

Scotland's Census 2021 Question Testing

Travel Questions Survey Consent Information v1.0

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 the questions for Scotland's Census 2021. Before NRS can add or change questions in the census, we need to test the questions to make sure they are clear and make sense to people.
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 we get enough census data from the specific groups and that the answers they provide to the census questions are as accurate as possible.
6. As part of testing the questions NRS are running this survey which is particularly about the travel to work/study questions.
7. This survey is intended to be completed by respondents who are aged 16 or over. If NRS become aware that any responses are from those aged under 16, these responses will be discarded.

What personal data are we collecting and processing?

8. 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 until parliamentary approval is given for the final question set for Scotland's Census 2021. At this point the data will be archived. Any such data is "personal census data" as defined in the Census Act 1920, and is subject to the same 100-year confidentiality obligations as formal census returns.
9. All responses will be combined to provide information which will help NRS make decisions on the questions to be included in the 2021 Census. A report will be produced on the combined response information. The report will not include any information that may identify people who take part in the survey. Any direct quotes we use will be anonymised.

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
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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 and will not be transferred outside of NRS, except in anonymised form, where it may be supplied to the Scottish Government and Parliament and published as part of an official record. NRS's Data Protection Policy can be found [here](#).
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.