

CENSUS 2022

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Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) will be conducting the Census from

February to March 2022

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What is a Census?

A census is the total count of a population whereby all people including children, babies, homeless people and foreign nationals within the borders of a country are counted. A census collects data about a country's socio-economic dynamics – people's living conditions, access to basic services, income, etc.

Stats SA has conducted three censuses since democracy: in 1996, 2001 and 2011. The data collected during a census is used for planning, policy formulation and evidence-based decision-making. The results of a Census are also the basis for budget allocations across local, provincial and national government. They also provide municipalities with small area data for use in their Integrated Development Plans (IDPs).

Who will be counted?

Everyone within the borders of South Africa.
This includes the following:

- Individuals in a normal home set up (in dwelling units)
- Individuals in Special dwelling institutions (SDIs) - hotels, lodges, airports, prisons, hospitals etc.
- The homeless population
- Persons who are on the move during the census night and are not going to their usual places of residence the following day, e.g. truck drivers, persons leaving the country after midnight of the reference night (Transients)
- Visitors who spend Census night in the country

How will the data be collected?

Individuals in dwelling units

You choose how you want to be counted. You can either choose to have a Stats SA fieldworker visit your household to complete the census questionnaire using a digital device, or complete the questionnaire remotely via the web or telephonically, where a Stats SA staff member will contact you. All dwelling units and populations in households will be counted from 03 February 2022. You will need to register your household by visiting the Census 2022 online registration page on: getcounted.statssa.gov.za

Homeless population

The homeless population will be counted on census night (2nd of February 2022) from parks, street/door-ways/in front of shops/pavements, under bridges, riverbanks, dumping sites, abandoned buildings and vehicles. Information will be collected by Stats SA fieldworkers.

Special dwelling institutions (SDIs)

All collective living institutions such as Hospitals, Prisons, frail care centres, Hotels, B&Bs and Guest houses are expected to provide Stats SA with information on persons who were present in their establishments on census night, **2nd of February 2022**. The information can be provided through uploading the records/files or completing the online questionnaire/schedule by any responsible authority in the SDI or telephonically through the call centre personnel. Alternatively, a Stats SA fieldworker will collect the person information on-site on census night.

Transient population

Data collection among the transient population will be conducted on the census night **(2nd of February 2022)**. This will only take place in places such as border posts, harbours, airports, overnight truck stops and bus stops. Information will be collected by Stats SA fieldworkers.

Kindly note that all COVID-19 protocols will be observed when Stats SA fieldworkers conduct face to face interviews.

Which questions are asked in a Census questionnaire?

Census collects data on social and economic aspects such as demographics, migration, health, education, employment, fertility, mortality, housing, income, household goods and services as well as agricultural activities.

Post-enumeration Survey (PES) 2022

As part of quality assessment, Stats SA conducts an independent survey called the Post-enumeration Survey (PES). The PES 2022 will be conducted only in selected areas shortly after the completion of Census 2022 data collection. Data collection will be conducted from **March to April 2022.** The PES 2022 is important as it is used to measure the accuracy and reach of the Census. The PES 2022 will also assist in identifying the number of households and persons erroneously included, missed or counted more than once during the Census 2022.

Will my information be kept confidential?

Stats SA derives its mandate from the Statistics Act (Act No. 6 of 1999). In terms of section 17 of the Act, information collected on individuals and their households must be treated as confidential. The information may NOT be shared with any other organ of state or any private entity.
Section18 (e) & (g) (e & g) stipulates that any Stats SA

official found guilty of contravening this Act will be fined a penalty equal to an amount not exceeding R10 000 or imprisonment of up to six months, or both.
Stats SA will NOT ask for information about your banking details, your political affiliation or ask you to pay to participate in the census.

Is participation in the Census mandatory?

In terms of section 16 (2) of the Statistics Act all persons are mandated to answer questions put to them by an authorised Stats SA official when requested.

Protection of Personal Information Act 04 of 2013 (POPIA)

Section 3 of the POPIA provides that the POPIA may not be interpreted in a manner that prevents any public or private body from exercising its powers and duties in terms of the law, in so far as that law relates to the processing of personal information.

This means that you may not refuse to participate in the census by relying on the POPIA as this will prevent Stats SA from exercising its powers and duties in terms of the Statistics Act, and you will be contravening section 16 (2) of the Statistics Act.

What happens if I refuse to participate in the Census?

It is an offence to refuse to answer questions put to you in terms of section 16 (2), and you will be liable on conviction by a competent court of law to a fine not exceeding R 10 000, imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both a fine and imprisonment.

How can I identify a Stats SA fieldworker?

Stats SA fieldworkers can be identified through the official Stats SA Identification Card (ID) displaying the Stats SA logo, the photograph of the fieldworker and they will also be wearing Census 2022 branded over-shirts. Fieldworkers' pictures and details will also be available on the Stats SA website for authentication. Respondents may also contact the Census 2022 toll-free number (0800 110 248) to verify the authenticity of fieldworkers visiting their homes. Those who selected the telephonic interview option may also verify the authenticity of the Stats SA staff member by using the unique identification number which will be supplied by the Staff member who called the households. The respondents will use the unique identification number to access the details of the data collector who called them online by visiting:
http://www.statssa.gov.za/Fieldworkerverification/home.php

About Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is a government department mandated in terms of the Statistics Act to collect, process, analyse and disseminate official statistics.

Did you know?

Household
is defined as person or a group of persons who occupy a common dwelling unit (or a part of it). Basically, the people who live together and share resources as a unit are a household.

Dwelling unit
is a structure or part of a structure or group of structures occupied or meant to be occupied by one or more than one household.

Homeless population
refers to persons with no form of shelter and no known residential address.

Stats SA Fieldworker
is a person who visits households or individuals in a specific enumeration area for the purpose of administration of questionnaires for statistical purposes.

Special dwelling institutions (SDIs)
are establishments that provide a communal type of accommodation where people sleep over, differentiated by length of stay/duration and service provision, and are generally available to people for reasons of employment, study, special needs, legal requirement or recreation. Examples of SDIs are army barracks, designated police living quarters, university residences, frail care centres and hospitals.

Transient population refers to persons who are on the move during the census night and are not going to their usual places of residence the following day, e.g. truck drivers, persons leaving the country after midnight of the reference night, etc.

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