

## 2021 Census: Topic Consultation for Northern Ireland

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### Sex (Demography)

- 1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether sex is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?

[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)

Basic demographic information is essential for the majority of census outputs and is assumed to be a key requirement of census users.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Sex	Collect	Essential demographic information.

Please select only one item

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about sex?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about sex for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Resource allocation ☒ Service planning and delivery ☒ Targeting investment  
☒ Policy development and monitoring ☒ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about sex?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

Basic demographic profiles, carers analysis, long term conditions  
This is core data given the variances in life expectancy and premature mortality between the sexes.

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about sex meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about sex were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

Gender identity describes people's expression of themselves as male or female.

Transgender is an umbrella term to describe individuals whose gender identities, expressions or behaviours are not those traditionally associated with their birth sex. This can range from clothing and how someone dresses or behaves to someone undergoing medical treatment so that their body is fully reassigned in their preferred gender role.

It is difficult to estimate the number of transgender individuals within the population. Many conceal their gender variance and may never seek medical treatment or undergo transition. As such there is no reliable estimate of the population of transgender people in Northern Ireland.

The Public Health Agency (PHA) purpose outlined in the Corporate Strategy is as follows:

'To protect and improve the health and social wellbeing of the people of Northern Ireland and reduce health inequalities through strong partnerships with individuals, communities and other key public, private and voluntary organisations.'

'Promoting equality of opportunity between men and women is also one of the duties placed on public authorities. This means organisations such as government departments, councils, health and social services trusts, education bodies, etc, should take steps to ensure equality for trans people in their policies and decision-making.'

These duties are reflected in the LGB&T thematic action plan. More detailed information on this is outlined in the section on sexual identity.

When transgender people reveal their gender variance, they are at risk of discrimination, bullying, hate crime and may experience health inequalities. In Northern Ireland sex discrimination law protects individuals from direct discrimination, harassment and victimisation if they are planning to undergo, are undergoing or have undergone gender reassignment.

The Public Health Agency recognises the need for further data to monitor health inequalities experienced by the transgender community. However it also recognises the challenges in collecting this data and acknowledges that the census may not be the most suitable method of collecting data in relation to gender identity and also the likely issues around disclosure in terms of small numbers in what are standard demographic tables from the census produced at all levels of geography.

The PHA has included the following questions in monitoring return forms:

Gender:

Male

Female

Other

Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were originally assigned at birth?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

There are a number of reasons why collecting information about transgender equality is important; it can inform policy development, service delivery and monitor discrimination and inequality.

The Office for National Statistics outlines four main uses of statistics on the transgender community:

- Community recognition

There is a need to recognise the existence of a community of people whose gender identity leads to social exclusion. It is argued that increased recognition will lead to the promotion of social acceptance.

- Population estimate

Currently, there are huge inconsistencies in population estimates of both transsexual people and the less clearly defined trans community. The absence of official estimates makes it difficult to ascertain the level of discrimination, inequality or social exclusion faced by the trans community.

- Service provision and equality monitoring

It is felt that the absence of population estimates means that the correct support, funding, services and policies are not in place for trans people. It is difficult for government departments and equality bodies to monitor outputs and resource allocations

- Increasing the visibility of trans issues

The statistics will help the commission to meet its duty in working to reduce inequality, eliminate discrimination, promote equality and human rights and build good relations for trans people.

The provision of this information will provide the evidence required to challenge policy analysis. Leading to improvements in policies and practices that will challenge transphobia and support trans people and eventually lead to societal change.

The ONS position paper also includes guidance on questions to explore gender identity:

- Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth? Yes / No
- Do you live and work full time in the gender role opposite to that assigned at birth? Yes / No

It highlights additional questions suggested by:

- Press for Change (<http://www.pfc.org.uk/>) in relation to whether people feel able to be open about their past in the workplace or community; and
- GIRES(<http://www.gires.org.uk>) – ‘Do you sometimes adopt the gender role opposite to that assigned at birth? Yes / No’

The position paper highlights that data collection via household survey is not the most appropriate method for collecting data in relation to trans issues and suggests that a combination of alternative methods including attitude surveys, administrative data and specialist surveys as a more suitable approach to gathering information.

A 2011 publication by the The Equality and Human Rights Commission reported on a research study to develop and cognitively review new questions to measure gender identity, including transgender that can be understood and answered by all people living in the United Kingdom (UK).

The purpose of the project was to:

- review existing transgender questions and what they capture;
- develop a shortlist of questions for testing;
- facilitate a range of focus groups and undertake cognitive interviewing with transgender and non-transgender people to test the questions;
- select the most appropriate question/questions that include the capture of
- gender reassignment as defined by the Equality Act; and
- provide a final report that outlines the findings and suggests questions to ask which are grounded in research.

Chapter 6 of the report discusses findings in relation to the context, mode of delivery and issues in monitoring gender identity. Some key points from the report are as follows:

The focus groups revealed that the context in which trans people are asked about their gender identity could affect how likely they would be to answer the questions. These related to:

- the extent to which the place in which the data would be collected gave participants the privacy to answer;
- perceived risk of discrimination arising from completing the equalities monitoring forms, either through revelation of transgender history or positive discrimination against non-transgender people; and
- the fact that including questions on gender identity in monitoring was a positive recognition of the existence of transgender people that made some feel more likely to complete such surveys.

Findings highlighted the need for information to clearly outline the context for why questions on gender identity are being asked. Trans and non-trans participants in the cognitive interviews felt that the following should be mentioned in a written introduction:

- Why the data are being collected;
- What the data will be used for;
- How data confidentiality and anonymity will be ensured at all times so no one apart from those who should have access will have access to their data and will be treated with respect at all times; and
- Ensure the data is protected under the Data Protection Act.

In terms of where the data would be collected, trans people across focus groups outlined the need for privacy; Conducting interviews at a person's home where other household members were present was also seen as problematic because of the difficult situations, hostile reactions or discriminatory consequences that could arise. Providing or allowing time to find a private space where people could complete a form was preferred. (P117).

The level of understanding about the purpose of asking questions on gender identity for equality monitoring purposes varied considerably in the non-transgender and transgender groups; and some participants were still unclear about how data would be used in the context of the Public Sector Equality Duty, even after this was explained.

The report highlighted the following main views about asking questions on gender identity;

- Such questions are potentially beneficial to transgender people and to society
- Such questions are intrusive but necessary
- Such questions are immaterial and intrusive
- Perceived risk of discrimination arising
- Relevance and meaningfulness of asking
- Compulsory or voluntary nature of the questions proposed
- Being 'out' as transgender or having a history of being transgender
- Anonymity and confidentiality of responses

A particular issue of note in order for transgender people to answer questions on gender identity was that equalities monitoring forms needed to be separated from personal details (for example, on application forms, work surveys, surveys of service) at the point of completion and returned to different people or in others ways in which they could not be re-linked.

Participants were asked about a number of different modes of administration of the questions in which equalities monitoring data or surveys data could be collected; their preferences for particular modes; and the reasons that informed these preferences. Overall, participants in the research preferred the self completion format for collecting responses to the recommended questions for its perceived greater privacy, anonymity and confidentiality.

The project found that most trans and non-trans participants were willing to answer the recommended gender identity questions, with certain caveats and assurances in place. The suite of recommended questions were as follows;

Q1 At birth were you described as...

Please tick one option

Male ☐

Female ☐

Intersex ☐

I prefer not to say ☐

Q2 Which of the following describes how you think of yourself?

Please tick one option

Male ☐

Female ☐

In another way: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Q3 Have you gone through any part of a process (including thoughts or actions) to

change from the sex you were described as at birth to the gender you identify with, or do you intend to?

(This could include changing your name, wearing different clothes taking hormones or having any gender reassignment surgery).

Yes ☐ → Please go to Q4

No ☐ → End.

Q4 Continuing to think about these examples, which of the following options best applies to you?

Please tick one option

I am thinking about going through this process ☐

I am currently going through this process ☐

I have already been through this process ☐

I have been through this process, then changed back ☐

None of the above ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer not to say ☐

Q5 Which of the following describes how you think of yourself?

Tick all that apply

Trans man ☐

Trans woman ☐

Transsexual person ☐

Gender variant person ☐

Cross dressing person ☐

Transvestite person ☐

Intersex person ☐

In another way: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer not to say ☐

The questions are presented here with 'tick boxes' and participant instructions (for example, 'please tick one option'). The questions would require amendments if asked by an interviewer face-to-face or over the phone.

The report concludes with the following:

'Those in the monitoring role must recognise that there will always be trans people who will never reveal their trans history, and many have legal protection so that they are not required to do so in any circumstances. Much needs to be done in raising awareness of why trans monitoring is taking place and how the data are to be used and stored.'

The findings from this report highlight a number of issues for consideration of a gender identity question within the 2021 Census including;

- The Census is generally completed by the main householder – implications with respect to privacy and confidentiality as participants favoured self completion
- The need to provide a comprehensive introduction to explain on why data is being collected, what it will be used for, data confidentiality etc
- The number of recommended questions.
- From a legal perspective where a person holds a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC), they must be treated according to their acquired gender and it is a criminal offence to disclose their status.

In 2009, the Scottish Transgender Alliance Equality Network produced guidance for organisations on monitoring transgender staff or service users.

It outlined the need to use a range of methods to collect information about transgender equality, issues to be considered in collecting data (eg purpose, data protection / anonymity) and recommended questions for service user monitoring.

The Recommended questions for service user monitoring were as follows :

Online monitoring forms should always ensure that it possible for people to skip answering any question leaving it blank. If you wish to provide an actual 'Prefer not to say' answer option then it should be provided for all the monitoring questions on the form (not just for some of the questions).

Q1. What is your gender identity?

Man (including trans man)

Woman (including trans woman)

Other gender identity (e.g. androgyne person) \*

Q2. Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were originally assigned at birth?

Yes

No \*

Q3. Have you ever identified as a transgender person?

Equality Organisations in Scotland use the term "transgender" as an inclusive umbrella term for a diverse range of people who find their gender identity or gender expression differs in some way from the gender they were originally assigned at birth.

Yes \*

No

Q4. Please provide any further information about your gender identity if you wish:

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If it is an online form then the additional option exists to use logic rules to provide an supplementary question Q5 which is only shown where the person selects any one or more of the answers indicated with a \*.

Q5. Do you consider yourself to be within any of the following categories?

(you can tick more than one if you wish)

- FTM / trans man
- MTF / trans woman
- Intersex person
- Androgyne / polygender / genderqueer person
- Cross-dressing / transvestite person
- Other type of gender variant person
- (specify if you wish): \_\_\_\_\_

One possible variant in questions may be to retain the male female question in terms of what people would consider themselves to be and also ask a supplementary question as to whether this is the same gender they were assigned at birth. This would provide an estimate of numbers of those who have completed transformation while not creating an additional category in the main gender question and causing difficulties in outputs at small area etc. This would be the only complete coverage of this group of people given the relatively small numbers.

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### Purpose of user need

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

### 3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about sex?

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area ☒ Super Output Area ☒ Electoral Ward ☒ Assembly Area ☒ Local Government District  
☒ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust) ☒ Northern Ireland  
☐ Other – please specify below

### 3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about sex for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

This is a standard breakdown for all sub groups

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### Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.



**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about sex?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☒ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☒ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☒ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☒ Other – please specify below

Eurostat/ WHO

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about sex?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☒ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☒ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☒ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☒ Other – please specify below

CAWT regional comparisons

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about sex?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☒ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for sex?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for sex?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for sex?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about sex?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Demography ☒ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☒ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☒ Migration ☐ None

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#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about sex? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

Gender included as a key demographic variable in population and household surveys in Northern Ireland + GP registration.

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about sex in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☒ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Age (Demography)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether age is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Basic demographic information is essential for the majority of census outputs and is assumed to be a key requirement of census users.

Topic detail	Initial view	Comment
Age	Collect	Essential demographic information. Age will be derived from the collection of date of birth.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about age?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about age for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about age?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about age meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about age were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about age?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about age for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about age?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about age?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

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**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for age?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for age?**

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about age?**

*Select all that apply.*

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☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

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#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

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**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about age? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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### **Marital or Legal Partnership status (Demography)**

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Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Marital or Legal Partnership status	Collect	Essential demographic information.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view



**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about marital or legal partnership status?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about marital or legal partnership status for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about marital or legal partnership status?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about marital or legal partnership status meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about marital or legal partnership status were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

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**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about marital or legal partnership status?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

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**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about marital or legal partnership status for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

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**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about marital or legal partnership status?**

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☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

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- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about marital or legal partnership status?**

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**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

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- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about marital or legal partnership status?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for marital or legal partnership status?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for marital or legal partnership status?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for marital or legal partnership status?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about marital or legal partnership status?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about marital or legal partnership status? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about marital or legal partnership status in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Household and family relationships (Demography)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether household and family relationships is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Basic demographic information is essential for the majority of census outputs and is assumed to be a key requirement of census users.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Household and family relationships	Collect	Essential demographic information.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about household and family relationships?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about household and family relationships for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about household and family relationships?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about household and family relationships meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about household and family relationships were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about household and family relationships?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about household and family relationships for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about household and family relationships?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about household and family relationships?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about household and family relationships?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.



**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for household and family relationships?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for household and family relationships?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for household and family relationships?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about household and family relationships?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about household and family relationships? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about household and family relationships in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

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In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Country of birth (Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether country of birth is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**Click here for a reminder of our initial view**

There is a strong user need for information on ethnicity, identity, language and religion.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Country of birth	Collect	This is a key indicator of population change through migration.

*Please select only one item*

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about country of birth?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about country of birth for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Resource allocation ☒ Service planning and delivery ☒ Targeting investment  
☒ Policy development and monitoring ☒ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about country of birth?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

To inform the work of PHA and the BME regional health and wellbeing group, in particular, health intelligence prepared a briefing paper drawing primarily on ethnicity and country of birth, and language (native and ability to speak English). These BME measures were explored in relation to qualifications held, employment status, and health. There are concerns about the numbers on Irish travellers as these differed substantially from those in the All Island Traveller Health Study. Population data on ethnicity and identity were also used for equality screening of service planning documents and for informing service monitoring. This is the only reliable source of this data at population level.

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about country of birth meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☒ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about country of birth were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

For second generation White people we lose all detail with the current format of data collection. It will not be possible to track then if they will experience (health or other) inequalities. This particularly relevant for offspring from migrant from the A8 and A2 countries. It is uncertain whether passport held/ national identity would be useful proxy measures (deterrents for getting non-UK passports for their children due to lack of access to consular/embassy services, eg based in London, cost, etc.). In addition, the analysis of national identity seems to focus on UK/ROI only.

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**Purpose of user need**

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Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about country of birth?**

Select all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☒ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about country of birth for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

For example:

- Specific ethnic groups
- Minority religions
- Children in kinship care
- Pensioners
- NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- Specific occupation groups

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

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In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about country of birth?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☒ Other – please specify below

NI V other parts of UK

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about country of birth?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☐ Yes, strong need ☒ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☒ Other – please specify below

general NI and ROI comparison as our migrant composition seem to be more similar to ROI (primarily former Eastern block countries) than to GB

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about country of birth?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☐ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☒ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for country of birth?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for country of birth?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for country of birth?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about country of birth?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☒ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☒ Qualifications ☒ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

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#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about country of birth? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

DENI school census; new health card registrations, migration estimates, HSCT translation service statistics, birth registrations (foreign-born parents), NINo registrations, Home Office and UKBA figures, Labour Force Survey

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about country of birth in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☒ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

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In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Passports held (Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether passports held is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on ethnicity, identity, language and religion.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Passports held	Collect	Testing for 2011 suggested that information on the passports held is an important element in establishing citizenship.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about passports held?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about passports held for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about passports held?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about passports held meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about passports held were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.



**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about passports held?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about passports held for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about passports held?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about passports held?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about passports held?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for passports held?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about passports held?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about passports held? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about passports held in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

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### **National identity (Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether national identity is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on ethnicity, identity, language and religion.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
National identity	Collect	A question on national identity was introduced in the 2011 Census across the UK primarily to enable people from minority ethnic populations to more fully articulate different aspects of their identity. It is acknowledged that there is an added dimension within a Northern Ireland context.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about national identity?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about national identity for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about national identity?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about national identity meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about national identity were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about national identity?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about national identity for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about national identity?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about national identity?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about national identity?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for national identity?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

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**Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about national identity?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.



**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about national identity? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about national identity in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Ethnic group (Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether ethnic group is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on ethnicity, identity, language and religion.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Ethnic group	Collect	Ethnic Group is a key census variable, required for a wide range of uses by Government, academia and wider user community

*Please select only one item*

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about ethnic group?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about ethnic group for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Resource allocation ☒ Service planning and delivery ☒ Targeting investment  
☒ Policy development and monitoring ☒ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about ethnic group?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

To inform the work of PHA and the BME regional health and wellbeing group, in particular, health intelligence prepared a briefing paper drawing primarily on ethnicity and country of birth, and language (native and ability to speak English). These BME measures were explored in relation to qualifications held, employment status, and health. There are concerns about the numbers on Irish travellers as these differed substantially from those in the All Island Traveller Health Study. Population data on ethnicity and identity were also used for equality screening of service planning documents and for informing service monitoring. This is the only reliable source of this data at population level.

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about ethnic group meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☒ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about ethnic group were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

For second generation White people we lose all detail with the current format of data collection. It will not be possible to track then if they will experience (health or other) inequalities. This particularly relevant for offspring from migrant from the A8 and A2 countries. It is uncertain whether passport held/ national identity would be useful proxy measures (deterrents for getting non-UK passports for their children due to lack of access to consular/embassy services, eg based in London, cost, etc.). In addition, the analysis of national identity seems to focus on UK/ROI only.

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about ethnic group?**

Select all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☒ Local Government District  
☒ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☒ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about ethnic group for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

For example:

- Specific ethnic groups
- Minority religions
- Children in kinship care
- Pensioners
- NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- Specific occupation groups

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about ethnic group?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☒ Other – please specify below

NI with other parts of UK

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about ethnic group?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☐ Yes, strong need ☒ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☒ Other – please specify below

general NI and ROI comparison as our migrant composition seem to be more similar to ROI (primarily former Eastern block countries) than to GB

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about ethnic group?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☐ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☒ No

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for ethnic group?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for ethnic group?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for ethnic group?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about ethnic group?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Demography ☒ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☒ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☒ Qualifications ☒ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about ethnic group? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

DENI school census; new health card registrations, migration estimates, HSCT translation service statistics, birth registrations (foreign-born parents), NINo registrations, Home Office and UKBA figures, Labour Force Survey

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about ethnic group in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☒ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Main language (Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether main language is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on ethnicity, identity, language and religion.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Main language	Collect	There is a strong user need for these data for service planning and resource allocation, as well as promoting community cohesion and preventing social isolation.

*Please select only one item*

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about main language?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about main language for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Resource allocation ☒ Service planning and delivery ☒ Targeting investment  
☒ Policy development and monitoring ☒ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about main language?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

To inform the work of PHA and the BME regional health and wellbeing group, in particular, health intelligence prepared a briefing paper drawing primarily on ethnicity and country of birth, and language (native and ability to speak English). These BME measures were explored in relation to qualifications held, employment status, and health. There are concerns about the numbers on Irish travellers as these differed substantially from those in the All Island Traveller Health Study. Population data on ethnicity and identity were also used for equality screening of service planning documents and for informing service monitoring. This is the only reliable source of this data at population level.

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about main language meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about main language were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about main language?**

Select all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☒ Local Government District  
☒ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☒ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about main language for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

For example:

- Specific ethnic groups
- Minority religions
- Children in kinship care
- Pensioners
- NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- Specific occupation groups

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.



**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about main language?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☒ Other – please specify below

NI with other parts of UK

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about main language?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☐ Yes, strong need ☒ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☒ Other – please specify below

general NI and ROI comparison as our migrant composition seem to be more similar to ROI (primarily former Eastern block countries) than to GB

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about main language?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☐ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☒ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for main language?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about main language?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Demography ☒ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☒ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☒ Qualifications ☒ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☒ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about main language? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

DENI school census; new health card registrations, migration estimates, HSCT translation service statistics, birth registrations (foreign-born parents), NINo registrations, Home Office and UKBA figures, Labour Force Survey

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about main language in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☒ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

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In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Proficiency in English (Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether proficiency in English is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on ethnicity, identity, language and religion.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Proficiency in English	Collect	There is a strong user need for these data for service planning and resource allocation, as well as promoting community cohesion and preventing social isolation.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about proficiency in English?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about proficiency in English for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about proficiency in English?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about proficiency in English meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about proficiency in English were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about proficiency in English?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about proficiency in English for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about proficiency in English?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about proficiency in English?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about proficiency in English?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for proficiency in English?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

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**Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about proficiency in English?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about proficiency in English? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about proficiency in English in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

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## **Knowledge of Irish (Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether knowledge of Irish is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on ethnicity, identity, language and religion.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Knowledge of Irish	Collect	There is a strong user need for information on knowledge of Irish, not least to track change since 1991.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view



**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Irish?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Irish for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Irish?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about knowledge of Irish meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about knowledge of Irish were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Irish?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Irish for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

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**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about knowledge of Irish?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about knowledge of Irish?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about knowledge of Irish?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for knowledge of Irish?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for knowledge of Irish?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for knowledge of Irish?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about knowledge of Irish?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about knowledge of Irish? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about knowledge of Irish in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

### **Knowledge of Ulster-Scots (Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether knowledge of Ulster-Scots is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on ethnicity, identity, language and religion.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Knowledge of Ulster-Scots	Collect	There is a strong user need for information on knowledge of Ulster-Scots, not least to track change since 2011.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about knowledge of Ulster-Scots meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about knowledge of Ulster-Scots were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.



**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for knowledge of Ulster-Scots?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about knowledge of Ulster-Scots in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

### **Current religion and religion brought up in (Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether current religion and religion brought up in is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on ethnicity, identity, language and religion.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Current religion and religion brought up in	Collect	NISRA intends to measure religion in a comparable manner to 2011 to examine change over time. NISRA also intends to ask the supplementary question on religion brought up in.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about current religion and religion brought up in for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about current religion and religion brought up in meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about current religion and religion brought up in were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about current religion and religion brought up in for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about current religion and religion brought up in?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

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#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about current religion and religion brought up in? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about current religion and religion brought up in in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## Long-term health problems or disability (Health)

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether long-term health problems or disability is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on long-term health, general health and provision of unpaid care.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Long-term health problem or disability	Collect	There is strong user demand for this information for resource allocation, identifying health inequalities and policy development and assessment.

*Please select only one item*

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about long-term health problems or disability?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about long-term health problems or disability for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☒ Service planning and delivery ☒ Targeting investment  
☒ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement  
☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about long-term health problems or disability?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

Health profiles at council and trust level with specific small area data on highly deprived estates where community projects were being initiated. These provide common background information at local level which would not be available from survey data.

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about long-term health problems or disability meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☒ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about long-term health problems or disability were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

By its' nature the answer to these questions is subjective. It is difficult to alter this. Specific questions around the number of days missed in work in a set period would only apply to certain subgroups. The questions on the nature of limiting long terms illness are currently the only source of full population coverage of illness although in the longer term gp data on morbidity may remove the need for the specifics.

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.



**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about long-term health problems or disability?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area ☒ Super Output Area ☒ Electoral Ward ☒ Assembly Area ☒ Local Government District  
☒ Regional level (for example,. Health and Social Care Trust) ☒ Northern Ireland  
☒ Other – please specify below

DEA will be needed going forward

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about long-term health problems or disability for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

Ethnic groups, age and gender profiles

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about long-term health problems or disability?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☒ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about long-term health problems or disability?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about long-term health problems or disability?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☐ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☒ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for long-term health problems or disability?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for long-term health problems or disability?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for long-term health problems or disability?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about long-term health problems or disability?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Demography ☒ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☒ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about long-term health problems or disability? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

Health survey and QOF

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about long-term health problems or disability in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☒ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

### **Nature of long-term conditions (Health)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether nature of long-term conditions is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on long-term health, general health and provision of unpaid care.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Nature of long-term conditions	Collect	There is strong user demand for this information for resource allocation, identifying health inequalities and policy development and assessment.

*Please select only one item*

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about nature of long-term conditions?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about nature of long-term conditions for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☒ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☒ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about nature of long-term conditions?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

Health profiles at council and trust level with specific small area data on highly deprived estates where community projects were being initiated. These provide common background information at local level which would not be available from survey data.

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about nature of long-term conditions meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☒ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about nature of long-term conditions were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

By its' nature the answer to these questions is subjective. It is difficult to alter this. Specific questions around the number of days missed in work in a set period would only apply to certain subgroups. The questions on the nature of limiting long terms illness are currently the only source of full population coverage of illness although in the longer term gp data on morbidity may remove the need for the specifics.

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about nature of long-term conditions?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area ☒ Super Output Area ☒ Electoral Ward ☒ Assembly Area ☒ Local Government District  
☒ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust) ☒ Northern Ireland  
☒ Other – please specify below

sub council - DEA will be needed

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about nature of long-term conditions for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

Ethnic groups, age and gender groups

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about nature of long-term conditions?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☒ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about nature of long-term conditions?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☒ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about nature of long-term conditions?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☐ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☒ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for nature of long-term conditions?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about nature of long-term conditions?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Demography ☒ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☒ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.



**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about nature of long-term conditions? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

Health survey and QOF

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about nature of long-term conditions in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☒ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **General health (Health)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether general health is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on long-term health, general health and provision of unpaid care.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
General health	Collect	There is strong user demand for this information for resource allocation, identifying health inequalities and policy development and assessment.

*Please select only one item*

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about general health?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about general health for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Resource allocation ☒ Service planning and delivery ☒ Targeting investment  
☒ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement  
☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about general health?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

Health profiles at council and trust level with specific small area data on highly deprived estates where community projects were being initiated. These provide common background information at local level which would not be available from survey data.

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about general health meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about general health were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about general health?**

Select all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Small Area ☒ Super Output Area ☒ Electoral Ward ☒ Assembly Area ☒ Local Government District  
☒ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust) ☒ Northern Ireland  
☒ Other – please specify below

sub council - DEA will be needed

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about general health for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

For example:

- Specific ethnic groups
- Minority religions
- Children in kinship care
- Pensioners
- NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- Specific occupation groups

ethnic groups, age and gender, deprivation quintiles

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about general health?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☒ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about general health?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☒ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about general health?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential ☐ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☒ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for general health?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for general health?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for general health?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about general health?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Demography ☒ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☒ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☒ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about general health? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

Health survey

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about general health in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☒ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

### **Provision of unpaid care (Health)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether provision of unpaid care is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

There is a strong user need for information on long-term health, general health and provision of unpaid care.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Provision of unpaid care	Collect	Required for policy formulation, planning formal care needs and resource allocation.

*Please select only one item*

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about provision of unpaid care?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about provision of unpaid care for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☒ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about provision of unpaid care?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

Equality assessments and briefing on health needs of carers

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about provision of unpaid care meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about provision of unpaid care were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about provision of unpaid care?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☒ Local Government District  
☒ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☒ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about provision of unpaid care for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

Specific age groups to look at child carers and elderly carers

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.



**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about provision of unpaid care?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☒ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☒ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about provision of unpaid care?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☒ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☒ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about provision of unpaid care?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☒ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for provision of unpaid care?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for provision of unpaid care?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for provision of unpaid care?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about provision of unpaid care?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☒ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☒ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about provision of unpaid care?**  
If yes, please specify.

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

some in the health survey

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☒ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about provision of unpaid care in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☒ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

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In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

### **Type and self-containment of accommodation (Housing and accommodation)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether type and self-containment of accommodation is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Type and self-containment of accommodation	Collect	To provide housing stock information; including the number of household spaces within dwellings.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about type and self-containment of accommodation for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about type and self-containment of accommodation meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about type and self-containment of accommodation were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about type and self-containment of accommodation for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about type and self-containment of accommodation?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about type and self-containment of accommodation? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about type and self-containment of accommodation in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Rooms (Housing and accommodation)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether rooms is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Rooms	Collect	Number of rooms provides information on overcrowding and under-occupation. Information on number of rooms is required by Eurostat in lieu of floor space.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view



**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about rooms?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about rooms for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about rooms?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about rooms meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about rooms were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about rooms?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about rooms for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about rooms?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about rooms?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about rooms?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for rooms?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for rooms?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for rooms?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about rooms?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about rooms? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about rooms in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Household adaptations (Housing and accommodation)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether household adaptations is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Household adaptations	Collect	Consultation with users prior to the 2011 Census identified the need for information on the number of households where the property had been adapted for a range of health conditions or disabilities.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about household adaptations?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about household adaptations for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about household adaptations?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about household adaptations meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about household adaptations were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about household adaptations?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about household adaptations for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about household adaptations?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about household adaptations?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about household adaptations?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.



**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for household adaptations?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about household adaptations?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about household adaptations? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about household adaptations in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Tenure and landlord (Housing and accommodation)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether tenure and landlord is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Tenure and Landlord	Collect	To provide housing stock information and full tenure and landlord details.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about tenure and landlord?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about tenure and landlord for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about tenure and landlord?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about tenure and landlord meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about tenure and landlord were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about tenure and landlord?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about tenure and landlord for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about tenure and landlord?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about tenure and landlord?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about tenure and landlord?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for tenure and landlord?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for tenure and landlord?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for tenure and landlord?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about tenure and landlord?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

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#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about tenure and landlord? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about tenure and landlord in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Central heating (Housing and accommodation)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether central heating is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Central heating	Further information required	As central heating is now essentially universal, the question in the 2011 Census focused on the type of central heating. NISRA notes that ONS does not intend to collect information in the 2021 Census on central heating. In light of the different distribution in Northern Ireland, and the anticipated further expansion of the natural gas network, NISRA's initial view is to continue to collect central heating information but also to explore alternative data sources.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about central heating?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about central heating for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about central heating?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about central heating meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about central heating were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.



**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about central heating?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about central heating for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about central heating?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about central heating?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about central heating?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for central heating?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for central heating?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for central heating?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about central heating?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about central heating? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about central heating in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

### **Cars or vans (Housing and accommodation)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether cars or vans is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Cars or vans	Further information required	Used for traffic planning, however Census travel to work flow data are more useful. Alternative sources of data may be available.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about cars or vans?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about cars or vans for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about cars or vans?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about cars or vans meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about cars or vans were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about cars or vans?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about cars or vans for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about cars or vans?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about cars or vans?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about cars or vans?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for cars or vans?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for cars or vans?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for cars or vans?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about cars or vans?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.



**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about cars or vans? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about cars or vans in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Qualifications held (Qualifications)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether qualifications held is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Information on qualifications held is widely used by a range of central and local government and statutory bodies. In the 2011 Census data were collected on academic, vocational and professional qualifications held.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Qualifications held	Collect	Highest level of qualification is used for developing policy, service planning and resource allocation.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about qualifications held?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about qualifications held for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about qualifications held?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about qualifications held meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about qualifications held were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about qualifications held?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about qualifications held for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about qualifications held?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about qualifications held?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about qualifications held?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for qualifications held?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for qualifications held?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for qualifications held?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about qualifications held?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

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#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about qualifications held? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about qualifications held in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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### **Suitability of alternative sources**

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In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Economic activity (Labour market)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether economic activity is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Labour market information is used in a variety of census outputs, showing how different sections of the population participate in various forms of work. There was a clear demand for labour market information in the 2011 Census topic consultation.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Economic activity	Collect	There was a clear demand for labour market information in the 2011 Census consultation.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about economic activity?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about economic activity for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about economic activity?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about economic activity meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about economic activity were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about economic activity?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about economic activity for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.



**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about economic activity?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about economic activity?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about economic activity?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for economic activity?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for economic activity?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for economic activity?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about economic activity?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

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#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about economic activity? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about economic activity in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

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In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## Occupation (Labour market)

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether occupation is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Labour market information is used in a variety of census outputs, showing how different sections of the population participate in various forms of work. There was a clear demand for labour market information in the 2011 Census topic consultation.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Occupation	Collect	There was a clear demand for labour market information in the 2011 Census consultation.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about occupation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about occupation for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about occupation?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about occupation meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about occupation were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about occupation?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about occupation for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about occupation?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about occupation?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about occupation?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for occupation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for occupation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for occupation?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

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**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about occupation?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

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#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

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**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about occupation? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about occupation in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

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## **Volunteering (Labour market)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether volunteering is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Labour market information is used in a variety of census outputs, showing how different sections of the population participate in various forms of work. There was a clear demand for labour market information in the 2011 Census topic consultation.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Volunteering	Further information required	NISRA intends to clarify the user requirement for information about volunteering.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view



**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about volunteering?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about volunteering for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about volunteering?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about volunteering meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about volunteering were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about volunteering?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about volunteering for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

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In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about volunteering?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about volunteering?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about volunteering?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for volunteering?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about volunteering?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about volunteering? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about volunteering in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Year last worked (Labour market)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether year last worked is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Labour market information is used in a variety of census outputs, showing how different sections of the population participate in various forms of work. There was a clear demand for labour market information in the 2011 Census topic consultation.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Year last worked	Further information required	The user requirement to collect this information through the Census is not clear.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about year last worked?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about year last worked for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about year last worked?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about year last worked meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about year last worked were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about year last worked?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about year last worked for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about year last worked?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about year last worked?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about year last worked?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.



**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for year last worked?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for year last worked?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for year last worked?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about year last worked?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about year last worked? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about year last worked in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Supervisory status (Labour market)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether supervisory status is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Labour market information is used in a variety of census outputs, showing how different sections of the population participate in various forms of work. There was a clear demand for labour market information in the 2011 Census topic consultation.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Supervisory status	Further information required	The user requirement to collect this information through the Census is not clear.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about supervisory status?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about supervisory status for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about supervisory status?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about supervisory status meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about supervisory status were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about supervisory status?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about supervisory status for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about supervisory status?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about supervisory status?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about supervisory status?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for supervisory status?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for supervisory status?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for supervisory status?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about supervisory status?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about supervisory status? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about supervisory status in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Industry (Labour market)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether industry is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Labour market information is used in a variety of census outputs, showing how different sections of the population participate in various forms of work. There was a clear demand for labour market information in the 2011 Census topic consultation.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Industry	Further information required	The user requirement to collect this information through the Census is not clear, although NISRA is required to provide it to Eurostat.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about industry?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about industry for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about industry?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about industry meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about industry were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.



**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about industry?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about industry for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about industry?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about industry?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about industry?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for industry?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for industry?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for industry?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about industry?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about industry? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about industry in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

### **National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) (Labour market)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Labour market information is used in a variety of census outputs, showing how different sections of the population participate in various forms of work. There was a clear demand for labour market information in the 2011 Census topic consultation.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)	Derive	Methodology and quality would change if year last worked and industry are not collected.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about National Statistics Socio-economic classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.



**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Travel to work (Travel to work or place of study)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether travel to work is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Travel to work	Collect	This topic is widely used across central and local government for planning and monitoring transport policy. This question was well received in 2011 and NISRA intends to ask it again in 2021.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about travel to work?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about travel to work for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about travel to work?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about travel to work meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about travel to work were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about travel to work?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about travel to work for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about travel to work?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about travel to work?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about travel to work?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for travel to work?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for travel to work?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for travel to work?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about travel to work?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about travel to work? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about travel to work in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

### **Travel to place of study (Travel to work or place of study)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether travel to place of study is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Travel to place of study	Collect	This topic is widely used across central and local government for planning and monitoring transport policy. This question was well received in 2011 and NISRA intends to ask it again in 2021.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about travel to place of study?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about travel to place of study for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about travel to place of study?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about travel to place of study meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about travel to place of study were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about travel to place of study?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about travel to place of study for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.



**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about travel to place of study?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about travel to place of study?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about travel to place of study?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for travel to place of study?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

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**Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about travel to place of study?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about travel to place of study? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about travel to place of study in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Intention to stay in UK (Migration)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether intention to stay in UK is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

The collection of this range of information has enabled the examination of individuals' migration history, alongside health, social and labour market questions, allowing us to obtain a clearer view of different types of migrants and their socio-economic outcomes, down to low geographic levels.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Intention to stay in UK	Collect	This is a key indicator of population change and migration, including identification of short-term residents.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about intention to stay in UK?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about intention to stay in UK for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about intention to stay in UK?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about intention to stay in UK meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about intention to stay in UK were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about intention to stay in UK?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about intention to stay in UK for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about intention to stay in UK?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about intention to stay in UK?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about intention to stay in UKc?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for intention to stay in UK?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about intention to stay in UK?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about intention to stay in UK? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about intention to stay in UK in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Ever lived outside Northern Ireland (Migration)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether ever lived outside Northern Ireland is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

The collection of this range of information has enabled the examination of individuals' migration history, alongside health, social and labour market questions, allowing us to obtain a clearer view of different types of migrants and their socio-economic outcomes, down to low geographic levels.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Ever lived outside Northern Ireland	Collect	The specific interest is in those who have ever lived outside Northern Ireland. This question was asked in 2001; while it would be interesting to ask about the UK, NISRA does not feel that would greatly benefit users.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view



**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about ever lived outside Northern Ireland meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about ever lived outside Northern Ireland were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

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In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for ever lived outside Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

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**Need for continuity with previous censuses**

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**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about ever lived outside Northern Ireland in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Country of previous residence (Migration)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether country of previous residence is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

The collection of this range of information has enabled the examination of individuals' migration history, alongside health, social and labour market questions, allowing us to obtain a clearer view of different types of migrants and their socio-economic outcomes, down to low geographic levels.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Country of previous residence	Collect	This is a key indicator of population change and migration.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about country of previous residence?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about country of previous residence for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about country of previous residence?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about country of previous residence meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about country of previous residence were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about country of previous residence?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about country of previous residence for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about country of previous residence?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about country of previous residence?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about country of previous residence?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.



**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for country of previous residence?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about country of previous residence?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about country of previous residence? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about country of previous residence in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland (Migration)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

The collection of this range of information has enabled the examination of individuals' migration history, alongside health, social and labour market questions, allowing us to obtain a clearer view of different types of migrants and their socio-economic outcomes, down to low geographic levels.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland	Collect	The specific interest is in the most recent arrival into Northern Ireland. This question was asked in 2001; while it would be interesting to ask about the UK, NISRA does not feel that would greatly benefit users.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- ☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- ☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about most recent arrival to live in Northern Ireland in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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#### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Address one year ago (Migration)**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether address one year ago is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

The collection of this range of information has enabled the examination of individuals' migration history, alongside health, social and labour market questions, allowing us to obtain a clearer view of different types of migrants and their socio-economic outcomes, down to low geographic levels.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Address one year ago	Collect	Address one year ago was used to identify migration to Northern Ireland and also within Northern Ireland.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used 2011 Census information about address one year ago?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used 2011 Census information about address one year ago for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used 2011 Census information about address one year ago?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of census information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) Did the information collected in the 2011 Census about address one year ago meet your needs?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Fully ☐ Partially ☐ No

**2e) What additional information, if any, would you require about address one year ago were it to be included in the 2021 Census?**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.



**3a) At what geographical level have you used 2011 Census information about address one year ago?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used 2011 Census information about address one year ago for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about address one year ago?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about address one year ago?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about address one year ago?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with the 2011 Census outputs for address one year ago?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5b) Do you intend to compare the 2021 Census outputs with any earlier censuses for address one year ago?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5c) Have you compared 2011 Census outputs with earlier censuses for address one year ago?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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#### **Need for continuity with previous censuses**

Comparison with previous censuses is an important aspect of census analysis and, wherever appropriate, the 2021 Census questionnaire will collect the same information as the 2011 Census questionnaire.

However, plans for future comparisons will also be taken into account.

**6) With which 2011 Census themes have you used information about address one year ago?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about address one year ago? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about address one year ago in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

### **Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

## **Income**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether income is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**[Click here for a reminder of our initial view](#)**

Respondents to previous consultations have cited many potential uses of income data, for instance as an indicator of relative advantage and disadvantage and economic wellbeing, especially for low geographic levels and small population groups. Key users of income data include central government, private organisations and researchers.

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Income	Do not collect, explore administrative data potential	Explore producing as an enhanced output using data from administrative sources.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used any published information about income?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used information about income for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used information about income?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of this information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) This question is not applicable.**

**2e) This question is not applicable.**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used information about income?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, . Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used information about income for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about income?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about income?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about income?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) This question is not applicable.**

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**6) With which themes would you use information about income?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None  
☐ Other (please specify below)

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**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about income? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about income in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

**Sexual identity**



1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether sexual identity is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?

**Click here for a reminder of our initial view**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Sexual identity	Further information required	It is acknowledged that there is a user need for information on sexual identity. While some suggest the Census is the right way to collect this information, concerns regarding privacy, acceptability, accuracy and the effect on the overall response rate need to be considered.

*Please select only one item*

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used any published information about sexual identity?**

*Please select only one item*

☒ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used information about sexual identity for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☒ Service planning and delivery ☒ Targeting investment  
☒ Policy development and monitoring ☒ Research requirement  
☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used information about sexual identity?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of this information and why the information is important for that.*

## Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) health

The Public Health Agency (PHA) purpose outlined in the Corporate Strategy is as follows:

‘To protect and improve the health and social wellbeing of the people of Northern Ireland and reduce health inequalities through strong partnerships with individuals, communities and other key public, private and voluntary organisations.’

The PHA recognises that there is nothing inherent about a person’s sexual orientation that predicates an increased risk of experiencing health inequalities but rather same sex attracted people suffer inequalities due to the “stigma” associated with being attracted to someone of the same sex, homophobic bullying, issues around coming to terms with their sexual orientation and coming out to friends, family and colleagues coupled with the conservative nature of society in Northern Ireland.

There is a substantial body of evidence demonstrating that lesbian, gay, bisexual (LGB) people experience significant health inequalities, which impact both on their health outcomes and their experiences of the healthcare system.

The PHA Health Intelligence Brief, ‘Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGB&T) health related issues – 2014 update’ provides an overview of the information available on the social context and specific health issues facing LGB&T individuals. This information has been used to inform the development of Service Specifications relating to LGB&T. The following key points are highlighted in the brief:

- There is variation in estimates of the size of the LGB population in Northern Ireland with some suggesting rates as high as 5-7%. More recently the Office of National Statistics has estimated that this could be lower at around 1.5-2%.
- Results from the Equality Awareness Survey 2011 reported a decline in negative attitudes towards lesbian, gay or bisexual persons, from 21% in 2008 to 15% in 2011. Around a fifth (22%) of respondents held negative attitudes towards transgender people.
- The most recent PSNI statistics on hate crime report a 23% increase in the number of homophobic incidents from 200 in 2011/12 to 246 in 2012/13, the highest level recorded since 2004/05; while homophobic crimes rose by 24.2% from 120 in 2011/12 to 149 in 2012/13. Fifteen transphobic incidents and six transphobic crimes were recorded in 2012/13.
- LGB&T people may experience barriers to accessing healthcare services. For example, a survey to explore the emotional health and wellbeing of LGB&T people in Northern Ireland (2013) found that around two fifths (42.6%) of LGB&T people reported being ‘out’ to their doctor, 35.8% reported that their doctor is not aware and 21.6% said they were unsure. A smaller study of LGB&T people over the age of 40 years of age reported that nearly eight out of ten (79.4%) agreed with the statement ‘In my opinion, healthcare professionals need more awareness of the needs and issues faced by LGB&T people’.
- Studies suggest that the prevalence of smoking, alcohol and drug use is higher among LGB&T people. For example, a 2012 study of substance use among LGB&T people in Northern Ireland reported that 44% of respondents smoked, 91% of respondents reported that they drink alcohol and that 37% reported using an illegal drug in the last year.
- Evidence suggests that LGB&T people are at high risk of mental health problems including anxiety, depression, self-harm and suicidal behaviour. In 2013 a Northern Ireland report found:
  - Nearly two thirds (64.7%) of respondents had personal, emotional, behavioural or mental health problems for which they needed professional help; only 39% had asked for professional help;
  - One in five (40.5%) respondents reported an episode of self-harm within the last year;
  - Over a quarter (25.7%) of respondents had at least one suicide attempt (males 26.6%, females 23.6%); with the highest reported incidence among of transgender respondents (43.5%); and that
  - Over a third (34.4%) of respondents ‘did not know’ or were ‘unsure’ about how to access advice or support in relation to emotional health and wellbeing.
- Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) are disproportionately impacted by syphilis, HIV, and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Surveillance data from Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) clinics in Northern Ireland shows that, in 2012, MSM accounted for 65% of new episodes of male diagnoses for

uncomplicated gonorrhoea; 90% of new Syphilis infections and 58% of new HIV diagnoses.

- Within the UK, respondents from Northern Ireland were least likely to have ever been tested for HIV (49.5%) compared to England (30.3%), Scotland (39.6%) and Wales (44.3%).
- Evidence suggests that young LGB&T people may be at higher risk of mental health problems and risk taking behaviours including substance misuse, self-harm and suicide. Negative attitudes and stigma towards those who are, or are perceived to be, LGB&T place these young people at increased risk for bullying. The Young Life and Times survey (2008) found that seven out of ten same-sex attracted young men and over six out of ten (62%) same-sex attracted young women reported school bullying; this compared to 37% of all respondents.
- LGB&T people face many of the same issues as other members of the general public when ageing. However, they are more likely than their heterosexual counterparts to be single and live alone, making it likely that they will expect/need to rely on formal support services. Fear of discrimination and prejudice may impact on older LGB&T people's willingness to access care and services.

#### Public Health Agency LGB&T Thematic Action plan

Based on available data and research the PHA has developed an action plan to address the health inequalities experienced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGB&T) individuals and communities in Northern Ireland.

The action plan links to a range of PHA corporate and business plan objectives, identifying four key objectives:

1. Reduce stigma and discrimination by increasing public awareness, understanding and skills and create a safe and open environment for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.
2. Ensure Health and Social Care and related services are accessible and sensitive to the needs of LGB&T people.
3. Commission a range of services for people who are LGB&T and ensure awareness of those services.
4. Provide leadership and include LGB&T sector in the development of action plans and evaluate progress against agreed action plans.

#### Why the need for data on sexual orientation?

In Northern Ireland, there are two main pieces of legislation relating to the prevention of discrimination on the basis of perceived or actual sexual orientation; The Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (NI) 2003 and the Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (NI) 2006. It is unlawful to discriminate against people because they are homosexual (gay, lesbian), bisexual or heterosexual (straight).

As a public body, the PHA also has legal duties under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 to promote equality of opportunity for LGB people. Implementation of duties under Section 75 includes taking measures to promote equality in provision of services to the public (for example, equality screening of service provision, visible support for LGB initiatives/events) and as an employer (for example, promoting LGB&T visibility through HSC LGB&T Forum, Diversity Champion recognition as having effective equality and diversity policies and practices LGB&T issues).

As such, it is important to collect sexual orientation statistics to inform policy development and service delivery and monitor discrimination and inequality.

In 2013 the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland published priorities and recommendations for promoting sexual orientation equality. It highlighted "...a lack of reliable and comprehensive data on sexual orientation. The absence of reliable data is a major obstacle to measuring progress on equality of opportunity for LGB individuals. Service providers and employers require this information in order to assess whether they need to take action to address inequalities facing LGB people."

Historically, there has been a lack of data available on LGB people both from large scale surveys and organisational monitoring data. This lack of knowledge has contributed to the invisibility of LGB people and a lack of understanding in relation to their health and social wellbeing issues and needs.

Collection of information on sexual identity through the 2021 Census would contribute to establishing the extent and nature of health inequalities for LGB individuals and thus inform PHA actions to reduce identified health inequalities.

Current estimates of the LGB population based on government social surveys do not have a large enough sample size or include the required variables to provide a more detailed picture of LGB population characteristics. Including the sexual identity question in the 2021 Census would provide a sufficient data to analyse sexual identity by other variables captured in the census (including demographics, ethnicity, religion, health, housing, qualifications and labour market).

Both regional and local estimates of the LGB population are important in targeting resource allocation and service provision; for example, potential variation in LGB population urban and rural areas.

### Measuring sexual orientation

The PHA recognises the difficulties in estimating the proportion of LGB individuals in a population. In recent years there has been an increasing requirement for data on sexual orientation to inform policy development and service delivery and monitor discrimination and inequality.

In addition to the sensitivity of this research, there are methodological challenges; defining sexual orientation is a complex issue with different dimensions including attraction, behaviour and identity ; no single question fully captures the complexity of sexual orientation.

Sexual identity questions will capture those who are willing, or able, to identify their sexual orientation in the context of a survey. Research has shown that self-identification of sexual orientation may be influenced by age, gender, ethnicity and social class; for example, the ONS Sexual Identity Project found in all trials, younger people were least likely to refuse to answer a sexual identity question, compared to the older age groups. ,

In recent years the situation with regard to data collection has improved with measures of sexual identity being included in a range of government surveys in the UK and Northern Ireland.

The Office for National Statistics, in consultation with experts, LGB groups, academics and focus groups with the public, has developed and tested a question to measure sexual identity. Sexual identity measures how individuals think of themselves; it does not necessarily match their sexual behaviour or attraction and can change over time.

The sexual identity question has been included in the UK Integrated Household Survey from January 2009 and is asked of all household members aged 16 and above. The question is asked in two ways, either face to face or by telephone; the face to face example is provided in Box 3. Show cards unique to each respondent are used to ensure confidentiality between household members being interviewed.

This question is also included in a range of Northern Ireland surveys (See section 7a.)

Estimates of the adult LGB population in Northern Ireland are as high as 5-7% (65-90,000) (based on the UK government estimate of between 5-7% LGB people in the population for the purposes of costing the Civil Partnerships Act). More recently the Office of National Statistics estimate 1.5-2% which would be closer to 20-30,000 adults. In 2012, the UK Integrated Household Survey reported that 1.5% of adults in the UK identified themselves as gay, lesbian or bisexual, while 0.3% identified themselves as 'other', 3.6% stated 'Don't know' or refused to answer the question and 0.6% provided 'No response' to the question. A breakdown of the data by region found that in 2011/12, 0.9% of respondents in Northern Ireland identified themselves as gay, lesbian or bisexual while 0.3% identified themselves as 'other', 2.9% stated 'Don't know' or refused to answer the question. In 2014/15 results from the Health Survey Northern Ireland found that 0.5% of adults identified as gay or lesbian, 1.2% as bisexual and 0.8% as 'Other' with 2% providing no response.

It has been argued that the estimates available from survey sources are likely to underestimate the true size of the LGB group as some people are likely to misreport their sexual orientation or may not answer the question.

There are a number of issues to be taken into account when considering inclusion of a question on sexual identity within the 2021 Census. These include for example:

#### Response rates

In terms of response rates, evidence from testing of the sexual identity question within the IHS found no evidence of an adverse impact on response rates with low non response to the question (less than 4 per cent of eligible respondents refusing to answer, saying they did not know the answer or not providing a response).

In 2005 the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) conducted a small scale postal survey to explore public attitudes to a sexual orientation question and the feasibility of including the question in a Census.

Census style forms were sent to a geographically representative random sample (4,400 one person forms), of Scottish households; half of the forms included a sexual orientation question. The overall response rate for the study was 31% however, there was no difference in the response rate between form variants.

The non-response to the question was around 6% and a further 8.5% of respondents selected "Prefer not to answer". Overall the percentage of respondents who did not provide useful data was around 14% and this outweighed the percentage of respondents who declared a non-heterosexual sexual orientation. This finding may indicate that the accuracy of a question may be The survey results suggest that there may be issues with the quality and accuracy of the data collected.

#### Data quality/accuracy

The census questionnaire is completed by the householder. As such the person completing the questionnaire may not be in a position to accurately answer questions in regard to other household members. For example, young people may be unsure or unwilling to disclose their status within the household setting.

As previously mentioned, findings from the Scottish pilot conducted by GROS questioned the accuracy of data collected produced from asking a sexual orientation question using a Census.

#### Privacy

Some LGB people believe their sexual orientation to be a private matter and do not understand the reasons for asking the question. Individuals may not be willing or feel able to disclose this information due to a fear of discrimination or harassment.

A 2009 paper published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission highlights that people have lived in a society where heterosexuality has been the norm. It outlines the need for a change in culture so that it becomes the norm to collect data on sexual orientation and that it forms an integral part of the public equalities agenda alongside other areas of equality including gender, race and disability. It states that 'Ultimately sexual orientation should be a public matter because there is a vital difference between privacy and invisibility for LGB people'.

**2d) This question is not applicable.**

**2e) This question is not applicable.**

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

#### **Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used information about sexual identity?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☒ Northern Ireland   ☒ Other – please specify below

It has not been possible to use this information at sub-regional level due to the small sample sizes obtained through current NI surveys.

**3b) If you have used information about sexual identity for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

As information on sexual identity is only available from surveys it is difficult to cross relate sexual identity with population subgroups given the small numbers. This is one of the reasons it would be important to include sexual orientation in the 2021 Census

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**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about sexual identity?**

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

Select all that apply:

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☒ Other – please specify below

Due to the limited data available, comparison has only been available at an NI level. Including the question in the Census would enable further comparisons at both similar and different levels across UK countries.

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about sexual identity?**

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

Select all that apply:

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☒ Other – please specify below

Due to the limited data available, comparison has only been available at an NI level. Including the question in the Census would enable further comparisons at both similar and different levels across ROI. The ROI position in relation to inclusion of a question on sexual identity being included in the 2021 Census has not been determined. The Central Statistics Office (CSO) does not include this any measure of sexual identity or sexual orientation in any of their surveys and could not identify any Irish National surveys that include this question.

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about sexual identity?**

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes, essential ☒ Yes, strong need ☐ Yes, some need ☐ No

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) This question is not applicable.**

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**



**6) With which themes would you use information about sexual identity?**

Select all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- ☒ Demography ☒ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☒ Health ☒ Housing and accommodation  
☒ Qualifications ☒ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None  
☐ Other (please specify below)

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**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about sexual identity? If yes, please specify.**

Please select only one item

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

Northern Ireland Surveys: Adult Drinking Patterns Survey; Continuous Household Survey (CHS); Drug Prevalence Survey; Family Resources Survey (FRS); Labour Force Survey (LFS); Living Costs and Food Survey (LCF); NI Health Survey; Omnibus; Travel Survey; Equality Awareness Survey.

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about sexual identity in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.

Please select only one item

- ☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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**Suitability of alternative sources**

The 2021 Census will only seek to collect information that there is no other means of obtaining. Consideration should be given to whether or not suitable information is available from other sources; for example administrative records or sample surveys.

In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

**Second residence**

**1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether second residence is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

**Click here for a reminder of our initial view**

Topic Detail	Initial view	Comment
Second residence	Further information required	ONS included a question in the England and Wales 2011 Census that asked respondents if they had a second residence that they stayed at for 30 days or more per year. This information was used to report the number of usual residents who said that they had a second residence, the location of their second residence and the type of second residence. NISRA did not have a corresponding question in the 2011 Census. However, NISRA is keen to establish the level of user need for this range of information from the Northern Ireland 2021 Census.

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No strong view

**2a) Have you used any published information on second residence?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used information about second residence for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used information about second residence?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of this information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) This question is not applicable.**

**2e) This question is not applicable.**

**Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question**

**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used information about second residence?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (e.g. Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used information about second residence for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

**[Click here for a reminder of the evaluation criteria for this question](#)**

**Need for information on lower-level geographical areas or population sub-groups**

There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about second residence?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about second residence?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about second residence?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland**

Data collected from the census should be required on a comparable basis. Where possible, if there is a user need, the three UK Census Offices will release census outputs that are consistent across the UK.

International requirements will be taken into account.

**5a) This question is not applicable.**

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**

**6) With which themes would you use information about second residence?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None  
☐ Other (please specify below)

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**Requirement for multivariate analysis**

A key benefit of census data is the ability to analyse particular variables against one another. A requirement to undertake multivariate analysis will affect whether suitable alternative sources for the information exist and may strengthen the case for inclusion in the census.

**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about second residence? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about second residence in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ 0 (No impact) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 (Highest possible impact)

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**Suitability of alternative sources**

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In addition, the census should primarily aim to collect information that will remain relevant for a significant time after collection.

**Additional topic 1**

**1) Topic name:**

**2a) Have you used any published information about this topic?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used information about this topic for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used information about this topic?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of this information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) This question is not applicable.**

**2e) This question is not applicable.**

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**Purpose of user need**

The purpose to which the information will be used, if collected, is central to the process. Purposes include, but are not restricted to, resource allocation, service planning, policy evaluation, and diversity monitoring.

Conversely; the implications if the data are not collected, for example increased financial costs or reduced quality of data used in planning, are also key.

Additionally, requirements arising from legislation (including EU legislation) strengthen the case for inclusion.

**3a) At what geographical level have you used information about this topic?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used information about this topic for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
- *NEETs (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training)*
- *Specific occupation groups*

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There must be a need for information for population sub-groups and/or at lower-level geographical areas. Information that is only required for broad geographical areas or large population groups might be better obtained from other statistical sources.

In general, lower-level geography data must be easily aggregated to higher levels of geography, enabling outputs to be consistent and comparable.

**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4b) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)  
☐ Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)  
☐ Other – please specify below

**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic?**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes, essential   ☐ Yes, strong need   ☐ Yes, some need   ☐ No

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**5a) This question is not applicable.**

**5b) This question is not applicable.**

**5c) This question is not applicable.**



**6) With which themes would you use information about this topic?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Demography ☐ Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion ☐ Health ☐ Housing and accommodation  
☐ Qualifications ☐ Labour market ☐ Travel to work or study ☐ Migration ☐ None  
☐ Other (please specify below)

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**7a) Are you aware of alternative (non-census) sources of information about this topic? If yes, please specify.**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

**7b) If you answered yes to question 7a, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current requirements.**

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**7c) On a scale of 0 to 10 (0 = no impact and 10 = highest possible impact), what would be the adverse impact on you/your work if NISRA did not collect information about this topic in the 2021 Census questionnaire?**

*Please select your answer using the drop-down menu below.*

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**Additional topic 2**

**1) Topic name:**

**2a) Have you used any published information about this topic?**

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No (Go to Question 4)

**2b) If yes, what have you used information about this topic for?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

☐ Resource allocation ☐ Service planning and delivery ☐ Targeting investment  
☐ Policy development and monitoring ☐ Research requirement ☐ Other purposes – please specify below

**2c) How have you used information about this topic?**

*Please include details of the information sources you have used, what specific use you have made of this information and why the information is important for that.*

**2d) This question is not applicable.**

**2e) This question is not applicable.**

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**3a) At what geographical level have you used information about this topic?**

*Select all that apply.*

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ Small Area   ☐ Super Output Area   ☐ Electoral Ward   ☐ Assembly Area   ☐ Local Government District  
☐ Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)   ☐ Northern Ireland   ☐ Other – please specify below

**3b) If you have used information about this topic for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example:*

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**4a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic?**

*Please select only one item*

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**If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you are making.**

*Select all that apply:*

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**4c) Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic?**

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## Additional information

Do you have any further comments relevant to this consultation?

## About you

**1) Are you answering this questionnaire on behalf of an organisation or as an individual?**

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

☐ Individual ☒ Organisation - please specify

Public Health Agency

**2) Please provide your contact details.**

Your name (Required)

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e-mail address (Required)

Telephone number

**3) Which of the following best describes the sector you work in?**

*This will assist us in monitoring the range of users the consultation has reached.*

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Central government ☐ Local government ☐ Statutory body (e.g. health, education, housing, etc.)  
☐ Private sector ☐ Social / Academic research ☐ Market research / Data analytics  
☐ Charity / Community / Voluntary ☐ Utility ☐ Press / Media ☐ Genealogist / Family historian  
☐ Other - please specify below

**4) May we contact you to discuss your response to this consultation?**

*This may be to follow up any specific points that we need to clarify.*

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5) May we contact you in future about the 2021 Census?**

*For example, to provide you with a link to the results of this consultation, to inform you of further consultations or provide updated information on the 2021 Census.*

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Consent**

To support transparency in our decision making process, responses to this consultation will be made public (subject to our Moderation Policy). This will include the name of the responding organisation (if applicable). However, names of individuals will only be published if you give consent below. Please note that we will not publish your contact details.

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