

CSO calls on householders to return census forms by post

1.7m forms now collected

Wednesday, 25 May 2016: Just over 1.7m census forms have now been collected by census enumerators across the country. Enumerators in some areas are still calling to collect forms but will conclude their work this Friday (27 May). All householders are asked to return their census form by post if it has not yet been collected.

According to Deirdre Cullen, senior statistician at the CSO, “Not every householder has managed to have contact with their enumerator and some people have already begun to post their forms to the CSO. We’ve received over 15,000 forms by post over the past three weeks, and 3,000 since Monday this week”.

“In some parts of Dublin city centre, Galway, Limerick and Waterford city, as well as parts of Donegal it is proving challenging for the enumerator to make contact with householders. I urge all householders to check if they still have their census form and to return it by post to CSO as soon as possible. First results will be published in July and it’s essential that every household is included”.

Ms Cullen reminded householders about the importance of the census: “Because of the importance of census data in decisions for local areas it’s absolutely critical that everyone is included in the census, and that every form is returned to the CSO. Everyone in Ireland is required by law to be included in the census”.

Census forms can be posted to **PO Box 2016, FREEPOST F4726, Swords, Co. Dublin**. Anyone with a query can call the census helpdesk on 1850 2016 04.

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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.