



Census

2026 Census Stakeholder Toolkit

Your guide to sharing information about the recruitment of Field Officers with your community

April 2026



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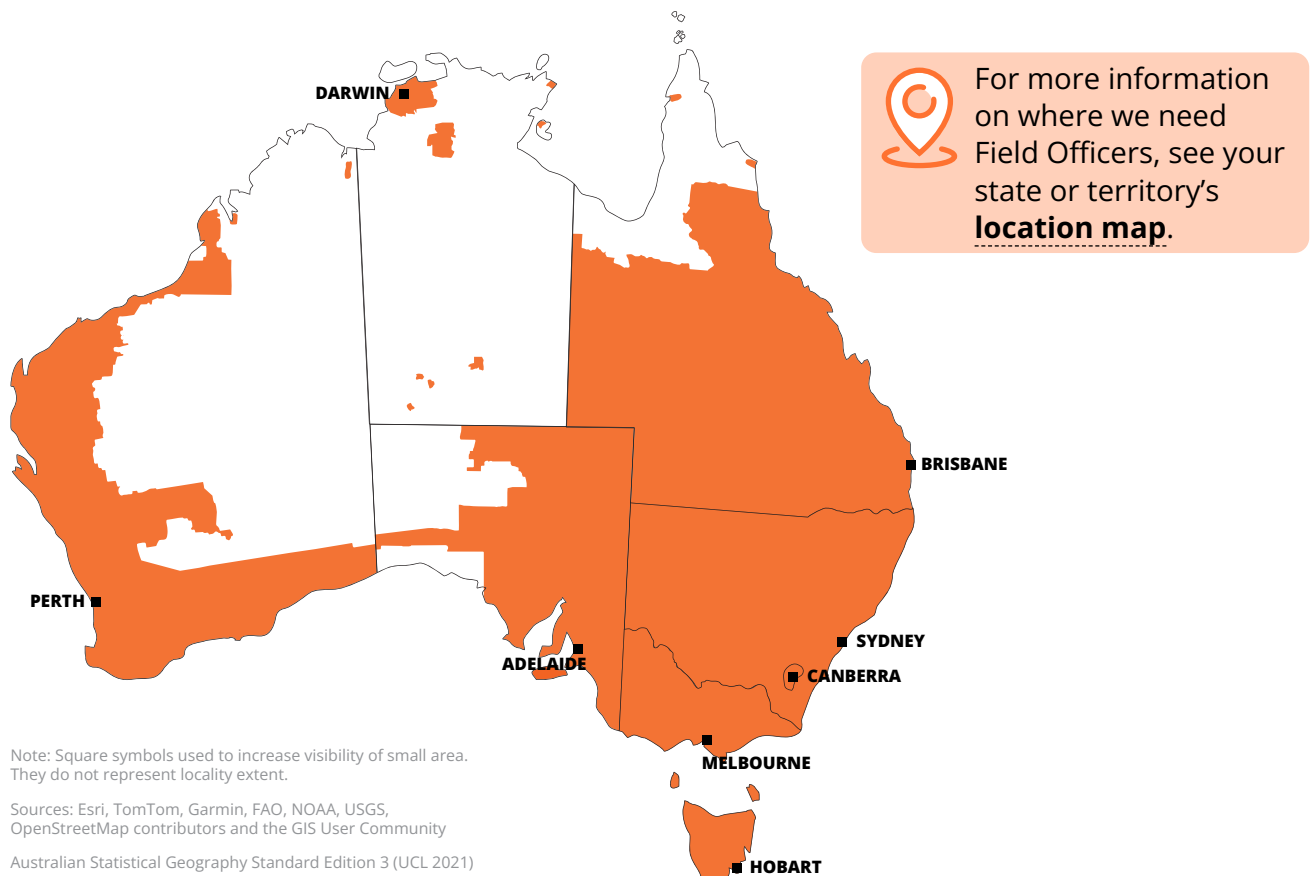
We can't do the Census without our temporary field workforce. They collect the data that helps us all understand more about Australia and how it's changing.

We are now hiring over 16,000 Field Officers

There are Field Officer jobs available in your area, and in most parts of Australia.

- ▶ **Field Officers** are the local face of the Census.
- ▶ They deliver Census letters and forms, answer questions from the public and follow up with households that have not yet responded.
- ▶ Applications open from **20 April 2026**.
- ▶ To be considered in the first round of applications, we encourage people to submit their application by **18 May 2026**.

Where we need Field Officers



Field Officer jobs are also available on **Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island**.

How you can help

There are lots of ways you can share information about recruitment for the 2026 Census.

A range of resources are available for you to download and share with your networks, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resources.

Here are the top 5 ways you can use this toolkit:



Share a social media post with your followers.



Put up a poster or digital screen in your office or in the community.



Spread the word through your organisation's newsletter or website.



Answer questions from your community using the key messages.



Follow '2026 Census – Australia' on Facebook (@2026CensusAU) and share key milestones and recruitment updates.



Tip: You can customise the social media and newsletter resources using the key messages provided, or add your own local information to demonstrate the importance of the Census for your community.

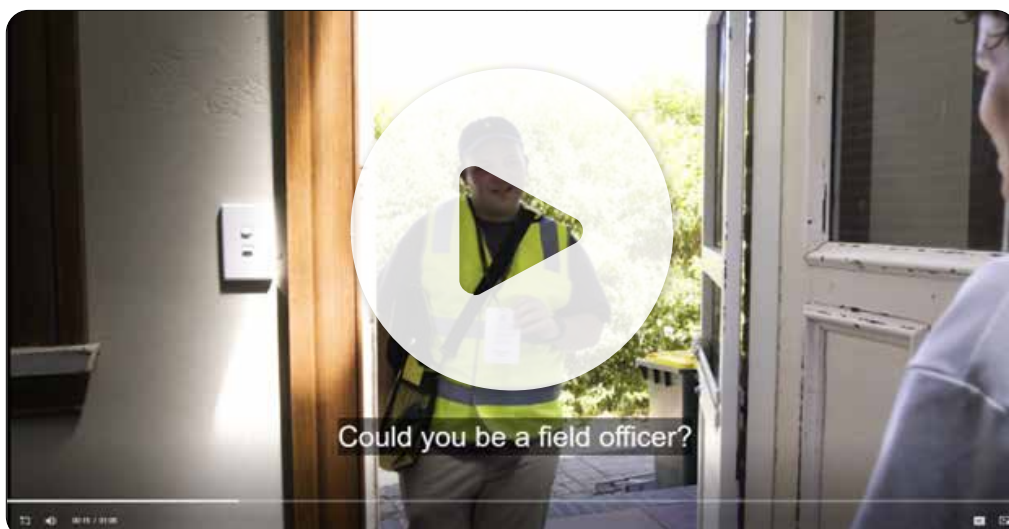
For more information, visit census.abs.gov.au/jobs or call the Recruitment Support Line on 1300 100 557 if you require additional support.

Field Officer recruitment

Overview of job requirements and how to apply

- ▶ Census data helps businesses and governments make important decisions that directly impacts local communities. It is also used to help plan local services for individuals, families, and communities.
- ▶ Field Officers are the local face of the Census. They are crucial in collecting Census data.
- ▶ They deliver Census letters and forms, answer questions from the public and follow up with households who have not yet completed their form.
- ▶ Field Officer jobs are available in locations all over Australia.
- ▶ No prior experience is required to become a Field Officer.
- ▶ The ABS is looking for a range of people who:
 - can work within a team and independently
 - can communicate sensitively and respectfully with people from diverse backgrounds and communities
 - have knowledge of their local area.
- ▶ Field Officers will earn \$31.19 per hour (inclusive of 25% casual loading), plus superannuation.
- ▶ Field Officers will work flexible hours across a mix of weekdays, evenings and weekends.
- ▶ Applications for Field Officer jobs open on 20 April 2026. For more information and to apply, visit www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs.
- ▶ Applications for the first round of Field Officer jobs will close on 18 May 2026. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early to be considered in their local area.
- ▶ Field Officer jobs will start work from either 9 July or 12 August through to 1 October 2026.
- ▶ To see all Census job opportunities, visit www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs.

Day in the life of a Field Officer



Resources

Download Field Officer resources



Posters

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Social media tiles

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Post from 20 April 2026.	Applications for Census Field Officer jobs are open now in locations all over Australia, including in our local area. As a Field Officer, you'll deliver Census forms and follow up with households that haven't yet responded. You can earn extra money in a temporary job, with flexible hours that fit into your schedule. The first round of applications is closing on Monday 18 May 2026. Find out more and apply now at www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs.	The image shows two identical social media tiles side-by-side. Each tile has a white header with the text 'Become a Field Officer' and the Australian Bureau of Statistics logo. Below the header is an orange section with a list of benefits: '✓ Deliver Census letters and forms', '✓ Earn extra money close to home', and '✓ No experience necessary'. A photo of a woman in a high-visibility vest is on the right. At the bottom, it says 'Apply now census.abs.gov.au/jobs'.

Digital screens

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30,000 Census jobs available

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Newsletter article

Publish from 20 April 2026.

Become a Field Officer for the 2026 Census

Have you heard the news? Field Officer jobs are now available in locations all over Australia, including our capital cities, regional towns and remote areas. The best part? No prior experience is required.

As a Field Officer, you'll be the local face of the Census. You'll deliver Census letters and forms, answer questions from the public and follow up households that haven't yet responded.

Field Officer jobs are temporary and suit a variety of schedules, from students to part-time workers and retirees. You can earn extra money and work flexibly across weekdays, weekends and evenings.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is looking for a broad range of people to apply to reflect the diversity of Australian communities.

Get your application in by Monday 18 May 2026 to be considered in the first round of recruitment in your local area.

Join the Census team and help collect the data that informs local services for your community. To apply and see all Census job opportunities, visit census.abs.gov.au/jobs.

General recruitment

About the Census

- ▶ Every 5 years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) counts every person and household in Australia through the Census.
- ▶ The next Census is on Tuesday 11 August 2026.
- ▶ Information from the Census helps governments, businesses and not-for-profit organisations across the country make decisions. It informs planning for schools, healthcare, transport and infrastructure. It is also used by community groups to help plan local services for individuals, families and communities.

Overview of jobs for the 2026 Census

- ▶ The Census field workforce plays a crucial role in delivering a comprehensive snapshot of the country and showing how Australia is changing.
- ▶ The ABS is hiring more than 30,000 people for the 2026 Census.
- ▶ There are a variety of jobs near you.
- ▶ The ABS needs people in every part of Australia, and more than half the jobs don't require any prior experience.
- ▶ The ABS is looking for a broad range of people to reflect the diversity of Australia.
- ▶ Census field jobs are temporary. Some may only last a few weeks, while others may be for 6 months or longer. You can choose the hours you work and fit them into your schedule.
- ▶ Applications are now open. For more information or to apply now, visit www.census.abs.gov.au/jobs



Resources

Download general recruitment resources



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Did you know the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is hiring over 30,000 people for the Census?

From capital cities to regional towns and remote areas, people are needed all over Australia to make sure everyone is supported to participate.

By working in a Census field job, you'll collect the data that helps inform local services for your community. That's everything from schools to health centres, transport and infrastructure.

There are a variety of temporary jobs available in your local area. You can earn extra money and work flexibly across weekdays, weekends and evenings.

Jobs can include delivering Census letters and forms, answering questions from the public, and assisting households that haven't yet responded. Some jobs can also involve managing a team of people on the ground.

Applications for Field Officer jobs are now open. The ABS is looking for a broad range of people to apply to reflect the diversity of Australian communities. No experience is required for these jobs.

Support your community's future by working for the 2026 Census. To apply and see all opportunities visit census.abs.gov.au/jobs.



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Call **1300 100 557**