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2026 Census topic consultation

What information does your community need to inform Australia's important decisions?

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has begun public consultation on topics for the 2026 Census of Population and Housing. You are invited to make a submission about information needed to inform Australia's important decisions.

Phase one of the 2026 Census topic consultation is open until 28 April 2023. Requests for new topics or changes to existing Census topics can be submitted through the [ABS Consultation Hub](#).

You can start preparing submissions now by:

- Gathering evidence to explain why the information needs to be collected. For example, will it inform government policies, research, grant allocations, business or community decisions?
- Connecting with other individuals or organisations who may want to collaborate on a submission.

Register for the 2026 Census topic consultation webinar

The ABS will be hosting a live webinar on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 2:00pm – 3:00pm AEDT.

The webinar will provide an overview of the consultation process, assessment criteria and how to prepare a high-quality submission. The webinar will include an audience question and answer session.

More information about the 2026 Census topic review process is available on the [ABS website](#).

You can subscribe for updates at www.subscribe.abs.gov.au/2026Census.