



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

What is the Census?

The Census aims to take a 'snapshot' of Australia on Census night. 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 on Census night must complete the Census.

When is the Census?

August 9 is Census night in Australia. The Census is held every five years.

Who conducts the Census?

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

Who will see my information?

The personal information you provide in the Census is not shared with anyone, including other government departments or agencies, such as the Police, Housing, the Australian Tax Office (ATO) or Centrelink.

How do I identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the Census?

If you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, you should mark 'yes' for that question.

If you identify as both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person, you should mark both 'yes' boxes for that question.

It is important we get the full picture of everyone who identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and where they are in Australia. It helps plan for health, education, employment and other important services in your community.

How do I complete the Census?

From August 1, look out for your household's letter in the mail. Use this letter to complete the Census online, or follow the directions to request a paper form. If you complete a paper form, remember to return it in the Reply Paid envelope as soon as possible.

You must include everyone in your home on Census night, including babies, children, aunties, uncles, cousins and visitors.

What do I do if I do not receive a letter or paper form?

If you haven't received your household's letter or a paper form by Census night - August 9 - you should call the ABS on **1300 214 531**.

More information

For more information go to census.abs.gov.au



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