

Census Personal Form

Census night is Tuesday 11 August 2026



What is the Census?

The Census is a snapshot of Australia's people and housing, and tells the story of how we are changing. It is used to estimate Australia's population, distribute government funds, and plan services for communities around Australia.

This form asks questions about health, education, cultural background, employment and living situations. This information helps ensure the right services are available to individuals, families and communities, where and when they are needed.

Census information may be combined with other data sources, to create new statistics without asking more questions.

Go to www.census.abs.gov.au/questions to find out more about why each question is asked in the Census.



Do I have to complete the Census?

Yes, the Census is compulsory. Everyone in Australia on Tuesday 11 August 2026 must be included on a Census form. This information is collected under the authority of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

Go to www.census.abs.gov.au/privacy to find out more about why the Census is compulsory.



Is my information confidential?

Yes, the information you provide is confidential. The ABS is legally required to keep data secure and not release information in a way that is likely to identify an individual. Your data is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* and the secrecy provisions of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

Go to www.census.abs.gov.au/privacy to find out more about how we keep your information secure.



Need more help?

There is a range of information and self-service options to help you complete your Census at

www.census.abs.gov.au/help

If you would prefer to speak to someone, call us on **1800 181 227**.

2 Name of the person:

First or given name

Surname or family name

3 What is the person's date of birth and age?

• If date of birth is not known, please give age.

• Example: Day Month Year

1 8 0 3 1 9 9 3

AND Age
3 3 Years

Day Month Year

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AND Age
Years

4 What was the person's sex recorded at birth?

• Mark 'Another term' when the person was registered as something other than male or female at birth.

• Mark one box, like this:

- Male
 Female
 Another term

5 What is the person's gender?

• Answer for people **aged 16 years and older**.

• This question refers to how the person currently identifies or expresses their gender, which may be different to sex at birth.

• Mark one box, like this:

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- Man
 Woman
 Non-binary
 Uses another term (specify)

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Prefer not to answer

23 Does the person ever need someone to help with, or be with them for, self-care activities?

- For example: doing everyday activities such as eating, showering, dressing or toileting.

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

24 Does the person ever need someone to help with, or be with them for, body movement activities?

- For example: getting out of bed, moving around at home or at places away from home.

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

25 Does the person ever need someone to help with, or be with them for, communication activities?

- For example: understanding, or being understood by, others.

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

26 What are the reasons for the need for assistance or supervision shown in Questions 23, 24 and 25?

- Mark all that apply, like this:

- No need for assistance
- Short-term health condition (lasting less than six months)
- Long-term health condition (lasting six months or more)
- Disability (lasting six months or more)
- Old or young age
- Difficulty with English language
- Other reason

27 Has the person been told by a doctor or nurse that they have any of these long-term health conditions?

- Include health conditions that have lasted or are expected to last for six months or more.
- Include health conditions that:
 - may recur from time-to-time, or
 - are controlled by medication, therapy or treatment, or
 - are in remission.

- 'Mental health condition' refers to a wide range of conditions that can affect a person's mood, thinking and behaviour.

- Mark all that apply, like this:

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- Arthritis
- Asthma
- Cancer (including remission)
- Dementia (including Alzheimer's)
- Diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)
- Heart disease (including heart attack or angina)
- Kidney disease
- Liver disease
- Lung condition (including COPD or emphysema)
- Mental health condition (including depression or anxiety)
- Stroke
- Any other long-term health condition(s)
- No long-term health condition**

47 Last week, how many hours did the person work in all jobs?

- Add any overtime or extra time worked and subtract any time off.

Hours worked ► **Go to 50**

None ► **Go to 50**

48 Did the person actively look for work at any time in the last four weeks?

- Full-time work means 35 hours or more per week.
- Examples of *actively* looking for work include:
 - contacting employers directly
 - contacting employers through an employment agency
 - answering an advertisement for a job
 - having a job interview
 - taking steps to purchase or start a business
 - advertising or tendering for work.
- Mark one box, like this:

No, did not look for work ► **Go to 50**

Yes, looked for both full-time and part-time work

Yes, looked for full-time work

Yes, looked for part-time work

49 If the person had found a job, could the person have started work last week?

- Mark one box, like this:

Yes, could have started work last week

No, already had a job to go to

No, temporarily ill or injured

No, other reason

50 Has the person ever served in the Australian Defence Force?

- Include Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, Royal Australian Air Force, Second Australian Imperial Force, National Service and NORFORCE.
- Exclude service for non-Australian defence forces.
- Mark all that apply, like this:

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No

Regular Service

Yes, current service

Yes, previous service

Reserves Service

Yes, current service

Yes, previous service

51 In the last twelve months did the person spend any time doing unpaid voluntary work for an organisation or group?

- Include unpaid voluntary work for sporting teams, youth groups, charities, schools or religious organisations.
- Exclude work in a family business or paid employment.
- Exclude work to qualify for a government benefit, to obtain an educational qualification or due to a community/court order.
- Mark one box, like this:

No, did not do unpaid voluntary work

Yes, did unpaid voluntary work

52 In the last week did the person spend time doing unpaid domestic work for their household?

- Include all housework, food/drink preparation and clean-up, laundry, gardening, home maintenance and repairs, household shopping, finance management, pet and animal care, and travel associated with unpaid domestic work.
- Mark one box, like this:

No, did not do any unpaid domestic work in the last week

Yes, less than 5 hours

Yes, 5-14 hours

Yes, 15-29 hours

Yes, 30 hours or more

53 In the last two weeks did the person spend time looking after a child, without pay?

- Only include children who were less than 15 years of age.
- Mark all that apply, like this:

No

Yes, looked after own child

Yes, looked after a child other than own child

54 In the last two weeks did the person spend time providing unpaid care, help or assistance to family members or others because of a disability, a long-term health condition or problems related to old age?

- People who receive Carer Allowance or Carer Payment should mark 'Yes, provided unpaid care, help or assistance'.
- Occasional help or assistance, such as shopping, should only be included if the person needs this type of assistance because of their condition.
- Do not include work done through a voluntary organisation or group.
- Mark one box, like this:

No, did not provide unpaid care, help or assistance

Yes, provided unpaid care, help or assistance

