We need your help to run the census, which gathers vital information to help plan services such as transport, education and healthcare.

Everyone should complete the census on 21 March 2021 or as soon as possible after.

If you prefer, you can complete the questionnaire online:

1. Go to www.census.gov.uk
2. Enter the individual access code on the front of this questionnaire.
3. Answer the questions and select submit.

Thank you for taking part.

Professor Sir Ian Diamond
National Statistician

You must take part in the census by law. If you do not, or if you supply false information, you could be fined. Some questions are clearly labelled as being voluntary – it is not an offence if you do not answer these.

Your information is protected by law. Find out more in the leaflet that comes with this questionnaire.
Who should complete this questionnaire?

Everyone who has stayed, or intends to stay, in the United Kingdom for 3 months or more needs to be included on a census questionnaire.

This Individual Questionnaire is for:

- those living in a private household who have requested an Individual Questionnaire
- those who usually live in the UK and have stayed, or expect to stay, in a communal establishment (excluding prison) for 6 months or more
- those who usually live in the UK and are currently detained for 12 months or more
- those living or staying temporarily in a communal establishment who do not have another usual UK address

What is a communal establishment?

A communal establishment is a place providing managed residential accommodation. “Managed” here means full-time or part-time supervision of the accommodation.

Examples of communal establishments include student halls of residence, boarding schools, armed forces bases, hospitals, care homes and prisons.

How should I complete my questionnaire correctly?

You should:

- use black or blue ink to answer
- tick your answers within the box, like this: ☑️
- print in capital letters within the boxes, one letter per box, like this: SMITH
- correct any mistakes by filling in the box, like this: SMITH or this: SMITH
- continue onto the next line (if possible) when a word will not fit, like this: PADDINGTON
- follow the ➔ GO TO instructions and leave any questions or pages you do not need to answer completely blank; any marks or lines can be mistaken for answers

Remember to sign the Declaration on the front page before you return your completed questionnaire.

How do I return my completed questionnaire?

Put your completed and signed questionnaire into the prepaid envelope provided. If you’ve lost your prepaid envelope, you can use a plain envelope and write the below address on it.

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Then put it in the post.

If you live in a communal establishment, you may prefer to pass your completed and signed questionnaire in your envelope to your establishment manager. They can then return it on your behalf.

All the personal information that you give us will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used for statistical purposes.
A1 What type of accommodation is this?

- A communal establishment (for example, student hall of residence, boarding school, armed forces base, hospital, care home, prison)
- A private or family household  ➔ GO TO Individual questions on page 4

A2 What is your position in this establishment?

- If you are answering on behalf of someone else, please record their position and not your own
- Resident (for example, student, member of armed forces, patient, detainee)
- Staff or owner
- Family member or partner of staff or owner
- Staying temporarily (no usual UK address)
Are you answering these questions for yourself or for someone else?

☐ For myself
☐ For someone else – please ensure their details and not your own are inserted in this questionnaire

What is your name?
First name ___________________________
Middle name(s) ________________________________
Last name ___________________________

What is your date of birth?
Day ___ Month ___ Year ___

What is your sex?
☐ Female
☐ Male

A question about gender identity will follow if you are aged 16 or over

On 21 March 2021, what is your legal marital or registered civil partnership status?

☐ Never married and never registered a civil partnership ➔ GO TO 6
☐ Married
☐ In a registered civil partnership
☐ Separated, but still legally married
☐ Separated, but still legally in a civil partnership
☐ Divorced
☐ Formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved
☐ Widowed
☐ Surviving partner from a registered civil partnership

Who is (was) your legal marriage or registered civil partnership to?

☐ Someone of the opposite sex
☐ Someone of the same sex

Do you stay at another address for more than 30 days a year?

☐ No ➔ GO TO 8
☐ Yes, write in other UK address below

What is that address?

☐ Armed forces base address
☐ Another address when working away from home
☐ Student’s home address
☐ Student’s term-time address
☐ Another parent or guardian’s address
☐ Partner’s address
☐ Holiday home
☐ Other

What is your country of birth?

☐ England ➔ GO TO 13
☐ Wales ➔ GO TO 13
☐ Scotland ➔ GO TO 13
☐ Northern Ireland ➔ GO TO 13
☐ Republic of Ireland
☐ Elsewhere, write in current name of the country

Are you a schoolchild or student in full-time education?

☐ Yes
☐ No ➔ GO TO 10

During term time, where do you usually live?

☐ At the address on the front of this questionnaire
☐ At the address in question 6 ➔ GO TO 51
☐ At another address ➔ GO TO 51

What is your name?

Are you answering these questions for yourself or for someone else?

What is your legal marital or registered civil partnership status?

Who is (was) your legal marriage or registered civil partnership to?

What is your date of birth?

What is your sex?

What is your country of birth?

Are you a schoolchild or student in full-time education?

During term time, where do you usually live?
If you were not born in the United Kingdom, when did you most recently arrive to live here?
Do not count short visits away from the UK

If you arrived before 21 March 2020 ➔ GO TO 13
If you arrived on or after 21 March 2020 ➔ GO TO 12

Including the time you have already spent here, how long do you intend to stay in the United Kingdom?

- Less than 12 months
- 12 months or more

One year ago, what was your usual address?
If you had no usual address one year ago, state the address where you were staying

- The address on the front of this questionnaire
- Student term-time or boarding school address in the UK, write in term-time address below
- Another address in the UK, write in below

Postcode

OR outside the UK, write in country

How would you describe your national identity?
Tick all that apply

- British
- English
- Welsh
- Scottish
- Northern Irish
- Other, write in

What is your ethnic group?
Choose one section from A to E, then tick one box to best describe your ethnic group or background

A White
- English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Roma
- Any other White background, write in

B Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- White and Asian or Asian British
- Any other Mixed or Multiple background, write in

C Asian or Asian British
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background, write in

D Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
- Caribbean
- African background, write in below
- Any other Black, Black British or Caribbean background, write in

E Other ethnic group
- Arab
- Any other ethnic group, write in
16 What is your religion?  
This question is voluntary

☐ No religion
☐ Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
☐ Buddhist
☐ Hindu
☐ Jewish
☐ Muslim
☐ Sikh
☐ Any other religion, write in

17 This question is intentionally left blank ➔ GO TO 18

18 What is your main language?

☐ English ➔ GO TO 20
☐ Other, write in (including British Sign Language)

19 How well can you speak English?

Very well  Well  Not well  Not at all

20 What passports do you hold?  
Tick all that apply

☐ United Kingdom
☐ Ireland
☐ Other, write in

☐ OR none

21 How is your health in general?

Very good  Good  Fair  Bad  Very bad

22 Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

☐ Yes
☐ No ➔ GO TO 24

23 Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

☐ Yes, a lot
☐ Yes, a little
☐ Not at all

24 Do you look after, or give any help or support to, anyone because they have long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses, or problems related to old age?

☐ Exclude anything you do as part of your paid employment

☐ No
☐ Yes, 9 hours a week or less
☐ Yes, 10 to 19 hours a week
☐ Yes, 20 to 34 hours a week
☐ Yes, 35 to 49 hours a week
☐ Yes, 50 or more hours a week

25 If you are aged 16 or over ➔ GO TO 26
If you are aged 15 or under ➔ GO TO 51

26 Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?  
This question is voluntary

☐ Straight/Heterosexual
☐ Gay or Lesbian
☐ Bisexual
☐ Other sexual orientation, write in

27 Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?  
This question is voluntary

☐ Yes
☐ No, write in gender identity

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The next set of questions is about your qualifications.

Record any qualifications you have ever achieved in England, Wales or worldwide, including equivalents, even if you are not using them now.

Have you completed an apprenticeship?

For example, trade, advanced, foundation, modern

Yes  No

Have you achieved a qualification at degree level or above?

For example, degree, foundation degree, HND or HNC, NVQ level 4 and above, teaching or nursing

Yes  No

Have you achieved any other qualifications?

Tick all that apply

GCSEs or equivalent

5 or more GCSEs (A*-C, 9–4), O levels (passes) or CSEs (grade 1)

Any other GCSEs, O levels or CSEs (any grades) or Basic Skills course

AS, A level or equivalent

2 or more A levels, 4 or more AS levels

1 A level, 2–3 AS levels

1 AS level

NVQ or equivalent

NVQ level 3, BTEC National, OND or ONC, City and Guilds Advanced Craft

NVQ level 2, BTEC General, City and Guilds Craft

NVQ level 1

OR other or no qualifications

Any other qualifications, equivalent unknown

No qualifications

Have you previously served in the UK Armed Forces?

Current serving members should only tick "no"

Yes, previously served in Regular Armed Forces

Yes, previously served in Reserve Armed Forces

OR no

In the last seven days, were you doing any of the following?

Tick all that apply

Include casual or temporary work, even if only for one hour

Working as an employee  GO TO 39

Self-employed or freelance  GO TO 39

Temporarily away from work ill, on holiday or temporarily laid off  GO TO 39

On maternity or paternity leave  GO TO 39

Doing any other kind of paid work  GO TO 39

OR none of the above

Which of the following describes what you were doing in the last seven days?

Tick all that apply

Retired (whether receiving a pension or not)

Studying

Looking after home or family

Long-term sick or disabled

Other

In the last four weeks, were you actively looking for any kind of paid work?

Yes  No

If a job became available now, could you start it within two weeks?

Yes  No

In the last seven days, were you waiting to start a job already accepted?

Yes  No

Have you ever done any paid work?

Yes, in the last 12 months

Yes, but not in the last 12 months

No, have never worked  GO TO 51

Have you previously served in the UK Armed Forces?

Your main job is the job in which you usually work (worked) the most hours
40 In your main job, what is (was) your employment status?

- Employee
- Self-employed or freelance without employees
- Self-employed with employees

41 What is (was) the name of the organisation or business you work (worked) for?

If you are (were) self-employed in your own business, write in your business name

42 What is (was) your full job title?

For example, RETAIL ASSISTANT, OFFICE CLEANER, DISTRICT NURSE, PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

Do not state your grade or pay band

43 Briefly describe what you do (did) in your main job.

44 What is (was) the main activity of your organisation, business or freelance work?

For example, CLOTHING RETAIL, GENERAL HOSPITAL, PRIMARY EDUCATION, FOOD WHOLESALE

If you are (were) a civil servant, write CIVIL SERVICE

If you are (were) a local government officer, write LOCAL GOVERNMENT and give the name of your department within the local authority

45 Do (did) you supervise or oversee the work of other employees on a day-to-day basis?

- Yes
- No

46 If you had a job last week ➔ GO TO 47

If you were temporarily away from work last week ➔ GO TO 47

If you did not have a job last week ➔ GO TO 51

47 In your main job, how many hours a week do you usually work?

Include paid and unpaid overtime

0 to 15
16 to 30
31 to 48
49 or more

48 How do you usually travel to work?

Tick one box only for the longest part, by distance, of your usual journey to work

- Work mainly at or from home
- Underground, metro, light rail, tram
- Train
- Bus, minibus or coach
- Taxi
- Motorcycle, scooter or moped
- Driving a car or van
- Passenger in a car or van
- Bicycle
- On foot
- Other

49 Where do you mainly work?

- At a workplace or report to a depot ➔ GO TO 51
- At or from home ➔ GO TO 51
- An offshore installation ➔ GO TO 51
- No fixed place ➔ GO TO 51

50 What is the address of your workplace or depot?

51 There are no more questions.

➔ GO TO page 2 for instructions explaining how to return your questionnaire, then

➔ GO TO the Declaration on the front page