

Study: 2026 Census of Population Content Consultation Results

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The report "[2026 Census of Population Content Consultation Results: What we heard from Canadians](#)" is now available. This report outlines findings on data relevance, uses and gaps for the Census of Population. Data from the Census of Population are important for all Canadians, governments and communities. Census data are vital to plan services that support education, employment, transportation, health care and housing.

To maintain the relevance of the census, Statistics Canada evaluates and reviews the content of the census questionnaire each census cycle. In preparation for the 2026 Census, Statistics Canada consulted Canadians from the fall of 2022 to the spring of 2023 using an online questionnaire and discussions with stakeholders.

Feedback obtained as part of the consultation is being used to update and improve the 2026 Census of Population questionnaire. A series of qualitative tests took place in the spring and summer of 2023. Changes to the census questionnaire will be tested in May and June 2024 with 198,000 households in the 2024 Census Test. Statistics Canada will evaluate results from the test to make content recommendations to the federal government for the 2026 Census. To find out more about the 2024 Census Test, please visit [The road to the 2026 Census](#) on the Statistics Canada website.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3901](#).

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