

Census 2016: Only four days to go!

Census is your opportunity to make your mark on Ireland

Make sure you keep your census form safe

Wednesday, 20 April 2016: With only four days to go before Census 2016, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) is today reminding people to keep their census form safe and ready to be filled in on Sunday evening.

CSO Senior Statistician Deirdre Cullen said today: ““Everyone in Ireland on Sunday evening must be included on a census form so please keep it in a safe place between now and then. If you are yet to receive a census form, or if it has accidentally gone into the recycling bin, please get in touch with the CSO and we will arrange for a form to be delivered to you before Sunday”.

“We are hearing from around the country that some enumerators are still having difficulty getting into apartment blocks, and that in some cases, apartment dwellers do not want to answer the door. If you live in an apartment and have yet to receive a form, please call us today. If your enumerator has left a contact card with their phone number, please call them to arrange a time for the form to be delivered to you. Your enumerator will be carrying census ID”.

Ms Cullen explained the importance of the census to everyone in the country: “By participating in the census, we are helping to shape our understanding about life in Ireland in 2016, and show how Ireland has changed since the last census was taken in 2011. The census is also a fundamental part of our national heritage and collective knowledge. The 2016 census will take place exactly one hundred years to the day since the Easter Rising began, and the results will be of great interest to the historians of the future as they look back and reflect on life in Ireland in 2016”.

You can contact the CSO by:

- freetexting the word FORM to 50400,
- visiting our helpdesk at census.ie or
- lo-calling 1850 20 16 04 (line is open from 8am to 8pm every day up to Sunday, 24 April)

Being included on a census form is a legal requirement for every individual in Ireland on census night. Every effort is made by the CSO to ensure that everyone fulfils this responsibility, however prosecutions will be taken if necessary.

More information on Census 2016, including guidance on the questions, can be found on www.census.ie

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Note to editors

The census is conducted by the Central Statistics Office (CSO). The CSO is an independent Office established in 1949. The census is the largest statistical operation undertaken by the CSO. The CSO is legally independent, and all of the data it collects is kept confidential.