Have you received your census form?

Every person in Ireland on Sunday 24 April must make their mark on Census 2016

Friday, 15 April 2016: Ahead of the final week before Census 2016, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) is today urging householders to engage with their census enumerator, or to make contact with the CSO if they have not yet had a visit from an enumerator.

The census takes place on Sunday, 24 April. Before then, a census form must be hand delivered to every household in the country. Hand delivery is essential so that the CSO can guarantee that every household has a form, and to allow householders to ask any questions they may have.

According to Deirdre Cullen, CSO Senior Statistician, “Everybody in Ireland on census night must be included on a census form, and it is their legal obligation to ensure that they are. Census enumerators have been out delivering census forms since the end of March, and they will continue this work right up until the evening of Sunday, 24 April”.

“Every household in the country, including apartments and flats, must be in receipt of a form before census night. The task of delivering a form to every dwelling in the country is a huge logistical undertaking for the CSO. Our enumerators are endeavouring to hand deliver a form to every household to enable people to fulfil their legal obligation to be included on a census form. If, for any reason, you have not received a form you must contact the CSO to ensure you get one before census night”.

Ms Cullen offered the following advice to people: “If your enumerator called while you were out they will have left a calling card with their phone number. We are asking people to phone their enumerator to arrange a convenient time for the form to be delivered. In the event that your enumerator has not called to your door yet, you should contact the CSO so we can arrange for your form to be delivered to you”.

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)

More information on Census 2016 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 is collected is kept confidential.