



OUR MOMENT TO **PAUSE** AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Census myth busters

August 9 is Census night in Australia.

MYTH I did the Census last time. I don't need to do it again.

FACT Yes, you do. Everyone in Australia must complete the Census on the night of August 9. Your information may have changed from last time.

MYTH The Police, Housing, Australian Tax Office and Centrelink will get my details if I fill out the Census.

FACT By law, your personal information is protected. The personal information you provide in the Census is NOT shared with anyone.

MYTH The ABS doesn't need to know I'm Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

FACT Yes, it does. It's important that we get an accurate picture of how many Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are in Australia and where they live. The information collected in the Census is used to plan services and allocate government funding in your community so you can have access to education, health, housing and other important services.

MYTH The ABS doesn't need to know how many kids I have.

FACT Yes, it does. Babies and children need to be counted so there is enough funding for schools and health care services in your area to help prepare them for their future.

MYTH I have received a letter. Can I still complete a paper form instead of doing it online?

FACT Yes. Simply follow the directions in the letter to order a paper form. One will be mailed to you. You must return the completed form in the Reply Paid envelope provided as soon as possible. You can call **1300 214 531** if you need help.

MYTH I received my letter or paper form after Census night. I don't have to do the Census.

FACT Yes, you do. Everyone who was in Australia on Census night must complete the Census. If you received your letter or paper form after Census night, you must complete it as though it was Census night and return it as soon as possible.



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