

OUR MOMENT TO PAUSE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

People who are blind or have low vision

What is the Census?

The Census of Population and Housing (Census) is Australia's largest statistical collection 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.

Everyone in Australia on Census night must complete the Census.

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 number counted to date.

What should I expect this Census?

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. Some households will receive a paper form upfront.

Does the online form meet web accessibility requirements?

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 online 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.

What other forms of assistance are available for people who are blind or have low vision?

People who are blind or have low vision 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.

Will personal information be 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 information in a way that will identify any individual or household.

When will data from the Census be available?

Data from the 2016 Census will be released from April 2017.

More information

Go to census.abs.gov.au

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