Message from the Chief Statistician of Canada

The census has always provided a portrait of our people and the communities in which we live. The 2011 Census will continue this tradition.

Please answer the questions and follow the instructions on the envelope. If you want to complete the questionnaire online, please phone the Census Help Line at 1-877-777-2011 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and ask for a secure access code.

By law, every person must complete a census questionnaire. By the same law, your responses will be kept confidential. Census information is important for your community and is vital for planning services such as schools, daycare, police services and fire protection.

Your information may be used by Statistics Canada in support of our other surveys or for analysis.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Complete your Census questionnaire:

• Please print using CAPITAL LETTERS.
• Mark circles with an “X”.

For INFORMATION ONLY

STEP A

1. Print your telephone number:

Area code                  Telephone number                  Ext.

2. Print the address where you received this questionnaire.

No. and street or lot and concession

City, municipality, town, village, Indian reserve

Apt./room/unit

Province/territory

Postal code
**STEP B**

What is your name?

Family name

Given name

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**STEP C**

If you are:

- a Canadian citizen
- a permanent resident (landed immigrant)
- a person from another country with a work or study permit
- in Canada asking for refugee status (refugee claimant)

Continue with Step D

Mark “●” the circle and STOP HERE

See instructions in Step E on page 5.

**STEP D**

Is this your main residence?

- Yes
- No, but I have no other residence in Canada
- No, it is somewhere else in Canada

Specify complete address:

No. and street or lot and concession

City, municipality, town, village, Indian reserve

Province/territory

Postal code

Area code

Telephone number

STOP HERE.

You should be included on the household questionnaire for the above address.

See instructions in Step E on page 5.
1 (a) Is there any other address in Canada where someone may include you on the census form for that household?

For example, at the home of a parent, relative or friend, or a place where you live while working, or a vacation home.

- No  Go to Question 2
- Yes  Specify complete address

No. and street or lot and concession

Apt. No.

City, municipality, town, village, Indian reserve

Province/territory

Postal code

Area code  Telephone number

(b) Please give the name of another adult (if any) living at this other address.

Family name

Given name

- No other adult

2  What is your sex?

- Male
- Female

3  What is your date of birth and your age?

Example:

If exact date is not known, enter best estimate.

For children under the age of 1, enter 0.

Day  Month  Year

Age

4  What is your marital status?

Mark “○” one circle only.

- Never legally married
- Legally married (and not separated)
- Separated, but still legally married
- Divorced
- Widowed

5  Are you living with a common-law partner?

Common-law refers to two people who live together as a couple but who are not legally married to each other.

- Yes
- No
6. What is your status here (at the address you entered on the front cover)?

Mark “☑” or specify one response only.

- Resident under care or custody (e.g., patient, inmate)
- Room-mate, lodger or boarder
- Employee
- Employee’s family member
- Other — Specify
  (e.g., lodger’s husband or wife, room-mate’s son or daughter)

7. Can you speak English or French well enough to conduct a conversation?

Mark “☑” one circle only.

- English only
- French only
- Both English and French
- Neither English nor French

8. (a) What language do you speak most often at home?

- English
- French
- Other — Specify

(b) Do you speak any other languages on a regular basis at home?

- No
- Yes, English
- Yes, French
- Yes, Other — Specify

9. What is the language that you first learned at home in childhood and still understand?

If you no longer understand the first language learned, indicate the second language learned.

- English
- French
- Other — Specify

10. Only if you mark “YES” to this question will your census responses and family history be part of the historical record of Canada. A “YES” means your census responses will be available to family members and historical researchers, 92 years after the 2011 Census, in 2103.

Do you agree to make your 2011 Census information available in 2103 (92 years after the census)?

- Yes
- No

Visit www.census2011.gc.ca or call 1-877-777-2011, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
You have now completed your questionnaire.

Please see instructions on the envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation.

REASONS WHY WE ASK THE QUESTIONS

Steps A to D and Question 1 are asked to determine who should complete this questionnaire. Questions 2 to 6 are asked to learn about the living arrangements of people living in Canada. This information is used for planning social programs, such as Old Age Security and the Canada Child Tax Benefit. It is also used by towns and cities to plan a variety of services such as daycare centres, schools, police and fire protection. Questions 7, 8 and 9 provide information to determine the need for language services in English and French according to the Official Languages Act, and are used to implement programs that protect the rights of Canadians under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Question 10 provides each person with the opportunity to make an informed decision about what happens to his or her personal census information in 92 years.

THE LAW PROTECTS WHAT YOU TELL US

The confidentiality of your census responses is protected by law. All Statistics Canada employees have taken an oath of secrecy. Your personal census information cannot be given to anyone outside Statistics Canada without your consent. This is your right.

Your census information will be retained in accordance with legislative requirements and will be stored securely. You can ask to see the information about yourself on your 2011 Census questionnaire after November 2011. To do this, write the Privacy Coordinator, Statistics Canada, 25th Floor, R.H. Coats Building, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6.