



Census

# EVERY ANSWER MATTERS

## Your guide to the Census



**SAVE THE DATE | TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2026**

### What is the Census?

Every five years, the Census counts every person and household in Australia. It helps us understand how Australia is changing, and what we need now and in the future. It asks questions about your age, ancestry, what languages you speak and what you do for work.

If you know where you'll be on Census night, you can fill out the Census as soon as you get your instructions. Your answers are private and protected by law. We need to hear from everyone, because every answer matters.

### You can complete the Census:



#### Online

Most households will get instructions when it's time to complete the Census.

1. Visit [census.abs.gov.au](https://census.abs.gov.au)
2. Enter your Census number and password
3. Complete the Census and submit

If you don't get instructions, you can request a Census number at [census.abs.gov.au](https://census.abs.gov.au)



#### Paper form

If you would prefer a paper form, you can request one from us.

1. Visit [census.abs.gov.au/help](https://census.abs.gov.au/help) or call our 24-hour automated paper form request service on 1800 130 250
2. Complete your paper form
3. Return to the ABS in the Reply Paid envelope provided



#### Visit from Census staff

Some people in remote areas, and people experiencing homelessness, will be visited by Census staff.

You need to complete the Census wherever you are staying on Census night.

Information and support will be available to help you complete the Census in your preferred way.



#### In-person help

We'll be offering Pop-up Hubs in public places, fill in the form sessions and information sessions. Find out more at [census.abs.gov.au/find-us](https://census.abs.gov.au/find-us)

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP**



**For more information**  
Visit [www.census.abs.gov.au/help](https://www.census.abs.gov.au/help)



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