



### What other forms of assistance are available?

Support is available for anyone who needs help participating in the Census. In some locations, such as hospitals and nursing homes, Special Field Officers will be employed to provide assistance in completing the Census.

If you need help completing the Census, we encourage seeking help from someone you trust, a family member, friend, carer or neighbour.

### Will my personal information be provided to other government departments or agencies?

No. The personal information collected in the Census is not shared with any other government departments or agencies, including the police, Australian Taxation Office or Centrelink.

The ABS is legally bound to protect the privacy of all Australians and will not release your information in a way that will identify any individual or household.

### When will data from the Census be available?

The first results from the 2016 Census will be released in April 2017.

### Need more information or help?

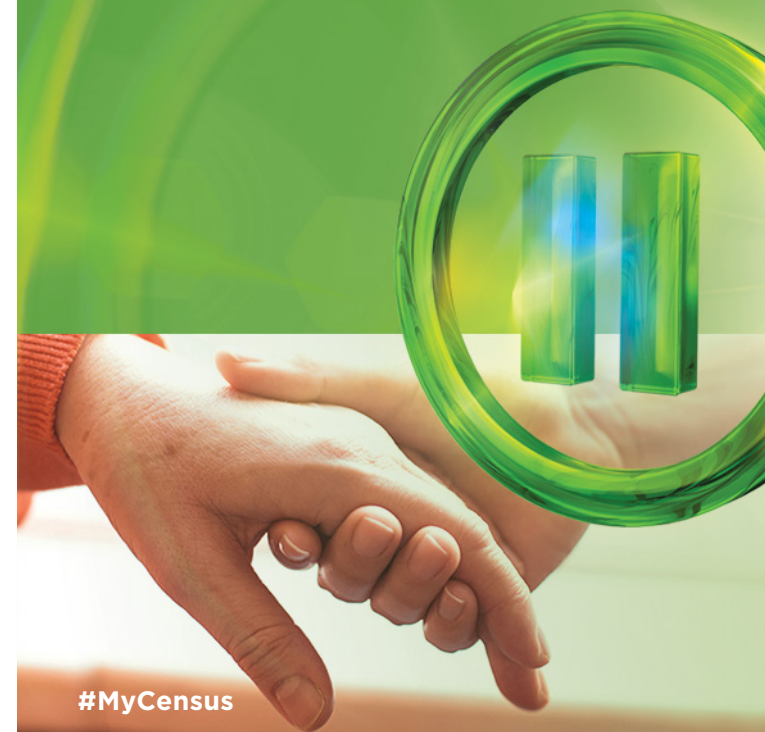
Go to [census.abs.gov.au](http://census.abs.gov.au)

To request the Census form in Braille, large print or audio formats please call **1300 214 531** from 22 July.

Help for deaf, hard or hearing or those with a speech impairment should contact the National Relay Service.

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## What is the Census?

The Census of Population and Housing (Census) is Australia's largest statistical collection and is undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). For more than 100 years, the Census has provided a snapshot of Australia, helping to shape our nation's education, health, transport and infrastructure.

## When is the Census?

The next Census will be held on August 9.

## What does the Census mean to Australia?

The Census provides important information about Australia's people and their housing. It helps estimate Australia's population, which is used to distribute government funds and plan services for your community.

In 2016, the Census will count close to 10 million dwellings and approximately 24 million people, the largest ever to date.

## What should I expect?

From August 1, most households will receive a letter from the ABS, addressed 'To the Resident'.

The letter will include your household's unique Census Login and instructions on how to complete the Census online, as well as directions on how to order a paper form. Some households will receive a paper form upfront.

## Is it possible to complete the Census online if I am blind or have low vision?

Yes. The online Census form has been built with accessibility in mind. It has undergone extensive testing by an internationally recognised industry leader, Vision Australia, to ensure that respondents using assistive technology have a smooth experience.

The online form conforms to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.0 (WCAG2.0) standards and has been issued '*Statement of Accessibility*' certificates in both technical and user-based audits.

## What features contribute to its accessibility?

The online form and webpage features multiple ways to locate information, a logical sequence of content, a consistent layout, easy navigation within the form, keyboard functionality and clear messaging throughout.

## Are alternate formats of the form available for people who are blind or have low vision?

Yes. If you are blind or have low vision you can request the Census form in Braille and large print formats. An audio version of the Census and accompanying help documentation is available on CD from the Census Inquiry Service or digitally on the CensusAustralia YouTube channel.

All alternate formats can be requested by calling the Census Inquiry Service on **1300 214 531** from 22 July.



## I am deaf or hard of hearing. What help is available?

Information to assist people who are deaf or hard of hearing is available in Australian Sign Language (Auslan) and Closed Captions. 'Making Sense of the Census' videos are available in Closed Captions on the CensusAustralia YouTube channel. Videos in Auslan on how to complete each Census question can also be found on the CensusAustralia YouTube channel.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, contact the National Relay Service for help in completing the Census.