

Launch of the Census 2021 outputs consultation

13 July 2021

Today, we've launched a public consultation, outlining our proposals for the content design and shape of the release plans for Census 2021 outputs.

We're inviting you to take part.

Why we're consulting

As a result of factors such as the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and Brexit, the UK is facing rapid societal change. More than ever, our priority is to deliver timely and accurate statistics, that enable the understanding of that change to inform decision making and service provision.

The aim of this consultation is to obtain an updated view of your detailed needs for Census 2021 data and analysis, and to understand your priorities. Your feedback will help us to make decisions on the final design of the Census 2021 outputs and analysis for England and Wales.

What we're asking

We're asking for your feedback on the proposals we've outlined in the [Census 2021 outputs: content design and release phase proposals](#) document. We've structured our proposals into sections to help you find the topics that you want to consult on. These include:

- The shape of the outputs and analysis release schedule
- Main changes to variables compared to the 2011 Census

- Proposals for feasibility work to derive new variables
- Population-base specifications
- Taking a census during a period of change
- Paradata, information about how census data was collected and processed

You can find detailed information about the consultation, as well as supporting documentation providing context for the questions we're asking, on [Citizen Space](#), the ONS's consultation platform.

How to take part

The consultation will remain open until midnight on **5 October 2021**.

We recommend you respond to the consultation in our online questionnaire.

[Census 2021 outputs consultation](#)

Other ways of responding are available. For example, you can download a word version of the questionnaire from Citizen Space and email your response to census.outputs@ons.gov.uk.

We'll publish our response to users' feedback this winter.

Consultation launch webinar

To support the launch of the consultation, we're hosting a repeated introductory webinar. In each webinar, we will discuss why we are consulting, share what types of questions we are asking and provide a demonstration of how to navigate the online consultation.

The webinar will take place on Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

- 15 July 2021, 12:45-14:00
- 16 July 2021, 12:30-13:45
- 3 August 2021, 11:15-12:30

[Register on Eventbrite](#)

Contact us

If you have any questions about the consultation please contact us, the LA Partnerships Team, at 2021Census.LA.Liaison@ons.gov.uk

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