Australian Bureau of Statistics

Census

Every stat tells a story.

People living in rooming houses

About the Census

Every five years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics counts every person and household in Australia. This is called the Census of Population and Housing. This year, the Census is on **Tuesday 10 August.**

Your participation in the Census is important. Census data is used to plan and fund services to assist people experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis. This includes emergency shelters for individuals and families, support for people experiencing domestic violence and transitional housing.

How to complete your Census

Everyone staying in a rooming house on Census night, Tuesday 10 August, needs to complete a Census form. Each person staying in this accommodation on Census night will receive a pink Census form. This form will be supplied by your accommodation provider.

You can also complete your Census online using the log in details on the front of the paper form provided.

How to answer the question **'Where does the person usually live?'**

- If a homelessness agency has organised and paid for you to stay in a rooming house, write **'NONE-CRISIS'** under suburb. If you complete your form online, include the state and postcode of the address you are staying at on Census night.
- **If you live in the rooming house long term** use the rooming house address as your usual address.

10 Where does the person usually live?

- For people who usually live in another country and who are visiting Australia for less than one year, mark 'Other country'.
- For other people, 'usually live' means the address at which the person has lived, or intends to live, for a total of six months or more in 2021.
- For people who have no fixed or return address (for example, due to family conflict or eviction), write 'NONE' in the 'Suburb/Locality' box.
- For boarders at boarding school, write the address of the boarding school or college.
- Mark box, like this: —

Same as in Question 1

Elsewhere in Australia (please specify address)

Apartment/Flat/Unit number (if any) Street number

Street name

Suburb/Locality

NONE-CRISIS

State/Territory Postcode

Other country

Your personal information is protected

The personal information you provide in your Census is protected by law and isn't shared with anyone. This includes other government agencies such as the police, Centrelink or housing office. You can't be identified by the information you share about yourself and your family in your Census. More information can be found at www.census.abs.gov.au/privacy

Help and support

If you need help to complete your Census, **contact the service provider who referred you to your accommodation** or call us on 1800 512 441. You can also find answers to frequently asked questions at www.census.abs.gov.au/help

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450.