



# YOUR TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

## What is the Census?

The Census aims to take a 'snapshot' of Australia. It helps to build a picture of our communities. It collects important information that is used to allocate services and funding in your community. Everyone in Australia must complete the Census.

## When is the Census?

The Census will be during July and August 2016.

## Who conducts the Census?

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) conducts the Census.

## Who will see my information?

The information you give about yourself or your family is kept private and not shared with anyone, including the Police, Housing, Australian Taxation Office (ATO) or Centrelink.

Census workers can't share any Census information – it's the law.

## How do I identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

If you identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, you should answer 'yes' for those questions.

It is important we get a full picture of everyone who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and where they are in Australia. It helps plan for services such as education, health, housing and other important things you may need in your area.

## What do I need to do?

Census field staff will visit your home during July and August 2016.

Census field staff will ask questions about you, everyone who lives with you and your home. Remember to include babies, children, aunts, uncles, cousins and visitors. Any information you tell them is private and will not be shared with anyone else.

## More information

For more information ask Census field staff who will be visiting your community. They will be able to answer any questions you have.



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