or villages
- Interest in numbers, forms, and record-keeping

ABILITIES

- Ability to pay close attention to detail
- Ability to communicate comfortably and build trust with strangers
- Ability to analyse situations and work well within a team

KEY SKILLS

- Using handheld devices/tablets and survey apps (CAPI)
- Basic computer and data-entry skills
- Honesty and maintaining confidentiality of data
- Basic understanding of statistics and sampling
- Clear communication and questioning technique in the local language
- Time management and completing fieldwork targets
- Reading maps/locations and planning field routes

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 10 and be at least 18 years old.
- 2 Enrol in the 'Field Survey Enumerator' course (NSQF Level 4-6, QP code MEP/Q0206) via NSDC/JSS/NIOS.
- 3 During training, get hands-on practice with survey tools, questionnaires, and data-entry apps.
- 4 If you already have experience, you can also get certified through RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning).
- 5 Apply to NGOs, research agencies, market research firms, or government survey projects.
- 6 In Rajasthan, you can also appear for RSMSSB's recruitment exam for government posts like Investigator/Statistical Assistant.

MAIN EXAMS

- RSMSSB Investigator/Statistical Assistant recruitment exam (Rajasthan Subordinate and Ministerial Services Selection Board)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- राष्ट्रीय कौशल विकास निगम (NSDC) - प्रशिक्षण केंद्र खोजें — Pan-India (<https://www.nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre>)
- जन शिक्षण संस्थान (JSS) — Pan-India (<https://nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre-jss/>)
- एन.आई.ओ.एस. वोकेशनल स्टडी सेंटर — Pan-India (<https://voc.nios.ac.in/registration/locate-study-centre>)
- राजस्थान कौशल एवं आजीविका विकास निगम (RSLDC) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in/rslhc/#/home/dptHome/403>)

- राजस्थान सरकार संचालित वोकेशनल विद्यालय — Rajasthan (statewide)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- मैनेजमेंट एंड आंत्रप्रेन्योरशिप एंड प्रोफेशनल स्किल्स काउंसिल (MEPSC) - फील्ड सर्वे एन्यूमेरेटर कोर्स — Pan-India (private training-partner network) (<https://www.mepsc.in/e-course/field-survey-enumerator/>)

ONLINE

- स्किल इंडिया डिजिटल हब - फील्ड सर्वे एन्यूमेरेटर कोर्स — Online (<https://courses.skillindiadigital.gov.in/courses/course-v1:MEPSC+95068+1738573703/about>)
- एन.आई.ओ.एस. वोकेशनल पंजीकरण (ऑनलाइन) — Online (<https://voc.nios.ac.in/registration/locate-study-centre>)

FEES

Under most government schemes (NSDC/JSS/RSLDC), Field Survey Enumerator training is free or heavily subsidised. Fees at private institutes can vary, so confirm with the institute before enrolling.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (National Scholarship Portal - NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/fresh/onlineInstituteSearchIndex>)
- आई.टी.आई./वोकेशनल प्रशिक्षण छात्रवृत्तियाँ (Buddy4Study) (<https://www.buddy4study.com/article/iti-scholarships>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

NGOs, data-collection units, market research firms, research agencies (e.g., J-PAL, IDinsight), government survey projects such as the Census and NSSO, and state statistics departments.

WORK CULTURE

Work typically involves 8-9 hours a day, 5-6 days a week; shift duty is common and overtime is frequent. The job requires door-to-door visits, often in heat and difficult terrain. Opportunities in this field are also open to persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs such as Pratham, Good Business Lab | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and policy organisations (J-PAL South Asia, IDinsight) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market research firms (agencies like Nielsen, Kantar) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of the Registrar General/Census of India and NSSO/MoSPI |

- Rajasthan's statistics department and government survey posts recruited via RSMSSB
- Census offices, NSSO and government survey projects
- Common Service Centres (CSC) and local data-collection agencies

DEMAND (2026)

Demand for field data collectors remains steady due to digital surveys (tablet/mobile-based CAPI), monitoring of government schemes, market research, and large upcoming exercises like Census 2027, though most opportunities are contractual or project-based.

7 Career growth

- 1 Assistant Data Collector / Field Survey Enumerator
- 2 Data Collector / Field Survey Enumerator
- 3 Field Analyst
- 4 Lead Enumerator / Field Manager / Project Associate

EARNINGS

Starting	₹10,250 - 12,000/माह
Mid level	₹13,000 - 17,000/माह
Senior level	₹18,000 - 25,000+/माह

AmbitionBox lists the average enumerator income as ₹10,250-17,000/month (source: ambitionbox.com/profile/enumerator-salary). Glassdoor's data for 'Survey Enumerator' is sparse and flagged 'low confidence' due to very few salary entries, but private research/NGO roles commonly pay around ₹12,000-20,000/month. By contrast, government Census duty does not pay a monthly salary at all - it is a lump-sum honorarium: Census 2027 enumerators are set to receive about ₹25,000 total (₹9,000 for the houselisting phase + ₹16,000 for the population-enumeration phase), and this duty is usually assigned to existing government employees (such as teachers) as additional work.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Entry possible with just Class 10, no advanced degree required
- Opportunity to closely understand different areas and people's lives
- Can be done on a contractual/part-time basis alongside studies or other work

The challenges

- Income can be irregular, as most work is contractual or project-based
- Requires long hours of door-to-door work in heat, rain, and remote areas
- Travel and safety can be particularly challenging for women field workers

9 Real-life journeys

शैला महालमानी (Shaila Mahalmani)

Enumerator to Field Analyst, Good Business Lab, Bengaluru

Shaila Mahalmani, 39, from Belgaum in North Karnataka, worked as a teacher and then ran a tailoring business after being married at 17. Wanting a better future for her daughter, she took up work as an enumerator again, moved to Bengaluru, and has worked at Good Business Lab (GBL) for the past four years. She has since been promoted from enumerator to field analyst, now handles two to three projects at a time, and also trains and mentors newer field enumerators.

India Development Review (IDR) · <https://idronline.org/features/gender/one-survey-at-a-time-the-challenges-of-being-a-woman-enumerator/>

कमल सिंह झाला (Kamal Singh Jhala)

Enumerator to Project Associate, J-PAL South Asia

Kamal Singh Jhala, based in Udaipur, Rajasthan, joined J-PAL South Asia as an enumerator in 2007. Over 13 years, he progressed through supervisor and field manager roles to become a Project Associate, working on research surveys across Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Haryana. His journey shows how starting as a field enumerator can lead to long-term growth into larger research responsibilities.

J-PAL South Asia · <https://www.povertyactionlab.org/blog/3-13-20/voices-field-enumerator-spotlight>

दीपक कुमार (Deepak Kumar)**School Teacher & Census Enumerator, Delhi**

Deepak Kumar, a social science teacher at a government school in Delhi's Rohini area, has taught for 20 years and also served as a Census enumerator back in 2011. For the 2026-27 Houselisting Census, he was again assigned enumerator duty, using a mobile app to record answers to 33 questions per household - often in 45-degree heat and after repeated visits to the same home. He says the work feels like serving the country.

ThePrint · <https://theprint.in/ground-reports/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-delhi-census-worker-houselisting-survey-with-thick-skin-patience/2956531/>

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5. RSMSSB - Rajasthan Subordinate and Ministerial Services Selection Board — <https://rsmssb.rajasthan.gov.in/>

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