

Questionnaire instructions for the 11 November 2011 Census

Census Day is Thursday, 11 November 2011. This means that all answers should relate to your circumstances on that date.

After 11 November, a Census Collector will come to each household to collect the Census Questionnaire. The Census Collector may call ahead to agree on a time to come by and collect the Census Questionnaire. The Census Collector can also provide guidance and help you complete the Questionnaire.

You may also call +298 80 20 11 free of charge for help in completing the Census Questionnaire.

The Census Questionnaire will also be sent to places where normally no one lives, such as a workplace, summer house, or other recreational facility, etc.

The Census Questionnaire shall be completely filled out only for the home or building that is generally considered a residence.

If a Census Questionnaire comes to a workplace that is not also a residence, that particular Questionnaire shall not be filled out.

In the event that a Questionnaire comes to a residence where generally no one lives, please complete section H1 only. In this case, H1 should indicate that no one generally lives there, and if anyone will be spending the night of 11 November 2011.

Answer according to what is usual and customary. It is possible that some questions may be worded in such a way that it is difficult to know exactly how to answer. In this case, use your best judgement and answer as you feel best.

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Questions about the household

H1

How many people normally live here?

The first question identifies what type of residence you have and who normally lives there.

If the residence is a typical house or apartment, write down the names of all the persons who normally live there. The census is not concerned with where someone might be registered in the National Residence Registry, but where a person normally lives.

However, youth under the age of 18 who are away from the home for purposes of education should be included in the Census Questionnaire of their parents or guardians. For this census, it is not important where he or she is registered in the National Residence Registry.

The person responsible for completing the Census Questionnaire should be listed first and then the others in the household. If more than six persons live in the household, please notify the Census Interviewer or telephone Manntall +298 80 20 11.

If the residence is not a typical home, such as a summer cottage or the like, this question shall only be answered if someone will be staying overnight in the residence on 11 November 2011.

H2

What is the connection among the people in the household?

Question H2 asks about how the people in the home are related.

Friends who live with the household are considered not related to the household in this section and therefore the box "Not related" should be checked.

The answer is based on what relation the particular individual has with the other people in the household.

To keep a measure of order to the Questionnaire, the names from the list of persons on page 3 shall be entered above each section. Be careful to enter each person in the same order as on page 3.

Please note that the relationship indicated is the relationship the person entered at the top of each section has with all the other persons listed on page 3.

Each person will mark only one relationship with every other person in the household.

In some households it might be difficult to determine the exact relationship between the other people in the household. For example, should a person mark "sister" or "half-sister", "father" or "step-father". A man who is married or in a long-term relationship with the mother of the children could very well select "step-father" or "other relationship".

If in doubt, use your best judgement and answer consistent with custom or what you feel is best.

H3

What language is spoken among those in the household?

The idea here is to indicate the language or languages spoken in the home. It may be that one or more persons in the household speak a language other than Faroese.

The last part of the question asks what language is spoken most often. If two or more languages are used, please select the language that is most often used in the home.

H5

Is a holiday residence available for the household to use?

A holiday residence may be a weekend cottage, summer house, regular house or apartment, or the like, but is not a camping trailer or houseboat. Common to all of these is that the holiday residence is available for all in the household. It is not important whether the residence is owned solely by the household or not. Even if others own the residence and agree when each household can use it, the answer to this question is still "Yes".

To be "available" means that the household can go to the holiday residence either because they own it or they can agree with someone else on a time when they could go.

Holiday homes owned by a workplace or rented from others is not considered "available for use".

H6

Is a boat available for the household to use?

Here a "boat" means a boat for free-time use that is generally not used for commercial purposes.

To be "available" means that the household can use the boat, e.g. to go fishing, etc., either because the household personally or jointly owns the boat or can get permission to use it from a close relative or friend. A boat owned by, e.g., the workplace or that could be rented is not considered "available for use".

How often a boat is used shall be understood to mean how often permission is granted to use the boat.

H7

Over the last 12 months, what type of extra food supplies has the household obtained either as a gift or by its own efforts?

This question is concerned with finding out how much supplemental food the household itself produces or gets free from others, e.g., by going fishing, or hunting for birds or hares. Til dømis er grams at rokna sum matískoyti.

Here the focus is on supplemental food, not food produced for commercial purposes, some of which is used by the household, e.g., in the case of a farmer.

H8

Is a car available to the household?

"Available" in this instance also includes work vehicles owned by a company or others that are used by the household.

H9

Does the household have access to the Internet?

This question asks if the household has Internet access at home that is set up and ready and available for use.

Questions about the residence

B1

What type of residence is it?

The questions are about the residence where the household lives. A "whole" residence means that only one household lives there. If one owns a home and rents out space in the home, then one should answer that he or she lives in an apartment in a house. A person who rents a room may either be included in the household where s/he rents, or as an independent household. In this case, the renter would get his or her own Questionnaire.

B2

How many square metres is the residence in total?

This question relates to all the living space available to the household, both finished and unfinished. If part of the dwelling is rented out, do not include this space in the total, as others are responsible for this area. Do not include a separate garage, but do include a basement garage in the total space available to the household.

B3

How many rooms are available for only this household?

A room in this instance means a room with a door by which the room can be closed off from other rooms in the residence. Two rooms that are joined together are considered one room. A washroom with a washing machine is considered one room. If a washing machine is placed in the toilet or bathroom, do not include this space as part of the washroom. If the washing machine is placed in the kitchen, combine these two spaces as one room. A storage room can be a dining room or some other room that is used occasionally. A room that is used to temporarily store some things is not a storage room and shall be included.

B4

How is the residence heated?

If the residence has a distance heating system (fjarhita), check the box for "central heating" in the first question. In the second question, if a power plant produces the heat for the residence, check the box for "central heating".

B5

Do you own or rent your residence?

If a group of people own the residence and your household owns the majority interest in the residence, then check the "own" box.

If your rent is paid by someone else, e.g., your employer or a government agency, check "reside without paying".

B6

What is the rent for November 2011?

B7

Who owns the residence (is the lessor)?

A company or business is considered a "private owner".

B8

Does the residence have its own bathroom?

B9

What are the kitchen arrangements?

A room or hallway set up with a hotplate, etc. is not considered a kitchen.

B10

What are the parking arrangements?

"Own parking space" may be space on the property, on the road or in a common parking area.

The intent of the question is to learn if the household has its own personal parking space available to it.

B11

When was the building built or renovated?

A renovation includes changes to the building either inside or outside. An extension is a renovation.

B12

How many floors does the building have?

Here the reference is to a normal floor in its entirety. A loft or balcony in a room on a particular floor is considered on the same floor as the room and not a separate floor.

B13

Is there an oil storage tank buried on the property?

If in doubt or you do not know for sure, please answer to the best of your knowledge.

B14

Is the building connected to a septic tank?

If in doubt or you do not know for sure, please answer to the best of your knowledge.

Questions for the individual

E1

What is your name?

It is suggested to write the names of each person in the household so that it is easy to remember who is who. The name entered here should be Person 1 from the list on Page 3.

E2

What is your gender?

E3

What is your birthdate?

E4

In what country were you born?

E5

What is your nationality?

E6

Did you spend the night in the residence on 11 November?

For those that were at work during the night of 11 November check "Other place in the Faroes". The question is not about who lives in the home, but if you were home the night of the Census.

E7

In which country was your mother born?

If you were adopted or for some other reason consider yourself to have two mothers, you may answer with two checks if they were both born in different countries.

E8

In which country was your father born?

If you were adopted or for some other reason consider yourself to have two fathers, you may answer with two checks if they were both born in different countries.

E9

Do you have siblings or half-siblings residing outside the country?

Here the focus is on your siblings or half-siblings who actually live overseas and not if they are at present out of the country travelling, visiting someone or attending a course or university.

E10

What was the first language you learned at home?

Here the goal is to determine your "mother-tongue".

The idea is to determine the language that was spoken at home and not the language that was spoken in the surrounding society. In those instances where two or more languages were spoken in the home, please indicate what you feel was the first language you learned to speak.

E11

Have you ever lived in a country other than the Faroe Islands?

The intent here is find out if you have ever lived in another country, not if you for one reason or another were registered in another country's national residence registry.

"Lived" in a foreign country means that you resided in a foreign country for at least three months or more.

If you have lived outside the Faroes one more than one occasion, please indicate when you last returned to the Faroes.

E12

Given your age, how is your health?

Here you should answer based on your own health. You should also indicate the health of those who cannot respond for themselves, e.g., children or the infirm.

E13

Do you have a long-term disability?

You are considered to have a long-term disability if you

- are limited in some way, or when compared to others, you are not able to accomplish certain tasks or duties.
- are restricted in one way or another from experiencing a full and independent daily life.
- have limited mobility or impaired sight or hearing, etc.

The intent is not to limit a long-term disability to, e.g., an inherited disability. In this instance, you are considered to have a long-term disability, if your disability has lasted for six months or longer, it impacts your ability to walk or otherwise communicate, and it is a medical, neurological or psychological condition.

E14

Do you have another address where you have lived for at least 30 continuous days during the last 12 months?

Note the intent here is a specific residence and not, e.g., if you have lived in a hotel or guesthouse for more than 30 days at a time during the last 12 months.

This question also concerns children who might rotate between parents or others in the family.

If several residences, check the one used most often.

E16

What was your formal civil status on 11 November?

E17**Do you have children who live out of the country?**

"Seeking an education": Indicate the number of your children who have moved overseas for the purpose of getting an education. If one of your children has moved to Denmark and is working, e.g., for 6 months but intends to go to school, include that child as one "seeking an education".

E18**Do you have grandchildren who live out of the country?**

Include all your grandchildren when answering this question. The reason for their being out of the country is not relevant.

E19**How many children have you given birth to?**

This question refers to live births only. Adopted children are not included in this question.

E20**How well do you speak Faroese?**

This question is only for those who do not speak Faroese as their "mother-tongue", i.e., the first language learned as a child.

E21**How would you describe your nationality?**

Nationality here does not mean citizenship, but refers to what a person feels is their "nationality". For example, a person may have Icelandic citizenship, but feels he or she is Faroese or both. Your answer should be based on your own feelings and belief.

E22**What religious belief do you follow?**

Internationally, this question is considered a particularly personal and sensitive question, thus answering is purely voluntary.

If you chose to answer this question, check the religious belief you follow. The question is not concerned with whether you are a faithful believer or are actively working in your particular faith.

E23**With which Christian church are you associated?**

This question is also voluntary.

"Associated" in this instance applies both if you are very active or if you just regularly take part in Christian activities. It also applies if you consider yourself connected to a Christian church or congregation without being especially active.

E24**How do you normally travel to work or school?**

If you regularly take your children to daycare or school, include this time in the time it takes you to get to work. If you use several means of transport, choose the one you use most often.

Note that the question asks only for the time it takes you to get to work.

E25

Have you provided any unpaid care-giving work during the last 7 days?

The question does not refer to normal child-care within the family or for friends.

E26

Have you done any work around the house during the last 7 days?

This question relates to general maintenance and housekeeping, both indoors and out. Also shopping for food, etc.

E27

Have you participated in any course or training during the last 30 days?

This questions relates to not only people who are going to school, but also those who may have attended a course or short training, either on their own initiative or in connection with work, etc.

Evening, "free-time" school, etc. is also considered a course.

E28

Do you go to school or are you engaged in any type of education or training?

If you answer "yes" to this question, you will have to determine exactly how many hours you spend going to school or getting your education.

For example, one might spend only a few hours actually at school, but use so many hours studying at home that one exceeds the indicated limit of 20 hours per week.

Distance learning is structured as "off-site" learning. Home study generally refers to an education that is done in a group at a school. However, to write a thesis, etc. could also be considered home study. An educational institution, in principle, bears the responsibility for providing the education.

E29

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Here the focus is on education beyond elementary school.

Persons with a variety of higher education check only the highest level of education.

The requirement here is that you must have completed your education. Another requirement is that the education must end with some type of exam or diploma.

Moreover, a skill-based course is included as "education". These courses do not always give an exam or diploma. For example, alternative schools, such as Føroya Fólkaháskúli, would be considered a "course".

Training such as that for crane operator, radio operator, or housekeeper are considered short-term training or courses.

Older educational programmes that were changed to a bachelor level are grouped under "bachelor" for this questionnaire.

Certain educational programmes that do not correspond to a bachelor level, may either be included in the "1-2 years of higher education" or "education for craftsman or other trade or skill".

E30

What is the highest degree you have completed?

Please enter the name of the highest degree you have earned. If you have several equivalent degrees, please enter those if there is room, otherwise the latest.

E31

From which institution did you earn your highest degree?

Check all countries that apply. If you took your higher education in several foreign countries, enter those countries in the space provided, starting with where the latest degree was awarded.

E32

During the last 12 months, what was your most important source of income for your basic daily maintenance and needs?

The question is not concerned with who earns the most in the household, but with what is the source of the money that you use for your basic needs, such as food, housing, car, etc.

Please select only one answer.

For example, if two people live together and their needs are met by income earned by each other, so answer "Wages" for one and "Income of the spouse/partner" under "Other sources".

E33

Are you a member of any union or professional association?

Answer as of the day of the Census. If you have been a member of a union, but are no longer a member, check "No".

E34

Which of these did you do last week?

After completing this question, if you are currently employed please go directly to Question E40.

E35

During the last 4 weeks have you looked for work?

E36

If you have been hired during the last week, will you be able to start within the next 2 weeks?

The intent here is to determine how quickly you could start to work, if you were offered work that interests you.

Answer "No" regardless of the reason if you are not able to begin work within 2 weeks of being offered your job.

E37

Did you find work in the past week, but have not been able to start yet?

This question is similar to Question 34 where you indicated what you did work-wise last week.

One reason to answer "No" is that you got a job, but have not started yet. If that is your situation last week, then you should answer "Yes".

E38

Which of these applies to you last week?

Please select all the responses that best match what you were doing last week.

For example, a "new retiree" or an "unemployed person" could also decide to "stay at home" and would thus check two boxes.

E39**Have you ever worked?**

In this case, "work" is all paid and unpaid work or help you provide your own company or your family's company.

Voluntary help offered to a free-time sports association or the like is not considered work for purposes of this question.

E40**Where is the worksite located for your principal occupation?**

Those that have several worksites and do not go to a specific place every day or have a variable route should answer "I do not have a specific worksite".

A worksite at sea could be onboard a ship or on an oil platform.

A fisherman works at sea, even though he might bait the hooks or prepare and equip the boat on land.

Those engaged in transport, with the exception of sea transport, are asked to indicate where they go to work. In this case, those who work on an airplane or helicopter should indicate that they work on land and should indicate where they go to work.

Those who sail with a foreign ship, should indicate that their worksite is at sea.

E41**How many persons work at your worksite?**

Here, "worksite" means the place or department and the people where and with whom you work with on a daily basis. Your answer is dependent on what you consider your "worksite".

Some crewmembers, e.g., on a ship that continuously rotates crew might consider the current rotation as the worksite while others might feel that all their rotations constitute the worksite. The answer is dependent on your understanding and perspective.

In certain instances, a single department for some will constitute a worksite, while several departments may work so closely together that everyone considers them to be only one worksite.

Craftsmen who, e.g., work at a specific construction site where others also work may each answer differently, depending on whether each feels the construction site is the "worksite" or the employer's company is the "worksite".

The branch of a bank in a village would often be considered just one worksite, rather than the worksite being the entire bank.

E42**At present, do you believe that your worksite is accessible to workers in a wheelchair?**

The intent here is to reveal the wheelchair accessibility of the country's many different worksites.

Please note that the question does not ask if the worksite is wheelchair-accessible, but whether a person in a wheelchair could actually perform work at the worksite.

Moreover, the question does not ask if a person in a wheelchair could work there if certain small changes were made or a new lift were installed.

The question seeks to know if conditions as they now exist could permit a person in a wheelchair to work at the worksite.

E43

How many hours per week do you generally work in your principal occupation?

Please note the question asks about the number of hours you work per week in your principal occupation or employment.

For those who have or have had several principal jobs recently, they should select their current principal work.

If you normally work overtime at your job, or otherwise work extra hours, please include these hours in your total. It would be best if you could calculate an average and use that number.

For persons employed on a ship where they spend some time and sea and some time on land, please use an average of 48 hours or more per week. The same holds true for those employed on the national ferries who must stand night watch onboard.

For nurses and others who are on call during the week, please indicate what you believe to be the best estimation of your hours.

The last question in this section seeks to learn if you feel content with the number of hours you are working and whether you would prefer more or less hours per week.

E44

What type of principal job do you or did you have?

This question is not only for those who are currently employed, but also for those who have retired.

If you are currently working, your "principal" job is your current job or the work on which you spend the most time. The choices indicate the principal or main types of occupations.

If several own a company together, e.g., a fishing boat, but do not employ others, then the best answer would be "self-employed or freelance without employees".

To have employees generally means that A-Income is paid to people other than the owner of the company.

If a company has the need now and again for employees who are paid A-Income, but generally the company is operated only by those that own the company, then the best answer remains "self-employed or freelance without employees".

E45

What is or was your title at work?

Please enter the title you currently hold or previously held in your principal employment.

Please provide as much detail as possible, e.g. "master of a longline fishing ship", or "check-out clerk in a grocery store", or "foreman in the construction industry", or "department head in the national health system".

E46

Are you or were you a manager over other employees?

In this instance, a "manager" refers to someone who leads other employees or has control over how other employees shall use their time and what work they should do at the worksite.

A "managing director" is the leader or manager of an entire company or institution and not just of his or her department or department managers. A department manager is a leader of all those under him or her and not just the foreman of a work group.

E47

What is the name of your worksite where you have or did have your principal employment?

The focus of this question is to learn the name of the worksite for not only current employees who have their principal employment there, but also the last worksite for those who have retired.