

PILOT CENSUS

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Registration for
households/institutions:
17 May to 30 June 2021

Data Collection:
3 to 28 July 2021

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Pilot Census



Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) will be conducting the Pilot Census in selected areas around the country. Registration for households/institutions to be counted in the Pilot Census opens from 17 May to 30 June 2021. Data collection for the Pilot Census is from: 3 – 28 July 2021. All households/institutions are required to register to ensure that everyone is counted.

What is a Pilot Census?



Pilot Census is a dress rehearsal for the upcoming population and housing census. The goal of the Pilot Census is to mimic census data collection, data processing methods and tools for accurate implementation during the main Census.

Where will data be collected?



Data will be collected from households, hotels, lodges, the homeless population, airports, prisons, communes and institutions where people live.

Who should participate?



People who should participate are those who are head of a household, managers/administrators of hotels, lodges and those who belong to the following categories within the selected areas:

- Special dwelling institutions (SDIs)
- Homeless population
- Transients
- People who reside in dwelling units

How will the information be collected?



COVID-19

Please note: All Covid-19 protocols will be observed when Stats SA fieldworkers conduct face to face interviews.

Dwelling units

You can choose between having a Stats SA fieldworker visiting your house to conduct the interview using a digital device, or completing the questionnaire remotely via the web or telephonically where a Stats SA staff member will contact you. To complete the questionnaire remotely you will need to register your household from 17 May -30 June 2021 using the following link: getcounted.statssa.gov.za. (Data-Free)

Homeless population

The homeless population will be counted on census night (3rd of July 2021) from parks, street/door-way/in front of shops/pavements, under bridges, riverbanks, dumping sites, abandoned buildings and vehicles. Information will be collected by Stats SA fieldworkers.

Special dwelling institutions (SDIs)

All collective living institutions such as Hotels, B&Bs, Guest houses, Hospitals and Prisons within selected areas are expected to provide Stats SA with information on persons who were present in their establishments on census night, 3rd July 2021. The information can be provided through uploading the records/files or completing the online questionnaire /schedule by any responsible authority in the SDI or telephonically through the Call centre personnel. Alternatively, a Stats SA fieldworker will collect the person information on the site on census night or the following morning as per arrangement with the establishment

Transient population

Data collection among the transient population will be conducted on the census night (3rd of July 2021). This will only take place in places such as border posts, harbours, airports, overnight truck stops and bus stops. Information will be collected by Stats SA fieldworkers using digital devices.

Which questions are asked in a Pilot Census questionnaire?



Census collects data on social and economic aspects such as demographics, migration, health, education, employment, fertility, mortality, housing, household goods and services as well as agricultural activities.

Post-enumeration Survey (PES) Pilot



As part of quality assessment, Stats SA conducts an independent survey called the Post Enumeration Survey (PES). The PES Pilot will be conducted after the completion of Pilot Census data collection, and will be used to measure the accuracy and reach of the Pilot Census. The Post-Enumeration Survey (PES) Pilot will be conducted in selected areas from 11 August to 16 September 2021.

Will my information be kept confidential?



Stats SA is governed by the Statistics Act (Act No. 6 of 1999). In terms of section 17 of the Act, information collected on

individuals and their households must be treated as confidential. Section 18 (e & g) stipulates that any Stats SA official found guilty of contravening this Act will be fined a penalty equal to an amount not exceeding R10 000 or imprisonment of up to six months, or both.

Is participation in the Pilot Census Pilot mandatory?

The Statistics Act mandates all persons to provide data to an authorised Stats SA official when requested.

How can I identify a Stats SA fieldworker?

Stats SA fieldworkers can be identified through the official Stats SA Identification Card (ID) displaying the Stats SA logo, and the photograph and unique number of the fieldworker. Respondents can also contact the Census toll-free number (0800 110 248) to verify the authenticity of fieldworkers visiting their homes.

Respondents who select the telephonic interview option will receive details of the interviewers assigned to their respective areas, prior to the date of interview. The interviewer's identity is also available on the Field Staff Page on Stats SA website.

Visit: <http://www.statssa.gov.za/Fieldworkerverification/home.php>

About the Census

A census is the total count of a population whereby all people including children, babies, homeless people and foreign nationals within the borders of a country are counted. It also collects data about a country's socio-economic dynamics. A census is conducted every ten years in South Africa.

Stats SA has conducted three censuses since democracy: in 1996, 2001 and 2011. The data collected during a census is used for planning, policy formulation and evidence-based decision-making.

About Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is a government department mandated in terms of the Statistics Act to collect, process, analyse and disseminate official statistics.

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Did you know?



Dwelling unit

is a structure or part of a structure or group of structures occupied or meant to be occupied by one or more than one household.

Enumeration area

refers to places from where data will be collected.

Homeless population

refers to persons with no form of shelter and no known residential address.

Household

is a family or group people living together under one roof.

Stats SA Fieldworker

is a person who visits households or individuals in a specific enumeration area for the purpose of administration of questionnaires for statistical purposes.

Special dwelling institutions

(SDIs) are establishments that provide a communal type of accommodation where people sleep over, differentiated by length of stay/duration and service provision, and are generally available to people for reasons of employment, study, special needs, legal requirement or recreation. Examples of SDIs are army barracks, designated police living quarters, university residences, frail care centres and hospitals.

Transients

refers to persons who are on the move during the census night and are not going to their usual places of residence the following day, e.g. truck drivers, persons leaving the country after midnight of the reference night, etc.

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