

Census form collection underway

What to do if you made a mistake on your census form?

Friday, 29 April 2016: The collection of census forms is well underway across the country. The collections will continue until 23 May. Once all forms have been returned to census HQ in Swords, Co Dublin, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) will begin processing and analysing the data. Preliminary results will be published in July, and the full results will be available from next March.

According to CSO Senior Statistician Deirdre Cullen, “The enumerators worked very hard right up to census night to ensure that a form was delivered to every dwelling in the country. Their hard work continues now as they return to every door to collect the form. I want to thank them for the effort they have put in so far”.

“Most Irish people understand why the census matters and that they are making their mark on Ireland today, and indeed on posterity, by being included on a census form. By and large, the enumerators have had a very positive response from people and I now urge householders to keep their census form safe and return it to the enumerator when they call. Your enumerator will be carrying a visible census ID badge and wearing their high-vis census enumerator vest. You can check the enumerator’s identification details at the doorstep”.

“If you missed your enumerator they will have left a calling card with their telephone number. Please make contact with them and arrange to have your form collected”.

Ms Cullen had the following advice for people who made a mistake on their form, “If you are unsure about how you’ve answered a question, talk to your enumerator when they visit, or call us on 1850 2016 04. If you know you’ve made a mistake, fill in the incorrect box completely and mark the correct box. We will be able to tell which the correct response is. Please do not use Tippex to correct a mistake”.

The information gathered through the 2016 census will be used to inform policy makers and will play a crucial role in decision-making on, for example, where to build more houses, new schools, or locate new businesses.

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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.