

## **Scotland's Census 2021 Religion Data and Outputs Survey Consent Information**

### **Introduction**

1. Scotland's Census is run by National Records of Scotland (NRS) every 10 years, and collects information on households and individuals in Scotland.
2. The census collects information about a range of topics, including housing, languages, jobs, marital status and ethnicity. The answers given to the census questions are used to produce anonymous data and statistics that play a vital role in shaping Scotland's future.
3. The census questionnaire can be filled out either online or on paper (if requested). If for any reason an individual would prefer not to respond on the household questionnaire, they can request an individual questionnaire - this can also be filled out either online or on paper.

### **Why are we conducting this research?**

4. NRS are currently working on question and output design for Scotland's Census 2021. NRS are proposing to change the way that the outputs are created from the religion question, and need to ensure that these outputs will still meet user need.
5. The Scottish Government and local government have a legal duty to provide services to the community and to specific groups within the community. To make sure these groups can be properly supported, we need to make sure that the outputs produced meet the need of these groups.
6. NRS are looking for feedback on the proposed outputs from the religion question in 2021. We are particularly interested in building a contact list of organisations and individuals who are willing to engage with us further to develop groupings for 2021 outputs from the religion question that meet user need and are acceptable.

### **What personal data are we collecting and processing?**

7. You are not obliged to give any personal data during the survey. Any data you do give will be held securely on Scottish Government IT systems. Where the respondent identifies that they would be interested in engaging further around outputs for religion for 2021, information will be stored in a list of stakeholders for the purpose of further engagement.

8. The survey will collect name, email address and organisation of respondents for the purposes of contacting organisations in the future, if permission is granted for NRS to do so. Providing this information will not be necessary in order to complete the survey.

9. Some information from this survey will be published. This will be on the combined response information. Some quoted responses may be published, where permission to publish these has been provided. Information about which organisations responded to this survey may be published.

### **Your Rights**

10. This processing is governed by the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

11. The data controllers for NRS are the Registrar General for Scotland and the Keeper of the Records of Scotland. The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at:

**NRS Data Protection Officer HM General Register House 2 Princes Street  
Edinburgh EH1 3YY**

12. The legal basis for processing this data is the Census Act 1920, which authorises this research to be conducted on behalf of the Registrar General of Scotland.

13. SurveyMonkey process information in the US in compliance with the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework. SurveyMonkey's privacy policy can be found [here](#).

14. After download from SurveyMonkey, personal data will not be processed outside of the United Kingdom. Some information will be published. This is likely to be overview information, and may contain quoted responses, where permission has been provided by respondents. The dataset will not be published. Information gathered may be shared with Scottish Government colleagues who are addressing similar issues.

15. No automated decision making will occur as part of this research. Data is being processed under the Research and Statistics exemptions under Data Protection Law (Section 19 and Part 6 of Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Articles 17.3(d) and 89 of the EU Data Protection Regulation.) The standard data subject rights are limited under these exemptions. If you wish to exercise your rights, please contact the Data Protection Officer, details in point 11. above.