

# census 2021

## **Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society**

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941 and the next census is **March 21, 2021**.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets, though there will be help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.

The census is important as it will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed, like doctors' surgeries, schools, new transport routes, libraries and housing

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. For the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

## **How can you help?**

We are working with a wide range of partners at county and district level but you know your local communities better than anyone. We know that there are lots of people / communities that may find it difficult or may be wary of completing their census questionnaire. We would like you to help us identify these groups so that we can engage with them and make sure they have all the information they need. We are particularly interested in any ethnic groups that may need language support and any groups that will allow us to reach the elderly or disabled as we know that not everyone will be happy completing online.

If you can help please contact:

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Finally, Census 2021 is a very large operation and there are lots of temporary jobs available. Visit the census website for more information.