

What is the “Step-by-Step Guide to Filling in the Census 2006 Form”?

The “Step-by-Step Guide to Filling in the Census 2006 Form” gives information to help you fill in the census form. It includes:

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1 Questions and answers about the census

What is the census?

The census is a count of all the people in the country on one night, census night. It is a picture of the country on that night. Everyone gives information about themselves, their families and their work or schooling on that night.

How often does the census take place?

It takes place every five years.

Why do we need a census?

The census gives information about the people in Ireland on census night. The information is used by the people who form plans for the future. These plans are about many things including houses, health, childcare, schools and roads. The 2006 census is more important than ever because the picture has changed so much over the last few years.

What kind of questions are on the census form?

There are two kinds of questions. There are questions about your housing and questions about each person in your home.

Who will get to see the information that I fill in?

The information you fill in on the census form is private and will only be used by the Central Statistics Office. No other Government department or agency will be able to see the information. The information will be used to plan a better future for all of us. Census 2006 is confidential.

Who fills in the census form?

Any adult in the house on census night can fill in the form.

Who should be included on the census form?

Any person who is staying in the house on census night must be included on the census form, even if that person is just visiting.

Do I have to fill in the census form?

Yes, you must fill in the census form. It is the law.

Who is my census enumerator?

Your census enumerator is the person who gives you and collects the census form. Your census enumerator is happy to answer your questions or help you fill in the census form.

2 Dates to remember

April 2006

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2006

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

29 March to 22 April:
Census enumerators will call to deliver blank census forms during these dates.

23 April is census day:
This is the day that census forms are filled in, in all houses in the country.

24 April to 21 May:
Census enumerators will collect filled in census forms during these dates.

22 May:
If your census form has not been collected by this date, post it for free to:
Central Statistics Office,
PO Box 2006,
Freepost 3985,
Swords,
Co Dublin.