

Support a high quality 2026 Census

Every five years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) counts every person and household in Australia through the Census of Population and Housing. The next Census is on **Tuesday 11 August 2026**.

The Census is a snapshot of Australia and helps us understand what we need now and into the future. Your support is vital to ensure everyone is counted and the Census delivers high quality data to:

- set electoral boundaries
- distribute government funds
- inform decisions about transport, schools, health care and infrastructure
- plan services for individuals, families and communities.

How you can help

From early 2026, the ABS will provide resources for you to share with your community about the Census. You can use these resources to:



Tell your community why the Census matters – encourage your community to take part in the Census so community organisations, government and businesses can make informed decisions and plan local services.



Encourage people in your community to apply for Census roles – having local Census field staff helps ensure we achieve high quality data. Share key dates and information to support people to apply.

Supporting diverse communities

The ABS implements strategies to reduce barriers and provide support pathways for people to participate in the Census, including for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in urban, regional and remote areas
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- people experiencing homelessness
- people living with disability
- older people and people who prefer in-person assist.

Some examples of the support provided include:

- Translated information (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages), engaging multilingual staff where needed and support through the Translating and Interpreting Service.
- Accessible support options such as an easy-read guide, braille and large-print forms, Auslan videos, an accessible website and support through the National Relay Service.
- Customer support channels including a contact centre, online self-service and contact forms, chatbot, pop-up information hubs and fill-in form sessions.

Census jobs

The ABS is hiring to fill over 30,000 jobs for the 2026 Census. This workforce helps ensure every person and household is counted.

Census roles are temporary, flexible and available across metropolitan, regional and remote areas. The ABS is looking for people from diverse backgrounds and ages. Some jobs require people who are multilingual or have experience working with diverse communities. Some roles do not require previous experience, with full training provided.

Applications opening January 2026

- **Local Engagement Officers** manage a small team of local field staff and activities. This includes coordinating information hubs and sessions to support understanding and awareness of the Census for diverse population groups.
- **Field Managers** lead Census operations in their local area. They recruit, train and manage a team of Field Officers to ensure high quality and relevant data collection.

Applications opening February 2026

- **Mobile Field Representatives** travel intrastate and interstate to support Census field teams in their collection operations. This includes visiting households, distributing and collecting Census forms and promoting participation.
- **Remote Area Management Team Leaders** manage a small team to coordinate Census collection activities in remote regions. These include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and rural sites such as farms, mining camps and national parks.
- **Remote Area Management Team Members** work with Team Leaders to encourage Census participation and support Census collection in remote regions.

Applications opening March 2026

- **Community Field Officers** engage with their local community to support participation in the Census. They assist people who may face barriers to completing the Census form.

Applications opening April 2026

- **Field Officers** are the local face of the Census. They deliver and collect Census forms. They also follow up with households that haven't yet responded. No experience is required. We provide all necessary training, supervision and support.

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

2026 Census data release

Data from the 2026 Census will be released in three phases:



Census data will be available across a range of products making it easy for people to access and use. There will be enhancements to data products including QuickStats and TableBuilder, to make them more intuitive and provide access to a wider range of information.