

## 2 weeks left for Census form collection

### Make sure you keep your census form safe

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016:** There are just 2 weeks left for the collection of Census forms and the Central Statistics Office (CSO) is reminding people to look out for their enumerator and keep their form safe and ready for collection.

**CSO Senior Statistician Deirdre Cullen said today,** “Enumerators have very been busy collecting forms for the past number of weeks and will continue to do so until May 23rd. Certain areas and dwellings are proving challenging so we would ask people who have not heard from their enumerator to make contact with them directly using their calling card or call us on 1850 2016 04 so that we can arrange a time for the form to be collected.”

“Everyone who was in Ireland on Census night must return a census form so please keep it in a safe place until your enumerator returns to collect it. If you are unsure about how you’ve answered a question or if you have made a mistake, talk to your enumerator when they visit or call us on 1850 2016 04.”

Once all forms have been returned to census HQ in Swords, Co Dublin, processing and analysing the data will begin. Preliminary results will be published in July, and the full results will be available from next March.

Ms Cullen explained the value of the census to everyone in the country: “Most Irish people understand why the census matters and feel they are making their mark on Irish history by being included on a census form. 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.”

You can contact the CSO by:

- visiting our helpdesk at [census.ie](http://census.ie) or
- lo-calling 1850 20 16 04 (line is open from 8am to 8pm weekdays)

**ENDS**

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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.