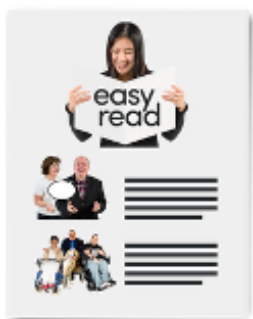


Every answer matters Your guide to the Census



This document is written in an easy-to-read way.



We use pictures to explain some ideas.



Some words are written in **bold**.
These words are the name of something.



You can ask for help to read this document.



A friend, family member or support person can help you.



Census

This document is about **the Census**.

What is the Census?

The Census is when we count all the people living in Australia.

The Census happens every 5 years.





The **Census** counts every:

- person
- **household.**



Your **household** is everyone staying in your home on **Census** night.



When is the Census?

The **Census** is on Tuesday 11 August 2026.

You can fill in your **Census form** when you get it.

Who is in charge of the Census?

The **Census** is done by the **Australian Bureau of Statistics.**

The **Australian Bureau of Statistics** is part of the **Australian Government.**



Who needs to do the Census?



Everyone in Australia must do **the Census**.



Everyone staying in your home on **Census** night must be included.

This might be different to where you usually live.

Why is the Census important?

The Census helps us to make important plans for:

- schools
- health care
- transport
- support for your community.



What does the Census ask?



The Census asks:

- how old you are



- where you were born



- where you live

- what languages you use at home



- what you do for work.

How can you do the Census?



You can do **the Census** online at this website:

census.abs.gov.au



Login
Please enter your email and password to log in

Email:

Password:

Remember Me [Forgot password?](#)

We will send you a letter in the mail that tells you how to log in.



This letter will have a number and a password for you to log in to the website.



If you don't want to do **the Census** online, you can do **the Census** on a paper form.



We will give you an envelope to use.



Some people will get a visit from our staff.



Our staff will wear an official Census badge.



Our staff will visit:

- people who live in **remote areas**
- people who are **homeless**.

Remote areas are places far away from the city.



Some people who are **homeless** don't have a home to live in.

For example, they live in a car or on the street.



People can be **homeless** if they stay with someone for a short time, like sleeping on someone's couch.



You can do **the Census** in person.

We will be in a public place to help you.



You can find where we will be on this website:

census.abs.gov.au/find-us



Is my information safe?

Your personal information is **private** and protected by law.

Private means we will not share your information with anyone.

You can find out more about how we keep your information **private** on this website:
census.abs.gov.au/privacy

How to learn more



You can learn more about **the Census** on this website:
census.abs.gov.au/help



You can also call **the Census Contact Centre** on this number:

1800 181 227

This number will work from 6 July 2026.



If you need information in a language other than English, you can call the **Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National)** on this number:

131 450

You can also visit our website at:
census.abs.gov.au/language



If you are a person with hearing loss or find it hard to hear or speak to hearing people on the phone, you can use the **National Relay Service (NRS)** on this website:

accesshub.gov.au

Do you have questions about the Census?



If you have any questions about the Census, you can write them here.



You can also write things you want to remember.



This can help when you talk to someone about the Census.

