

The 2026 Census is happening this August and every answer matters

The next Census is on Tuesday 11 August 2026.

What is the Census?

The Census is a snapshot of Australia's people and housing and tells the story of how we are changing.

How does the Census Help?

Census collects the data that helps governments, community groups and businesses plan services for individuals, families and communities, where and when they are needed.

Who should do the Census?

Every household and person in Australia on Census night must be included on a Census form, including visitors to Australia, international students and babies.

How does the Census work?

Instructions on how to complete the Census will be delivered to households from late July. If you know where you'll be on Census night, you can complete your Census as soon as you receive your instructions. You can complete online, by paper, or with help from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Privacy?

The information you provide in the Census on the form is confidential and protected by law. Your information is not shared with anyone, including other government agencies.

Why does the Census Matter?

In the Census, every answer matters to help Australia understand, what is needed now and into the future.

For more information visit <http://www.census.abs.gov.au/>