

Census enumerators out in force this weekend

CSO asks people to keep form safe and answer door to enumerator

Friday, 13 May 2016: This weekend will see census enumerators across the country calling to homes to collect census forms, as the collection phase for Census 2016 approaches its end. Saturday and Sunday are important days for census collections with less people working and more people at home.

CSO Senior Statistician Deirdre Cullen said that, “almost three weeks have passed now since census night and our enumerators have been putting in an enormous effort to collect the completed census forms. I want to remind people to keep their form safe and convenient and to answer the door to their enumerator when they call”.

“If you are out enjoying the good weather over the weekend, your enumerator might leave a calling card with their telephone number. Please call them and arrange a convenient time for your form to be collected”.

According to Ms Cullen, “we are getting queries from people who forgot to complete the form on census night. The message to those people is that it’s not too late. If you have the form, please complete it now. If you have lost the form, please get in touch with us and we’ll arrange for a form to be delivered to you”.

As happened during the delivery phase, apartment blocks and homes in Dublin city centre are proving the most challenging for enumerators collecting forms.

“Because of the importance of census data in influencing the development of policy, it’s absolutely critical that everyone is included in the census, and that every form is collected. If you live in an apartment, please open the door to your enumerator or call us and we will arrange collection”, Ms Cullen added.

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.

You can contact the CSO by:

- visiting our helpdesk at census.ie or
- lo-calling 1850 20 16 04
- texting form to 50400

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Note to editors

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