



Census

A guide to the 2021 Census

Easy Read version



How to use this guide



The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) wrote this guide. When you see the word 'we', it means the ABS.



We wrote this guide in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Normal
Bold

We have written some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 13.



This Easy Read guide is a summary of information on our website. This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the information we used to make this guide on our website at www.census.abs.gov.au



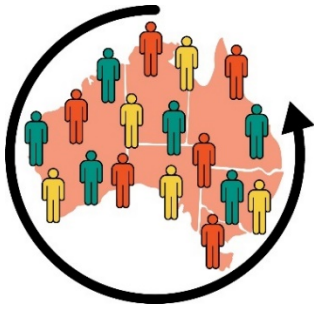
You can ask for help to read this guide.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

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What is the Census?



The **Census** is a count of all people and homes in Australia.

The Census counts every:



- person



- household.



Your household includes everyone staying in your home on Census night.



The Census happens every 5 years.



The next Census is on **Tuesday 10 August 2021**.

The Census will ask questions about:



- your age



- where you were born



- how many people you live with



- what languages you speak at home



- what you do for work.

Why we do the Census

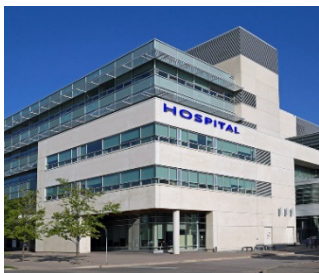


The Census helps us understand how Australia changes.

It can also help governments and businesses plan for services such as:



- schools



- hospitals



- transport



- support for your community.

Who needs to take part in the Census



Everyone in Australia must take part in the Census.



Your answers must be about where you are on Census night.



This might be different to where you usually live.

How to take part in the Census



There are 2 ways to take part in the Census.

You can fill out the Census:



- online



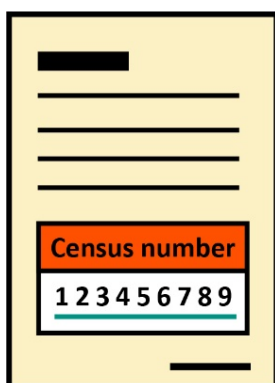
- on a paper form.

Online

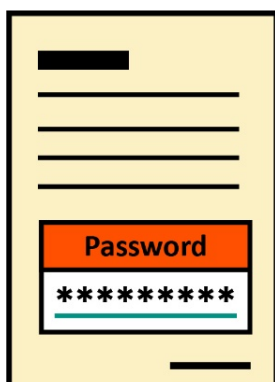


To fill out your Census online, we will send you a letter.

Your letter will include a:



- Census number



- password.



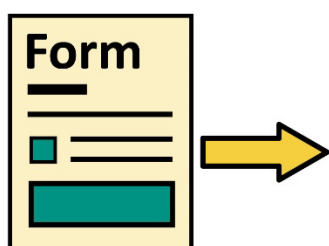
When you have your number and password, you can log in and fill out the Census on our website.

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On paper



If you get a letter and don't want to fill out your Census online, you can ask us to send you a paper form.



You need to fill out the form and send it back to us after the Census.



We will give you an envelope to use.



Some people will get a visit from Census field staff in some areas.

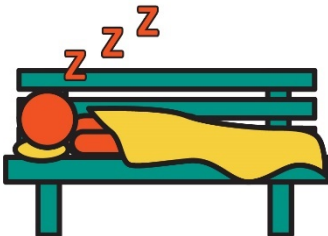
This includes people who:



- live in remote areas

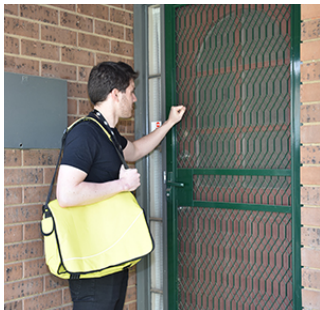


- are **homeless**.



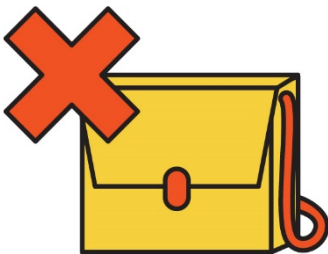
People who are homeless don't have a home.

They must find a place to sleep each night.



Our field staff:

- wear an official Census badge
- carry a bright yellow bag.



Some of our staff who work with certain groups may choose not to carry their yellow bag.



For example, staff who work with people who are homeless.

Your personal information



Your personal information is protected by law.

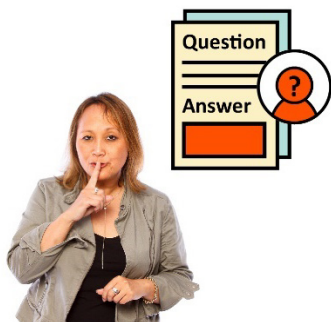


This means we must keep your personal information:

- safe
- **private.**



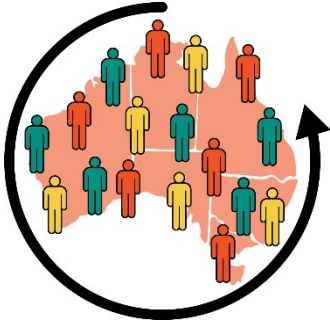
Private means that we will not share your personal information with anyone.



No one will know that your answers to the questions in the Census are about you.

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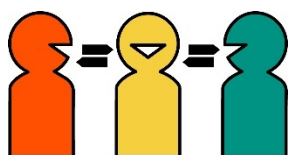
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