



# Census Personal Form

Census night is Tuesday 10 August 2021



## 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 right around Australia.

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

Go to [www.census.abs.gov.au](http://www.census.abs.gov.au) to find out more about why the Census is important.



## Do I have to complete the Census?

Yes, the Census is compulsory. Everyone in Australia on Tuesday 10 August 2021 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](http://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 will identify any individual, household or business. Your data is protected by the secrecy provisions of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

Go to [www.census.abs.gov.au/privacy](http://www.census.abs.gov.au/privacy) to find out more about how we keep your information secure.



## Need more help?

Help is available at [www.census.abs.gov.au/help](http://www.census.abs.gov.au/help)

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

If you'd prefer to speak to someone, you can call us on **1800 512 441**.

## 2 Name of the person.

First or given name


Surname or family name


## 3 Is the person:

• Mark box, like this:

① Go to [www.census.abs.gov.au/questions](http://www.census.abs.gov.au/questions) for more information.

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary sex

## 4 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

2 8 Years

Day Month Year

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Years

## 5 Is the dwelling in Question 1 a private home?

• A private home is a self-contained dwelling intended for long-term residential use.

- No ▶ Go to 6
- Yes ▶ Go to 7



**12 Where did the person usually live five years ago (at 10 August 2016)?**

- If the person is less than five years old, leave blank.
- For people who had no usual address on 10 August 2016, write the address at which they were then living.
- Mark box, like this:

Same as in Question 10

Same as in Question 11

Elsewhere in Australia (please specify address)

Apartment/Flat/Unit number    Street number

(if any)   

Street name

Suburb/Locality

State/Territory    Postcode

Other country

**13 Is the person an Australian citizen?**

- Mark one box, like this:
- Yes, Australian citizen
- No

**14 In which country was the person born?**

- Mark one box, like this:
- Australia ► **Go to 16**
- England
- New Zealand
- India
- Philippines
- Vietnam
- Italy
- Other (please specify)

**15 In what year did the person first arrive in Australia to live for one year or more?**

- For example, for arrival in 1987 write:
- Year
- Will be in Australia for less than one year

**16 In which country was the person's father born?**

- If the person does not know their birth father, and has a second parent, please include the country of birth of the second parent here.
- If the person has same-sex parents, include the country of birth of one of the two parents here.

Australia

Other (please specify)

**17 In which country was the person's mother born?**

- If the person does not know their birth mother, and has a second parent, please include the country of birth of the second parent here.
- If the person has same-sex parents, include the country of birth of one of the two parents here.

Australia

Other (please specify)

**18 Does the person use a language other than English at home?**

- If more than one language other than English, write the one that is used most often.
- Include use of sign languages (for example, AUSLAN) in the 'please specify' option.
- Include use of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander languages in the 'please specify' option.
- Mark one box, like this:

- No, English only ► **Go to 20**
- Yes, Mandarin
- Yes, Arabic
- Yes, Cantonese
- Yes, Vietnamese
- Yes, Italian
- Yes, Greek
- Yes, other language (please specify)

**19 How well does the person speak English?**

- Mark one box, like this:
- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all



## 26 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, or
  - are in remission.
- 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
- 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**

## 27 Is the person attending a school or other education institution?

- Include preschool, online, external or correspondence study.
- Mark one box, like this:
- No **▶ Go to 29**
- Yes, full-time student
- Yes, part-time student

## 28 What type of education institution is the person attending?

- Include preschool, early childhood education and centre-based day care providers. This should be marked as 'Preschool'.
- Include secondary colleges and senior high schools under the 'Secondary school' category.
- For external, online or correspondence students, mark the type of institution in which they are enrolled.
- Mark one box, like this:

### Preschool

#### Primary school

- Government
- Catholic

- Other non-government

#### Secondary school

- Government
- Catholic
- Other non-government

#### Tertiary

- Vocational education (including TAFE and private training providers)
- University or other higher education

- Other education institution**









**48 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

None

**49 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:
  - writing, telephoning or applying to an employer for work
  - having a job interview
  - checking or registering with an employment agency
  - taking steps to purchase or start a business
  - advertising or tendering for work
  - contacting friends or relatives in order to obtain work
  - answering an advertisement for a job.

No, did not look for work ► **Go to 51**

Yes, looked for full-time work

Yes, looked for part-time work

**50 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

**51 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

**52 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, 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

**53 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 and finance management.
- 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

**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

**55 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

**56** Does the person agree to their name, address and other information on this form being kept by the National Archives of Australia and then made publicly available after 99 years?

- Answering this question is **OPTIONAL**.
- A person’s name-identified information will not be kept by the National Archives where a person does not agree or the answer is left blank.
- Information provided to the National Archives will include answers to all questions on the form including Question 26 (long-term health conditions).

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- Yes, agrees
- No, does not agree

**57** Finished?

- Please make sure you have not missed any pages or questions.
- Please sign here.

Signature

Day    Month    Year

**Thank you for your participation.**

**Please return this completed form  
without delay.**

SAMPLE

# Thank you for taking part.



## Need help to complete your Census?

We are here to help – online, in person or over the phone.  
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 You can also call us on **1800 512 441**.



### National Relay Service

If you are deaf, hard of hearing and/or have a speech impairment, you can contact us through the National Relay Service.



### Language support

To access in-language support, you can contact the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450**.



If you complete the Census online, please recycle this paper form.

Census data is used to inform many things, from national decisions to local services such as:



the discovery of medical breakthroughs, like the link between Rubella and birth defects.



giving disadvantaged students the opportunity to study at university.



planning for aged care and improving the well-being of older Australians.



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#### OFFICE USE ONLY

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