



Shed some light on Census night 9 August 2011



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What is the Census?

Tuesday, 9 August 2011, is Census night in Australia. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) conducts the Census of Population and Housing every five years.

The Census aims to take a 'snapshot' of Australia on Census night. It collects vital information that decision makers, government and communities use to allocate services, facilities and funding in your area.

Everyone in Australia on Census night needs to complete the Census even if you are not an Australian citizen or resident. Only foreign diplomats and their families do not have to complete the Census.

On Census night, you will have the option to either fill out the paper form delivered to your home, or complete the Census online using eCensus.

Do you need assistance with communication activities?

If you need assistance to communicate with others it is important that you answer these questions accurately and in full.

If you use Australian Sign Language, write 'Auslan' in the space provided under *Yes, other – please specify*. Auslan is the language of the Deaf community in Australia. If you use another sign language, write in the name of the sign language if it applies to the home.

<p>16 Does the person speak a language other than English at home?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark one box only.• If more than one language other than English, write the one that is spoken most often.• Remember to mark box like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No, English only ► Go to 18</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Italian</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Greek</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Cantonese</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Arabic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Mandarin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Vietnamese</p> <p>Yes, other – please specify</p> <table border="1"><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>																																



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The following question is about the use of interpreters. It is important that you identify how often, if at all, you require an interpreter to communicate with hearing people.

22 Does the person ever need someone to help with, or be with them for, communication activities?

- For example: understanding, or being understood by, others.

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

The following question refers to the responses you gave in Questions 20, 21 and 22. If 'No' was marked for all of the previous three questions, then mark 'No need for help or supervision'. Otherwise mark all of the reasons that assistance is needed. If you are Deaf and need assistance with communication due to difficulties with English, and if the need for assistance is not present when communicating with Auslan, mark 'Difficulty with English language'.

23 What are the reasons for the need for assistance or supervision shown in questions 20, 21 and 22?

- Mark all applicable reasons.
- Remember to mark boxes like this:

- No need for help or supervision
- Short-term health condition (lasting less than six months)
- Long-term health condition (lasting six months or more)
- Disability (lasting six months or more)
- Old or young age
- Difficulty with English language
- Other cause

For more information on the Census or eCensus call the Census Inquiry Service on **1300 338 776** or visit **www.abs.gov.au/census**. People who are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment can contact the Census Inquiry Service through the National Relay Service:

- TTY users phone **133 677** and ask for **1300 338 776**
- Speak and Listen users phone **1300 555 727** and ask for **1300 338 776**, or
- Internet relay users connect to www.relayservice.com.au and ask for **1300 338 776**.

The Census Inquiry Service is open 8:30am to 8:00pm, seven days a week from 18 July to 5 September 2011.



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