

Census Time Capsule

You can choose to have your Census information, along with your name and address, retained securely by the National Archives of Australia for 99 years. As no-one will have access to the Census information for 99 years, the project is called the Census Time Capsule.

In the year 2105, the National Archives will release the information within the Time Capsule to the public and future generations will be able to trace their family trees.

Taking part in the Census Time Capsule is completely optional. Anyone who does not give their consent for the project will have their name and address information destroyed once the statistical processing has been completed.

How the Census is done

Everyone in Australia is counted, wherever they are on Census Night (**Tuesday 8 August**), including tourists. A Census Collector will deliver the Census form and a help guide to your home in the two weeks before Census Night and will return in the two weeks after Census Night to pick up the completed form. For the **2006 Census** households will also have the option of filling in the Census form on-line.

Need Help?

A Census Inquiry Service catering for the most commonly spoken languages in Australia will be available from the end of July. The Census Inquiry Service Language Helpline will operate from 8:30am to 8:00pm on **1300 363 365**.

Census Collectors with language skills are employed in appropriate areas. They are trained to provide assistance.

The Census Website - www.abs.gov.au/census - will also contain some translated material.

Remember - the Census is your chance to be counted.



**Your
community
is counting
on YOU!**



2006 Census
8 August 2006

English

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The 2006 Census, on Tuesday 8th August, is important for your community

Everyone in Australia is counted in the **2006 Census** of Population and Housing. Your help is vitally important for the future of your community.

Community organisations, government and business all rely on Census information to plan community facilities and services like housing, health, education, language services and special assistance programs.

Questions on birthplace, languages spoken, religion and ancestry

The **2006 Census** is a snapshot of everyone in Australia and measures important items like age, birthplace, languages spoken, religion and ancestry, as well as finding out if people need English language assistance.

Ethnic community organisations endorse the Census.

Information provided on the Census form helps to provide an accurate picture of their communities.

Census information also assists in the fair allocation of government funds to ethnic communities.

Your answers to these questions are important

Language ↓

16 Does the person speak a language other than English at home?

- Mark one box only.
- If more than one language other than English, write the one that is spoken most often.
- Remember to mark box like this:

No, English only ▶ Go to 18
 Yes, Italian
 Yes, Greek
 Yes, Cantonese
 Yes, Arabic
 Yes, Vietnamese
 Yes, Mandarin
Yes, other – please specify

Ancestry ↓

18 What is the person's ancestry?

- Provide up to two ancestries only.
- Examples of 'Other – please specify' are: GREEK, VIETNAMESE, HMONG, DUTCH, KURDISH, MAORI, LEBANESE, AUSTRALIAN SOUTH SEA ISLANDER.
- See page 7 of the Census Guide for more information.
- Remember to mark boxes like this:

English
 Irish
 Italian
 German
 Chinese
 Scottish
 Australian
Other – please specify

Religion ↓

19 What is the person's religion?

- Answering this question is **OPTIONAL**.
- Examples of 'Other - please specify' are: SALVATION ARMY, HINDUISM, JUDAISM, HUMANISM.
- If no religion, mark the 'No religion' box.
- Remember to mark box like this:

Catholic
 Anglican (Church of England)
 Uniting Church
 Presbyterian
 Greek Orthodox
 Buddhism
 Baptist
 Islam
 Lutheran
Other – please specify

No religion

Write your answer if it isn't listed

The Census records information for approximately 280 countries, 240 languages and 120 religions. The Census form has limited space and cannot list all countries, languages and religions. Please write your answer in the space provided if your country, language or religion is not listed.

Is my information private?

All information collected in the Census is confidential -- by law. Your absolute personal privacy is guaranteed.

No name or address information is kept unless you have chosen to be part of the Census Time Capsule. All paper Census forms and any computer files containing name or address information are destroyed after processing.

All Census workers are legally bound never to release any personal information. Organisations like the Federal Police, ASIO, the Tax Office, Centrelink, Immigration and direct marketing companies can never obtain personal information from the Census.

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