

# Scotland's Census 2021 Questions and Outputs Event

# What is Scotland's Census?

- Scotland's next census will be on 21 March 2021 as will other censuses across the UK.
- It is the official count of every person and household which takes place every ten years.
- It aims to collect information to provide a snapshot of the nation and where we live.
- For over 200 years, Scotland has relied on the census to underpin national and local decision making. It provides anonymous information on Scotland's population.
- The Registrar General for Scotland is responsible for conducting the census in Scotland.
- We have one chance to get it right

# Key Census Messages

- The 2021 Census will be conducted primarily online, making best use of technology and digital services.
- National Records of Scotland (NRS) is particularly focussed on understanding the needs of our users; data users and respondents.
- Everyone's personal census information is protected by law and National Records of Scotland will keep it confidential for 100 years.
- Census will continue to provide valuable and high quality data, not available elsewhere.
- Success will require the support and contribution of many others, particularly participation by the people of Scotland.

# Criteria for Inclusion

- Strength of user need
- Suitability of alternative sources
- Acceptability, clarity and data quality
- Comparability
- Operational Considerations

# What has changed?

- Ensuring comparability with previous censuses is important: change is minimised
- Overall, most questions are not changing the data being collected
- Some improvements to improve data quality such as guidance, examples in questions

# What is new for 2021?

- Most change is incorporated within existing questions
- New questions for 2021
  - Trans status/history
  - Sexual orientation
  - Use of British Sign Language
  - Passport held
  - Veterans/ex-service status

# Topics not being included

- Space on the census questionnaire is limited – and demands from users exceed that limit
- Many suggested questions have had to be excluded, because:
  - Demand was not strong enough to displace one or more of the proposed topics;
  - Tests showed that the quality would of the information obtained from a census questions would not be fit for purpose;
  - There are more appropriate sources of the information;
  - The questions would place too great a burden on the public; or
  - A combination of these reasons.

# Topics not being included

- Number of rooms
- Household income
- Volunteering
- Multilingualism
- Second address
- Intended length of stay
- Reason for migration
- Differentiation between same and opposite sex marriages
- Technology / digital



# Outputs

- Outputs are shown for new or changed questions only
- A smaller range of pre-built output tables will be produced, normally each variable by age and sex.
- Users will be able to create their own outputs by using the flexible table builder.
- We are working with Office for National Statistics (ONS) and Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) to ensure harmonised outputs where possible

# Housing and Accommodation

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- Type of accommodation
- Self-contained accommodation
- Bedrooms
- Central heating
- Tenure and landlord
- Cars and vans

The [Housing and Accommodation Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Housing and Accommodation

- No changes
  - Type of accommodation
  - Self-contained accommodation
  - Cars and vans
- Changes
  - Rooms to bedrooms
  - Central heating
  - Tenure and landlord

# Bedrooms

New question on number of bedrooms replaces number of rooms question.

## Scotland's Census 2011

**H8** How many rooms are available for use only by this household?

◆ **Do NOT count:**

- bathrooms
- toilets
- halls or landings
- rooms that can only be used for storage such as cupboards.

◆ **Count** all other rooms, for example:

- kitchens
- living rooms
- utility rooms
- bedrooms
- studies
- conservatories.

- ◆ If two rooms have been converted into one, count them as one room.

Number of rooms

## Current question under development

**H9** How many bedrooms are available for use by this household?

- ◆ Include all rooms built or converted for use as bedrooms, even if they are not currently used as bedrooms

Number of bedrooms

The [Rooms and Bedrooms Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Central Heating

Response options updated to reflect user need.

## Scotland's Census 2011

**H9** What type of central heating does this accommodation have?

- ◆ If the central heating is available, please tick the box whether or not you use it.
- ◆ Central heating is a central system that generates heat for multiple rooms.

☐ No central heating

☐ Gas

☐ Electric (including storage heaters)

☐ Oil

☐ Solid fuel

☐ Other central heating, please write in

## Current question under development

**H10** What type of central heating does this accommodation have?

- ◆ Central heating is a central system that generates heat for **multiple** rooms
- ◆ If the central heating is available please tick the box, whether you use it or not

☐ No central heating

☐ Mains gas

☐ Other gas (including liquid petroleum gas and biogas)

☐ Electric (including storage heating)

☐ Oil

☐ Wood or biomass (logs, pellets, chippings)

☐ Other solid fuel (coal, coke)

☐ Other renewable energy source (including electric and air heat pump systems)

☐ Other

The [Central Heating Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Tenure and Landlord

Response options updated to reflect user need.

## Scotland's Census 2011

**H10** Does your household own or rent this accommodation?

◆ Tick one box only.

- ☐ Owns outright → Go to **H12**
- ☐ Owns with a mortgage or loan → Go to **H12**
- ☐ Part owns and part rents (shared ownership)
- ☐ Rents (with or without housing benefit)
- ☐ Lives here rent free

**H11** Who is your landlord?

- ☐ Council (Local Authority)
- ☐ Housing Association / Registered Social Landlord
- ☐ Private landlord or letting agency
- ☐ Employer of a household member
- ☐ Relative or friend of a household member
- ☐ Other

## Current question under development

**H11** Does your household own or rent this accommodation?

◆ Tick **one** box only

- ☐ Owns with a mortgage or loan → Go to **H13**
- ☐ Owns outright → Go to **H13**
- ☐ Owns with shared equity (for example LIFT, Help-to-Buy) → Go to **H13**
- ☐ Rents (with or without housing benefit)
- ☐ Part owns and part rents (shared ownership) → Go to **H13**
- ☐ Lives here rent free → Go to **H13**

**H12** Who is your landlord?

- ☐ Council (Local Authority) or Housing Association / Registered Social Landlord
- ☐ Private landlord or letting agency
- ☐ Other

The [Tenure and Landlord Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Outputs: Number of Bedrooms

Number of Bedrooms	
One	
Two	
Three	
Four	
Five	
Six	
Seven	
Eight	
Nine or more	

- Will also produce similar variables to 2011 such as number of bedrooms required, and occupancy rating



# Outputs: Central Heating

Central Heating	
No Central Heating	
Mains Gas	
Other Gas	
Electric	
Oil	
Wood or Biomass	
Other Solid Fuel	
Other Renewable Energy	
Other	
Two or more types of central heating	

# Outputs: Tenure and Landlord

Household Tenure	
Owned outright	
Owned with a mortgage or loan	
Owned with shared equity	
Shared ownership (part owned and part rented	
Social Rented	
Private Rented	
Other rented	
Lives rent free	

# Veterans, Qualifications, Labour Market and Travel

# Veterans, Qualifications, Labour Market, and Travel

- Veterans/ex-service status (not asked in 2011)
- Qualifications
- Labour Market
  - Economic Activity
  - Occupation and Industry
  - National Statistics socio-economic classification (NS-Sec)
- Travel to work or study

# Veterans/ex-service status

## Scotland's Census 2011

Not asked in 2011

## Current question under development

**26** Have you ever served in the UK Armed Forces?

◆ Please include National Service  
◆ Tick **all** that apply

☐ No

☐ Yes, **currently** serving

☐ Yes, **previously** served, Regular Armed Forces

☐ Yes, **previously** served, Reserve Armed Forces

The [Ex-Service Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Qualifications

## Scotland's Census 2011

**23** Which of these qualifications do you have?  
◆ Tick all that apply.

- ☐ O Grade, Standard Grade, Access 3 Cluster, Intermediate 1 or 2, GCSE, CSE, Senior Certificate or equivalent
- ☐ SCE Higher Grade, Higher, Advanced Higher, CSYS, A Level, AS Level, Advanced Senior Certificate or equivalent
- ☐ GSVQ Foundation or Intermediate, SVQ level 1 or 2, SCOTVEC Module, City and Guilds Craft or equivalent
- ☐ GSVQ Advanced, SVQ level 3, ONC, OND, SCOTVEC National Diploma, City and Guilds Advanced Craft or equivalent
- ☐ HNC, HND, SVQ level 4 or equivalent
- ☐ Degree, Postgraduate qualifications, Masters, PhD, SVQ level 5 or equivalent
- ☐ Professional qualifications (for example, teaching, nursing, accountancy)
- ☐ Other school qualifications not already mentioned (including foreign qualifications)
- ☐ Other post-school but pre-Higher Education qualifications not already mentioned (including foreign qualifications)
- ☐ Other Higher Education qualifications not already mentioned (including foreign qualifications)
- ☐ No qualifications

## Current question under development

- Inclusion of apprenticeships
- Review of qualifications in the question
- Review of the supporting guidance
- Redesign for digital first

# Labour Market

- Stakeholders presented strong need for key labour market subtopics:
  - Economic Activity
  - Occupation and Industry
  - National Statistics socio-economic classification (NS-Sec)
- Changes
  - Ever worked (and year last worked)
  - Hours worked
  - Wording and order of questions

# Ever Worked and Year Last Worked

Change to definition of long term unemployed.

No longer collects year last worked.

Wording updated to improve respondent understanding.

## Scotland's Census 2011

29 Have you ever worked?

☐ Yes, please write in the year you last worked

→ Go to 30

☐ No, have never worked → Go to 38

## Current question under development

32 Have you ever done any paid work?

☐ Yes, in the last 12 months

☐ Yes, but not in the last 12 months

☐ No, have never worked → Go to 46

The [Labour Market Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.



# Hours Worked

Move to banded hours.

Wording updated to improve respondent understanding.

## Scotland's Census 2011

35 How many hours (to the nearest full hour) a week do (did) you usually work in your main job?

◆ Include paid and unpaid overtime.

Number of hours worked in a typical week

## Current question under development

40 In your main job, how many hours a week do (did) you usually work?

◆ Include paid and unpaid overtime

0 to 15      16 – 30      31 – 48      49 or more

☐      ☐      ☐      ☐

The [Labour Market Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Travel to Work or Study

- Address of place of work or study
- Method of travel to place of work or study

The [Travel Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

## Address of Work or Study

Wording updated to improve respondent understanding. Addition of tick box to indicate work or study address.

# Scotland's Census 2011

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## Current question under development

**42** What address do you travel to for your main job or course of study (including school)?

- ◆ Answer for the place where you spend the most time
- ◆ If you report to a depot, please write in the depot address

☐ Work mainly at, or from, home → Go to **44**

☐ Distance learning, home schooled or equivalent → Go to **44**

☐ No fixed place → Go to **45**

☐ Work on an offshore installation → Go to **45**

☐ The address below, please write in


Postcode

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The address entered above is my place of

☐ Work      ☐ Study

The [Travel Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Method of Travel

Reorder of response options to reflect changes in prevalence.

Additional guidance included.

## Scotland's Census 2011

## Current question under development

**12** How do you usually travel to your main place of work or study (including school)?

- ◆ Tick one box only.
- ◆ Tick the box for the longest part, by distance, of your usual journey to work or study.

- ☐ Driving a car or van
- ☐ Passenger in a car or van
- ☐ On foot
- ☐ Bus, minibus or coach
- ☐ Train
- ☐ Underground, subway, metro, light rail or tram
- ☐ Taxi
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ Motorcycle, scooter or moped
- ☐ Other

**43** How do you usually travel to your main job or course of study (including school)?

- ◆ Answer for your usual travel to the place where you spend the most time
- ◆ Tick the box for the longest part, by distance, of your usual journey to work or study
- ◆ Tick one box only

- ☐ Driving a car or van
- ☐ Passenger in a car or van
- ☐ Taxi or private hire
- ☐ Motorcycle, scooter or moped
- ☐ On foot
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ Bus, minibus or coach
- ☐ Train
- ☐ Underground, subway or tram
- ☐ Other

The [Travel Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

## Other Labour Market Questions

**27** In the last seven days, were you doing any of the following?

- ◆ Tick **all** that apply
  - ◆ Including casual or temporary work, even if only for one hour
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- ☐ Working as an employee → Go to **33**
  - ☐ Self-employed or freelance → Go to **33**
  - ☐ Temporarily away from work ill, on holiday or temporarily laid off → Go to **33**
  - ☐ On maternity or paternity leave → Go to **33**
  - ☐ Doing any other kind of paid work → Go to **33**
  - ☐ None of the above

**28** Which of the following describes what you were doing in the last seven days?

- ◆ Tick **all** that apply
- ☐ Retired (whether receiving a pension or not)
- ☐ Studying
- ☐ Looking after home or family
- ☐ Long-term sick or disabled
- ☐ Other

**29** In the last four weeks, were you actively looking for any kind of paid work?

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No

**30** If a job became available now, could you start it within two weeks?

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No

**31** In the last seven days, were you waiting to start a job already accepted?

- ☐
- Yes
- ☒
- No

**33** Answer the remaining questions for your main job or, if not working, your last main job.

- ◆ Your main job is the job in which you usually work (worked) the most hours.

**34** In your main job, what is (was) your employment status?

- ☐ Employee
- ☐ Self-employed or freelance without employees
- ☐ Self-employed with employees

**35** What is (was) your full job title?

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# Other Labour Market Questions

**36** Briefly describe what you do (did) in your main job.


**37** What is (was) the main activity of your organisation, business or freelance work?

♦ For example, CLOTHING RETAIL, GENERAL HOSPITAL, PRIMARY EDUCATION, FOOD WHOLESALE

♦ If you are (were) a civil servant, please write GOVERNMENT

♦ If you are (were) a local government officer, please write LOCAL GOVERNMENT and give the name of your department within the local authority


**38** What is (was) the name of the organisation or business you work (worked) for?

♦ If you are (were) self-employed in your own business, write in your business name


or ☐ No organisation or work for a private individual

**39** Do (did) you supervise or oversee the work of other employees on a day-to-day basis?

☐ Yes ☐ No

# Outputs – Veterans

Sex	Age	Total	Never served or currently serving	Previously served - regular armed forces	Previously served - reserve armed forces
Male	Total				
	16 to 24				
	25 to 34				
	35 to 44				
	45 to 54				
	55 to 64				
	65 to 74				
	75 and over				
Female	Total				
	16 to 24				
	25 to 34				
	35 to 44				
	45 to 54				
	55 to 64				
	65 to 74				
	75 and over				

Currently serving will not be shared separately due to the sensitive nature of this information



# Outputs - Qualifications

- Outputs will be updated to reflect additional categories from the questionnaire
- Although all qualifications are gathered in the question, only highest level of qualification is used in outputs currently.
- Will look at how to output apprenticeships, could be with a separate variable.



# Outputs -Year last worked

Sex	Age	In employment	Not in employment: worked in the last 12 months	Not in employment: not worked in the last 12 months	Never worked
Male	Total				
	16 to 24				
	25 to 34				
	35 to 44				
	45 to 54				
	55 to 64				
	65 to 74				
	75 and over				
Female	Total				
	16 to 24				
	25 to 34				
	35 to 44				
	45 to 54				
	55 to 64				
	65 to 74				
	75 and over				

# Outputs - Hours worked

Sex	Age	Part-time: 0 to 15 hours	Part-time: 16 to 30 hours	Full-time: 31 to 48 hours	Full-time: 49 or more hours
Male	Total				
	16 to 24				
	25 to 34				
	35 to 44				
	45 to 54				
	55 to 64				
	65 to 74				
	75 and over				
Female	Total				
	16 to 24				
	25 to 34				
	35 to 44				
	45 to 54				
	55 to 64				
	65 to 74				
	75 and over				

# Outputs - Travel

- In 2021 we will split work and study in to two separate categories and produce outputs for:
  - Method of travel to work or study
  - Distance travelled to work or study
- The produced tables will look the same but the quality will be improved
- Clearer separation between whether travel is for work or study.

# Sex, Trans History and Sexual Orientation

# Sex

Stakeholders told us of the need for a non-binary question

## Scotland's Census 2011

3 What is your sex?

◆ Tick **one** option

☐ Male ☐ Female

## Current question under development

3 What is your sex?

◆ Tick **one** box only

☐ Female  
☐ Male  
☐ Other

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The [Sex and Gender Identity Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Trans History

Stakeholders told us of the need for data on the trans population

**Scotland's Census 2011**

Not asked in 2011

**Current question under development**

☒ Do you consider yourself to be trans, or have a trans history?

- ◆ This question is voluntary
- ◆ Trans is a term used to describe people whose gender is not the same as the sex they were assigned at birth.
- ◆ Tick **one** box only

☐ No

☐ Yes, please describe your trans status (for example, trans man, trans woman, non-binary)

The [Sex and Gender Identity Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Sexual Orientation

Stakeholders told us of the need for data on the sexual orientation

**Scotland's Census 2011**

Not asked in 2011

**Current question under development**

● Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

- ◆ This question is voluntary
- ◆ Tick **one** box only

☐ Straight / Heterosexual

☐ Gay or Lesbian

☐ Bisexual

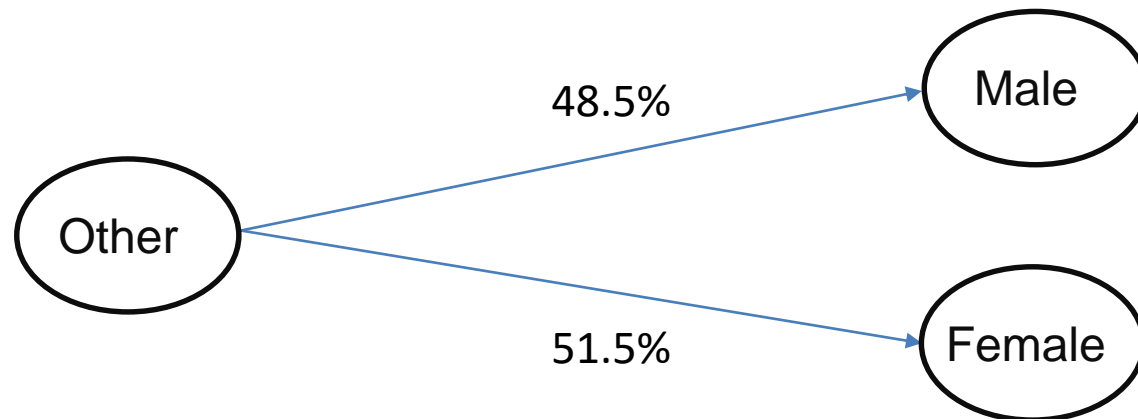
☐ Other sexual orientation, please write in

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The [Sexual Orientation Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Outputs - Sex

- In order to maintain time series and preserve anonymity, standard census tables will be output on a binary basis
- Responses from the 'other' response option will be randomly allocated to male and female.





# Outputs – Non-binary sex and Trans History

- Non-binary sex and trans history will be output in a separate report
- Due to the small numbers expected and the sensitive nature of these questions it will be too sensitive and disclosive to output in the flexible table builder.
- This report may also include sexual orientation.
- Data likely to be at Scotland level only.
- The report will also enable us to analyse this data in detail and provide context around the numbers.

# Outputs – Sexual Orientation

Sex	Age	Heterosexual or Straight	Gay or Lesbian	Bisexual	Other	No Answer
Male	Total					
	16 to 24					
	25 to 34					
	35 to 44					
	45 to 54					
	55 to 64					
	65 to 74					
	75 and over					
Female	Total					
	16 to 24					
	25 to 34					
	35 to 44					
	45 to 54					
	55 to 64					
	65 to 74					
	75 and over					

# Ethnic Group, Religion and Passports Held

# Ethnic Group

## Scotland's Census 2011

## Current question under development

**15 What is your ethnic group?**  
♦ Choose **ONE** section from A to F, then tick **ONE** box which **best describes** your ethnic group or background.

**A White**

☐ Scottish

☐ Other British

☐ Irish

☐ Gypsy / Traveller

☐ Polish

☐ Other white ethnic group, please write in

**B Mixed or multiple ethnic groups**

☐ Any mixed or multiple ethnic groups, please write in

**C Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British**

☐ Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish or Pakistani British

☐ Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British

☐ Bangladeshi, Bangladeshi Scottish or Bangladeshi British

☐ Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British

☐ Other, please write in

**D African**

☐ African, African Scottish or African British

☐ Other, please write in

**E Caribbean or Black**

☐ Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British

☐ Black, Black Scottish or Black British

☐ Other, please write in

**F Other ethnic group**

☐ Arab, Arab Scottish or Arab British

☐ Other, please write in

- Further consideration of inclusion of  
Roma Sikh  
Showpeople Jewish
- Further consideration of collecting detailed information for African ethnic groups
- Further consideration of parity across the question in terms of high level categories, tick boxes and text boxes
- Further consideration of online format

The [Ethnic Group Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.



# Religion

## Scotland's Census 2011

## Current question under development

13 What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?

◆ This question is voluntary.

- ☐ None
- ☐ Church of Scotland
- ☐ Roman Catholic
- ☐ Other Christian, please write in below
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Another religion or body, please write in

- Further consideration for capturing more detailed information about branches/schools of Islam
- Further consideration of inclusion of Pagan response option.
- Further consideration of online format

The [Religion Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Passports Held

Stakeholders told us of the need for data on citizenship. They told us this is key for an informed understanding of migration, as citizenship is typically the basis for immigration policy.

## Scotland's Census 2011

Not asked in 2011

## Current question under development

**12** What passports do you hold?  
♦ Tick **all** that apply

☐ United Kingdom  
☐ Ireland  
☐ Other, please write in

☐ None

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The [Migration Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Outputs: Ethnic Group

Ethnic Group	Population
<b>White</b>	<b>5,084,407</b>
White Scottish	4,445,678
White Other British	417,109
Irish	54,090
Gypsy/ Traveller	4,212
Polish	61,201
<b>Other White</b>	<b>102,117</b>
Other Western European	28,403
Other Eastern Europe	11,210
North American	10,291
Baltic States	8,606
Italian	5,901
Australian/New Zealander	5,466
Other	32,240

# Outputs: Religion

Religion category	Scotland
<b>All people</b>	<b>5,295,403</b>
Church of Scotland	1,717,871
Roman Catholic	841,053
<b>Other Christian (including Christian related)</b>	<b>291,275</b>
Church of England	66,717
Christian	36,208
Baptist	26,224
Episcopalian	21,289
Protestant	16,609
Evangelical	13,229
Pentecostal	12,357
Methodist	10,979
Free Church of Scotland	10,896
Jehovah's Witness	8,543
Scottish Episcopal Church	8,048
Orthodox Church	6,057
Brethren	5,583
Other Christian	48,536

<b>Other Religions</b>	<b>136,049</b>
Muslim (Islam)	76,737
Hindu	16,327
Buddhist	12,795
Sikh	9,055
Jewish	5,887
Pagan	5,194
Other Religions	10,054
<b>No Religion</b>	<b>1,941,116</b>
<b>Religion Not Stated</b>	<b>368,039</b>



# Outputs: Passport

		No Passport	United Kingdom	Ireland	Poland	Other EU country	Other
Male	Total						
	0 to 15						
	16 to 24						
	25 to 34						
	35 to 44						
	45 to 54						
	55 to 64						
	65 to 74						
	75 and over						
Female	Total						
	0 to 15						
	16 to 24						
	25 to 34						
	35 to 44						
	45 to 54						
	55 to 64						
	65 to 74						
	75 and over						

# Outputs: Passport

		No Passport	UK only	Ireland only	UK and Ireland	UK and other	Other
Male	Total						
	0 to 15						
	16 to 24						
	25 to 34						
	35 to 44						
	45 to 54						
	55 to 64						
	65 to 74						
	75 and over						
Female	Total						
	0 to 15						
	16 to 24						
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	45 to 54						
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	65 to 74						
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# Language

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- English language skills and proficiency
- Scottish Gaelic language skills
- Scots language skills
- British Sign Language (BSL) use
- Main language

The [Language Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Language Skills and Proficiency

Question redesign to improve data quality and meet user needs

## Scotland's Census 2011

**16** Which of these can you do?  
♦ Tick all that apply.

	English	Scottish Gaelic	Scots
Understand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speak	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

or  
☐ None of these

**17** How well can you speak English?

Very well	Well	Not well	Not at all
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Current question under development

**18** How well can you understand, speak, read and write English?  
♦ Tick **one** box in each column

	Understand	Speak	Read	Write
Very well	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Well	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not well	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**19** Can you understand, speak, read and write Scottish Gaelic or Scots language?  
♦ Tick **all** that apply

	Understand	Speak	Read	Write
Scottish Gaelic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scots language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

or  
☐ No skills in either language

The [Language Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# British Sign Language

## Scotland's Census 2011

Not asked in 2011

## Current question under development

20 Can you use British Sign Language (BSL)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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The [Language Topic Report](#) can be found on the Scotland's Census website.

# Main Language

Change to a question which asks about main language, rather than language used at home. Change to response options to reflect the new BSL question.

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18 Do you use a language other than English at home?

◆ Tick all that apply.

☐ No, English only

☐ Yes, British Sign Language

☐ Yes, other - please write in

## Current question under development

21 What is your main language?

◆ Tick **one** box only

☐ English

☐ Other, please write in (including "BSL" and "TACTILE BSL")

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# Outputs: English Proficiency

Sex	Age	Speaks English very well	Speaks English well	Does not speak English well	Does not speak English at all
Male	Total				
	3 to 15				
	16 to 24				
	25 to 34				
	35 to 44				
	45 to 54				
	55 to 64				
	65 to 74				
	75 and over				
Female	Total				
	3 to 15				
	16 to 24				
	25 to 34				
	35 to 44				
	45 to 54				
	55 to 64				
	65 to 74				
	75 and over				



# Outputs: English Language Skills

Sex	Age	Understands but does not speak, read or write English	Speaks, reads and writes English	Speaks but does not read or write English	Speaks and reads but does not write English	Reads but does not speak or write English	Other combination of skills in English	No skills in English
Male	Total							
	3 to 15							
	16 to 24							
	25 to 34							
	35 to 44							
	45 to 54							
	55 to 64							
	65 to 74							
	75 and over							
Female	Total							
	3 to 15							
	16 to 24							
	25 to 34							
	35 to 44							
	45 to 54							
	55 to 64							
	65 to 74							
	75 and over							

# Outputs: British Sign Language

Sex	Age	Yes, can use British Sign Language	No, cannot use British Sign Language
Male	Total		
	3 to 15		
	16 to 24		
	25 to 34		
	35 to 44		
	45 to 54		
	55 to 64		
	65 to 74		
	75 and over		
Female	Total		
	3 to 15		
	16 to 24		
	25 to 34		
	35 to 44		
	45 to 54		
	55 to 64		
	65 to 74		
	75 and over		

# Health

# Health

- General health
- Long-term health problem or disability
- Long-term health conditions

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# Health

- No changes
  - General health
  - Long-term health problem or disability
- Changes
  - Long term health conditions

# Long term health condition

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20 Do you have any of the following conditions which have lasted, or are expected to last, at least 12 months?

◆ Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Deafness or partial hearing loss
- ☐ Blindness or partial sight loss
- ☐ Learning disability (for example, Down's Syndrome)
- ☐ Learning difficulty (for example, dyslexia)
- ☐ Developmental disorder (for example, Autistic Spectrum Disorder or Asperger's Syndrome)
- ☐ Physical disability
- ☐ Mental health condition
- ☐ Long-term illness, disease or condition
- ☐ Other condition, please write in


or

☐ No condition

## Current question under development

- Stakeholders told us of the need for data on conditions rather than symptoms.
- Stakeholders told us of the need for data to be comparable with 2011.
- Development has focused on improving data quality, by including guidance in the question. For example:

☐ Learning difficulty (a specific learning condition that affects the way you learn and process information)

- Further investigation of inclusion of full or partial loss of voice which requires the use of equipment to communicate.
- Designing for digital first.

# New Questions

- Trans history
- Sexual orientation
- Passports
- British Sign Language (BSL)
- Veterans

# Changed Questions

- Sex
- Religion
- Long-term health condition
- English proficiency
- Gaelic language skills
- Scots language skills
- Main language
- Ethnic Group
- Qualifications
- Hours worked
- Ever worked
- Address of work or study
- Method of transport



# Unchanged Questions

- Marital Status
- Student status
- Country of birth
- Year of arrival
- Address one year ago
- Unpaid care
- Health
- Long-term health problem or disability
- National identity
- Industry
- Occupation
- Employment status

# Get in touch

- If you have any other comments, questions or feedback about today's event please contact our Scotland's Census mailbox [scotlandscensus@nrscotland.gov.uk](mailto:scotlandscensus@nrscotland.gov.uk)

# National Statistics Accreditation

- The Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) would like to interview a range of Census stakeholders as part of the National Statistics accreditation process to help us retain our National Statistics badge
- An essential part of the evidence base OSR use to determine if standards are being met is from the experiences of users and stakeholders
- If you would be interested in sharing your views and experiences of Scotland's Census with the Office for Statistics Regulation for the purpose, please contact the assessment team ([marie.mcgee@statistics.gov.uk](mailto:marie.mcgee@statistics.gov.uk)) by Monday 17 December.