

# 2026 CENSUS COLLECTION ACROSS CANADA

## The 2026 Census begins in May!

- Collection begins on **May 4** across Canada.
- Census data are essential for planning programs and services that support employment, public transit, education, health care and more.
- Households will receive a census invitation letter in the mail starting in May with instructions on how to complete their questionnaire.
- The census questions will be available in alternate formats and **28 non-official languages** for reference purposes.
- All information is collected under the authority of the *Statistics Act* and will be kept strictly confidential.



More details about the 2026 Census can be found at  
**[census.gc.ca](https://census.gc.ca)**