



Census

# 2026 Census Stakeholder Toolkit

Your guide to sharing information about the recruitment of Community Field Officers

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## The next Census is on Tuesday 11 August 2026

Every 5 years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) counts every person and household in Australia through the Census. Information from the Census helps governments, businesses and community groups plan for schools, health care, transport and infrastructure.

We can't do the Census without our temporary field workforce. They collect the data that helps us all understand more about Australia and how it's changing.

## We are now hiring Community Field Officers

There are Community Field Officer jobs available in your area, and in many parts of Australia.

- ▶ Community Field Officers support people from all cultures and communities to participate in the Census.
- ▶ They provide information about the Census, encourage participation and help people to complete their Census form in-person.
- ▶ Applications open from **12 May 2026**.
- ▶ To be considered in the first round of applications, we encourage people to submit their application by 1 June 2026.

## Why we need Community Field Officers

Community Field Officers play a key role in helping and supporting diverse population groups and members of the public in their community to successfully complete the Census.

We are looking for people with experience working with the following groups:



## How you can help

There are lots of ways you can share information about recruitment for the 2026 Census.

A range of resources are available for you to download and share with your networks, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resources.

### Here are the top 5 ways you can use this toolkit:



Share a social media post with your followers.

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Put up a poster or digital screen in your office or in the community.

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Spread the word through your organisation's newsletter or website.

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Answer questions from your community using the key messages.

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Follow '2026 Census – Australia' on Facebook (@2026CensusAU) and share key milestones and recruitment updates.



**Tip:** You can customise the social media and newsletter resources using the key messages provided, or add your own local information to demonstrate the importance of the Census for your community.


For more information, visit [census.abs.gov.au/jobs](https://census.abs.gov.au/jobs) or call the Recruitment Support Line on 1300 100 557 if you require additional support.

## Community Field Officer recruitment

### Overview of job requirements and how to apply

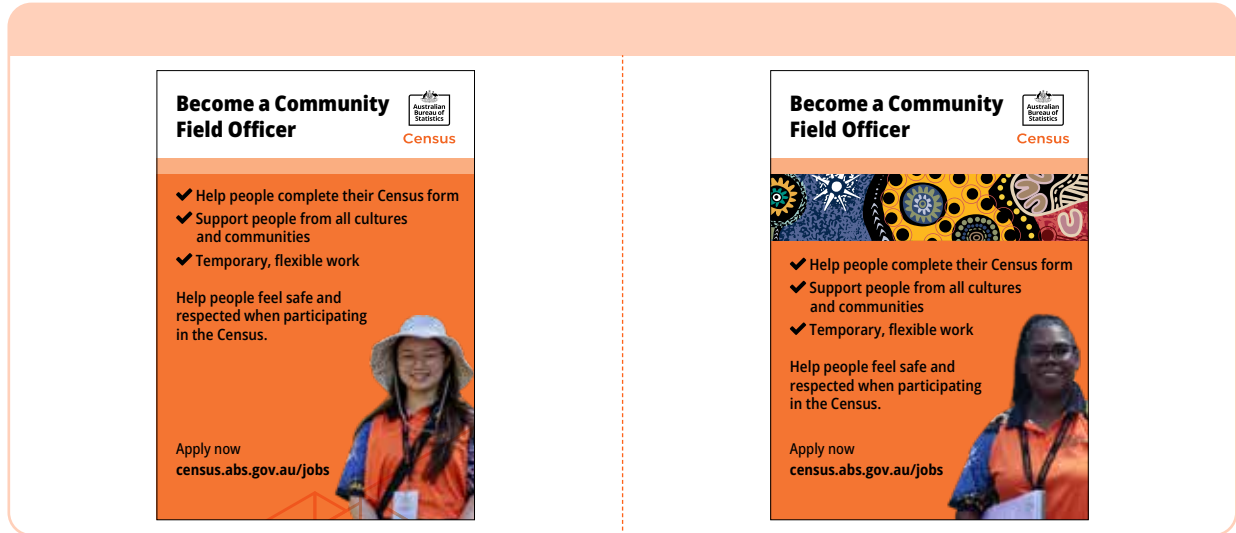
- ▶ Census data helps businesses and governments make important decisions that directly impact local communities. It is also used to help plan local services for individuals, families, and communities.
- ▶ Community Field Officers provide in-person Census support to people from all cultures and communities to participate in the Census.
- ▶ They work locally with community members to provide information about the Census. They may also run Census Pop-up Hubs, information sessions and Fill-in-Form sessions.
- ▶ Community Field Officers will connect with diverse population groups including people living with disability, people experiencing homelessness, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and communities.
- ▶ The ABS is looking for a range of people who:
  - have lived experience and/or experience supporting and working with diverse population groups
  - have experience organising and running events in their local community
  - speak a language other than English.
- ▶ Community Field Officers will earn \$34.11 per hour (inclusive of 25% casual loading), plus superannuation.
- ▶ Community Field Officer jobs are temporary with flexible hours across weekdays, evenings and weekends.
- ▶ Applications for Community Field Officer jobs open on 12 May 2026. For more information and to apply, visit [www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs](http://www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs).
- ▶ Applications for the first round of Community Field Officer jobs will close on 1 June 2026. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early to be considered in their local area.
- ▶ To see all Census job opportunities, visit [www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs](http://www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs).

# Resources

Download general Community Field Officer resources 

## Posters

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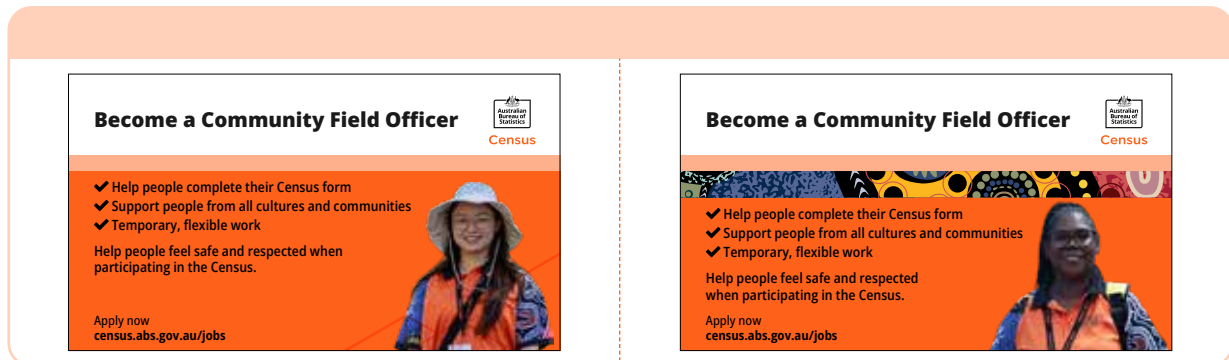


## Social media tiles

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<p>Post from 12 May 2026.</p>	<p>Help our community get counted this Census. Applications for Community Field Officers are now open in locations all over Australia, including in [Insert your community]. As a Community Field Officer, you'll provide in-person support to diverse communities and groups to complete their Census form. Help people feel safe and respected when participating in the Census. Get your application in by 1 June 2026 to be considered in the first round of recruitment. Find out more and apply now at <a href="http://www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs">www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs</a>.</p>	

## Digital screens

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## Newsletter article

Publish from 12 May 2026.

### Become a Community Field Officer for the 2026 Census

Do you have experience working with people who have a range of different needs? Community Field Officer jobs are now available in locations all over Australia.

As a Community Field Officer, you'll support people from all cultures and communities to participate in the Census. You'll help people in-person, providing information about the Census. This may include running Census Pop-up Hubs, information sessions or Fill-in-Form sessions.

Census data helps governments, not-for-profits and businesses make important decisions that directly impact local communities. It is used to help plan local services for individuals, families, and communities. It is vital that everyone in Australia participates in the Census.


The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is looking for people with lived experience and/or experience supporting diverse population groups such as people living with disability, people experiencing homelessness, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and people who speak a language other than English.

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Get your application in by 1 June 2026 to be considered in the first round of recruitment in your local area.

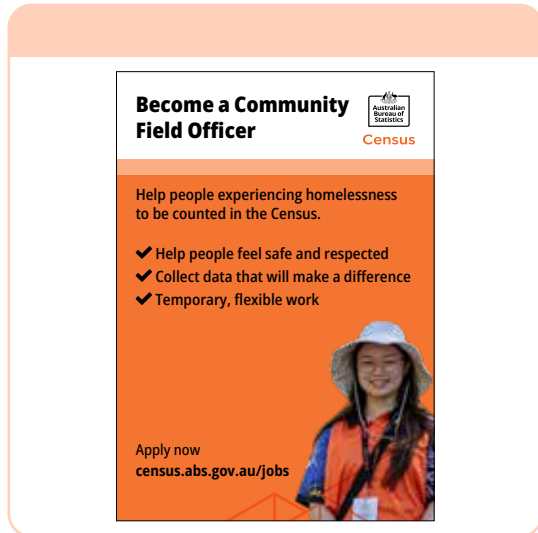
Join the Census team and help collect the data that informs local services for your community. To apply and see all Census job opportunities, visit [census.abs.gov.au/jobs](https://census.abs.gov.au/jobs).

# Resources for Community Field Officers – Homelessness

Download Community Field Officer – Homelessness resources 

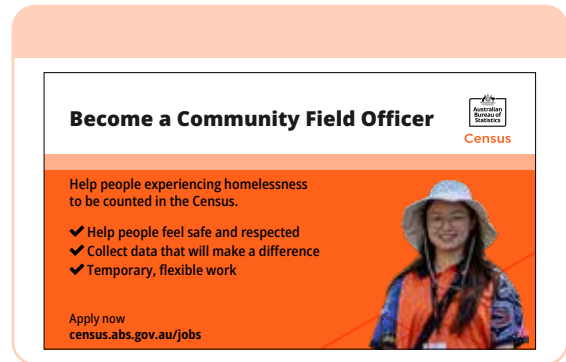
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## Digital screen

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## Social media tile

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<p>Post from 12 May 2026.</p>	<p>You can help people experiencing homelessness to be counted in the 2026 Census.</p> <p>The Census is now looking for people with experience working in the homelessness sector or with lived experience with homelessness, to become a Community Field Officer.</p> <p>As a Community Field Officer, you'll assist people experiencing homelessness to participate, including interviewing people sleeping rough in your local area.</p> <p>You can help people feel safe and respected when participating in the Census.</p> <p>Get your application in by 1 June 2026 to be considered in the first round of recruitment. Find out more and apply now at <a href="https://census.abs.gov.au/jobs">census.abs.gov.au/jobs</a></p>	

 Many Census jobs remain open, click here to download other job resources.



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