



2016 CENSUS

How will I be counted?

What do I do if I haven't completed a form?

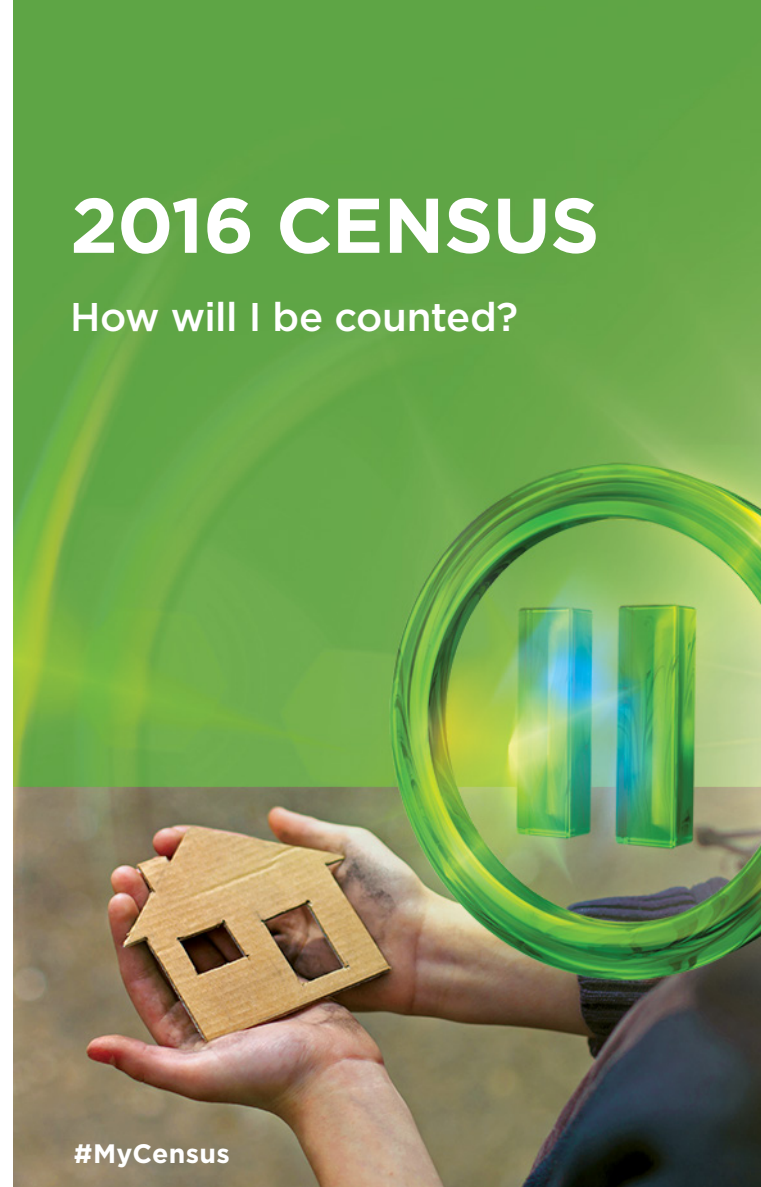
If you aren't visited by a Census Field Officer or don't receive a form around Census night, please call **1300 214 531**.

When will data from the Census be available?

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

More information

For more information go to census.abs.gov.au or call **1300 214 531** from 22 July.



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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.

Who is counted in the Census?

Everyone in Australia on Census night, except foreign diplomats and their families, is included in the Census. This includes people experiencing homelessness, such as:

- people living in hostels and refuges
- people without a usual address – staying temporarily with friends, family or in temporary accommodation (e.g. hotel, motel or shelter)
- people living in a single room, with no kitchen or bathroom of its own, with no long term tenure
- people 'sleeping rough' on Census night.

Why is it important?

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.

Service providers, community organisations and business all use Census data to plan facilities, services and support programs such as:

- emergency shelters for individuals and families
- domestic violence programs
- transitional housing
- specialised programs serving young people experiencing homelessness.

Is my personal information shared with anyone else?

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.

I'm 'sleeping rough', how will I be counted?

The ABS employs Census Field Officers to help people sleeping rough complete the Census. Census Field Officers will visit areas where people are known to sleep rough to interview and record peoples' responses on a specially designed Census form. This activity may take up to a week to complete, depending on local conditions.

I'm staying in a boarding house, refuge or hostel, how will I be counted?

The ABS works closely with homeless services providers and organisations to count the number of people staying in these places on Census night.

I'm temporarily staying with friends or family, how will I be counted?

Details on how to complete the Census form will be delivered to the house you are staying in, either by mail or by a Census Field Officer.



How do I answer the usual address question?

When completing the Census form, it is important that if you have no usual address you enter 'NONE' for the suburb part of the question 'Where does the person usually live?', regardless of where you are staying on Census night. For example, you could be 'couch surfing', or staying in crisis accommodation, a refuge or hostel.

If you are using supported accommodation vouchers to stay in caravan parks and motels, record 'NONE - CRISIS' on the Census form you receive from your accommodation provider.