

## Did you know?



### Enumeration area

is the smallest geographical unit (piece of land) into which the country is divided for census or survey purposes.

### Enumerator

is a person who visits households or individuals in a specific enumeration area for the purpose of administration of questionnaires or for self-enumeration.

### Dwelling unit

is a structure or part of a structure or group of structures occupied or meant to be occupied by one or more than one household.

### Special dwelling institution

is a dwelling or structure not privately occupied by a household, but rather by individuals with one or more common characteristics.

These dwellings include institutions such as hospitals, prisons, homes for special-care citizens, boarding schools and some workers' hostels.

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# CENSUS

# 2021 MINI-TEST

## PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS 2021 MINI-TEST

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## Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)

will be conducting the Census 2021 Mini-test from 09 October to 6 November 2019. Fieldworkers will collect data from dwelling units in the sampled enumeration areas.

## What is a Census 2021 Mini-test?

A Census Mini-test is a survey that is conducted in sampled enumeration areas in preparation for a census. The Census 2021 Mini-test will test census data collection tools and operational systems, to prepare for the total population count in 2021. This includes testing the census questionnaire, as well as data collection methods to ensure a successful count of the entire population in 2021.

## Why conduct the Census 2021 Mini-test?

The purpose of the mini-test is to assist the organisation to prepare for the upcoming population count. The mini-test will ensure that proposed methodologies and procedures are thoroughly tested prior to implementation in the main census.

## Who should participate?

People who reside within the sampled areas across the country are required to participate in the Census 2021 Mini-test.

## How does it work?

Fieldworkers will visit selected dwelling units and administer questionnaires to all households.

The main mode of data collection for the

Census 2021 Mini-test is the Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI).



## What will be asked?

Respondents will be requested to provide information on aspects such as age, language spoken, migration, education, employment status and living conditions of the household, etc.

## Will my information be kept confidential?

Stats SA is governed by the Statistics Act (Act No. 6 of 1999). In terms of section 17 of the Act, information collected on individuals and their households is treated as confidential.

Section 18(1)(e) and (g) stipulates that any Stats SA official found guilty of contravening this Act will be fined a penalty equal to an amount not exceeding R10 000 or imprisonment of up to six months, or both.

## Is participation in the Census 2021 Mini-test mandatory?

The Statistics Act mandates all persons to provide data to any Stats SA official, when requested.

## How can I identify a Stats SA fieldworker?

Stats SA fieldworkers can be identified through the official Stats SA identification (ID) card displaying the Stats SA logo, the photograph and unique number of the fieldworker. Respondents can also contact the Census 2021 toll-free number (0800 110 248) to verify the authenticity of fieldworkers visiting their homes, or they can visit [www.statssa.gov.za](http://www.statssa.gov.za) for online verification of fieldworkers.



## What is Post Enumeration Survey (PES) 2021 Mini-Test?

The Post Enumeration Survey Mini-Test is conducted to evaluate the quality and coverage of the Census 2021 Mini-Test.

## When will PES take place?

Data collection for the PES 2021 will take place immediately after the Census 2021 Mini-Test data collection phase, from 14 November to 13 December 2019.

## About the Census

A census is a total count of a population whereby all people within the borders of a country are counted. It is the largest undertaking by an organ of state, where everyone in the country is counted.

Under the democratic dispensation, Stats SA has conducted three censuses: in 1996, 2001 and 2011. The next census will be conducted in 2021. The data collected during a census is used for planning, policy and evidence-based decision-making.

## About Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is a government department mandated in terms of the Statistics Act to collect, process, analyse and disseminate official statistics.



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