

## Census 2021

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales.

It is really important that everyone takes part in the census, the information that it generates has the power to make a real impact on our day-to-day lives. All kinds of organisations from local authorities to charities rely on census data to help provide the services we all need, including schools, doctors surgeries, transport, hospitals and libraries. By taking part you'll be helping to make sure that you and your community get the services needed now and in the future.

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted us all in different ways, and it has further emphasised the need for up-to-date data about the population to help organisations shape services for society for the years to come.

The next census will take place on Sunday 21st March 2021 and for the first time ever it will be 'digital-first'. Households across England and Wales will receive an access code by post in February, and for many people this will mean that they can complete their census form quickly and easily online. Some areas will automatically receive paper questionnaires, for example where digital access is limited.

Help will be available for people who need support to take part. Paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them and a national helpline will be available to provide support and advice - including accessible options and translations.

If you know someone in the local community who needs help to complete their census form you can request help for them via the helpline if they are unable to themselves. Census field officers will be working locally, operating within COVID guidelines and they will also be able to provide help for those who need it.

More information about the 2021 census is available via the **official census website** or from the **Office for National Statistics (ONS)**.

Anyone who is interested in working on the 2021 census can find out more about the temporary roles that are available and register their interest on line at [\*\*www.censusjobs.co.uk\*\*](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk)