

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?

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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.

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?

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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 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*

We don't typically do analysis on small population 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 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

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:

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- ☐ Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
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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

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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)

Many sources are incomplete but we use various sources of individual age or date of birth. Data on elderly accommodation etc.

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

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Suitability of alternative sources

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Age (Demography)

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

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

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

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

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Please select all that apply

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

For example:

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- Pensioners
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- Specific occupation groups

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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

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☐ Other – please specify below

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

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

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

Select all that apply.

Please 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)

Data on elderly accommodation. many sources are incomplete

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 age in the 2021 Census questionnaire?

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

Please select only one item

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Marital or Legal Partnership status (Demography)

1) To what extent do you agree with NISRA's initial view on whether marital or legal partnership status is collected on the 2021 Census questionnaire?

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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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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 marital or legal partnership 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 marital or legal partnership status for population sub-groups please tell us which sub-groups.

For example:

- *Specific ethnic groups*
- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
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4a) Is UK 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

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)
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☐ Other – please specify below

4b) Is Republic of Ireland 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

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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

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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 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

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Requirement for multivariate analysis

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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.

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Household and family relationships (Demography)

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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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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:

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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:

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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?

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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
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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 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

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

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)

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

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.

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?

[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 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

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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 passports held?

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 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

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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 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

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 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

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Requirement for multivariate analysis

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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

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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?

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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

Geodemographic classification

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.

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?

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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*

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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 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

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

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

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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 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

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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 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

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Requirement for multivariate analysis

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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)

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.

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*

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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 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

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

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

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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 main language? 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 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

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.

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

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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 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

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 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?

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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 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

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 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

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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 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

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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 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)

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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.

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?

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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 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*

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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 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

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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 knowledge of Ulster-Scots?

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 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

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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 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

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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*

[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 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

[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 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.

More specific health questions would be far more valuable.

These could include (subject of course to public acceptability):

Currently smoke or smoked within the last 12 months

Exercise

Fruit/veg consumption

Has GP-diagnosed asthma

Diagnosed with hypertension/high blood pressure

Angina

High cholesterol

Currently undergoing treatment by GP or as an Outpatient

The current question on long-term health problem or disability is also vague and subjective and does not allow detailed analysis.

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?

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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

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*

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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)

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.

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?

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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

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*

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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 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

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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 nature of long-term conditions?

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 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

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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 nature of long-term conditions? 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 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)

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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.

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.

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?

The current general health question is vague, subjective and of little use. More specific health questions would be far more valuable.

These could include (subject of course to public acceptability):

Currently smoke or smoked within the last 12 months

Exercise

Fruit/veg consumption

Has GP-diagnosed asthma

Diagnosed with hypertension/high blood pressure

Angina

High cholesterol

Currently undergoing treatment by GP or as an Outpatient

The current question on long-term health problem or disability is also vague and subjective and does not allow detailed analysis.

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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 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

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

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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 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

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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 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)

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)

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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.

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.

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?

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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 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*

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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 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

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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 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)

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

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.

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

Geodemographic classification

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*

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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 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)

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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.

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

Geodemographic classification

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

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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 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

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 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*

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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 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

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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 adaptations?

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 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

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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 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

Geodemographic classification

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?

We welcome collection of further information on key worker housing, elderly-only accommodation and shared ownership social housing. While this increases the number of questions, the proposed change in methodology to primarily online collection should give more flexibility.

[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 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

[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 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

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 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

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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 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

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 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

Geodemographic classification

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

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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 cars or vans? If yes, please specify.

Please select only one item

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes (please specify)

Possibly DVLA, but needs to be explored

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.

education and qualifications is also used to derive approximate social grade which is required at small level.

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

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.

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.

Information on economic activity is important as it is a primary labour market variable, used as a control throughout market research and in social classifications.

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

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.

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.

Information on occupation is a primary labour market variable used as a control throughout market research and in social classifications.

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

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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 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

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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

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 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

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 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

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.

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

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 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

[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 volunteering?

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 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)

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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.

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?

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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 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*

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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)

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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.

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.

We believe that this sub-topic should be collected - in order to measure a worker's position in the labour market, and continue to contribute to deriving occupation group and approximate Social Grade. According to the link below it is also used to derive SOC2010 and NS-Sec. Page 16 here shows how you get NS-SeC: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/classifications/current-standard-classifications/soc2010/soc2010-volume-3-ns-sec--rebased-on-soc2010--user-manual/soc2010-vo> so it would be a shame to lose it.

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*

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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 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

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 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.

Information on industry is an important labour market variable, widely used in geodemographic systems for measuring the types of industries worked in, by residents of each area. It is important that this sub-topic be collected. It should be possible to greatly reduce the cost of data collection in an online census. For example, if a respondent gives their occupation as “teacher”, then it should not be difficult to work out which industries to prompt them with. Collection of industry also improves quality of occupation coding.

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?

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 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

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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 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

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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 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)

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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.

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.

This is used a little but often MRS Social Grade is used Questions included in this topic were used in the 2011 Census to derive Approximate Social Grade, and we will continue to need Social Grade on the 2021 Census. Social Grade is the primary social classification used in Advertising, Market Research and Media Research; literally millions of pounds of advertising expenditures are allocated based on it. Approximate Social Grade from the census is the only source of social grade profiles for small areas – we require results at postal sector level, for targeting local media (eg local radio and newspapers). instead.

IN ADDITION:

Approximate Social Grade information is required and should be derived from an algorithm that would be supplied by the Market Research Society.

Approximate Social Grade: The primary social classification used by the commercial sector. Only other source would be sample surveys, such as the National Readership Survey, however no sub-regional analyses would be feasible. This would impact allocation of local advertising by postal sectors, which would no longer be feasible using social grade. The costs incurred would be the loss in efficiency of targeting advertising.

Note: to produce the Social Grade algorithm, we are reliant on the National Readership Survey questionnaire being comparable with the census questions (and 2011 questionnaire).

National advertisers need to make comparisons across the UK, to allocate their advertising budgets. This will include comparing catchment areas with regions and with the UK average.

MRS and MRS CGG members operate on a UK-wide basis and require information for all postal sectors in the UK.

We need to be able to plan service, distribution networks etc. that work across the UK. An ideal census would have common questions throughout the UK.

UK comparability should also be a key priority given the EU requirements for reporting of population statistics. The National Readership Survey (NRS) is used as a source of national and regional profiles, however the regional information is unreliable due to small sample sizes.

Taking the 2011 Census as an example, users sometimes calibrate the Approximate Social Grade output to be consistent with regional profiles from the NRS.

UK comparability is important as

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?

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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?

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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

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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

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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 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?

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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 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.

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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 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

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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 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?

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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 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

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 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

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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 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)

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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 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?

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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 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*

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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 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

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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 previous residence?

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 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

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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 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

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Suitability of alternative sources

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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?

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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?

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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 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*

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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 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

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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 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.

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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 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

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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 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

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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?

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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*
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- *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 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)
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Please select only one item

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Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland

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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

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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

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Requirement for multivariate analysis

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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

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Suitability of alternative sources

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Income

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

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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

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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

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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

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Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland

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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

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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)

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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.

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?

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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.

2d) This question is not applicable.

2e) This question is not applicable.

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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 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

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*

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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 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

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

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☐ Other – please specify below

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

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Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland

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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 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

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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)

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

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Suitability of alternative sources

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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.

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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 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*

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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 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

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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 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

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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

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Suitability of alternative sources

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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.

Statistics on internet usage at the UK level to a low geography would help analysts to make key decisions on service provision, network improvement and coverage.

2d) This question is not applicable.

2e) This question is not applicable.

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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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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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Assessment of need for comparability beyond Northern Ireland

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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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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?

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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.

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2d) This question is not applicable.

2e) This question is not applicable.

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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:

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- *Pensioners*
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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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Yes (please specify)

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Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Additional topic 3

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?

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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

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☐ 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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- *Minority religions*
- *Children in kinship care*
- *Pensioners*
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- *Specific occupation groups*

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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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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 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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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 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.

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.

Additional information

Do you have any further comments relevant to this consultation?

General points:

Our main requirement is for UK-wide data on a consistent set of topics. An ideal census would have common questions throughout the UK. UK comparability should also be a key priority given the EU requirements for reporting of population statistics.

We don't do much census analysis across time. It is typically cross-sectional

Additional Comments on Specific Topics:

Income

There is insufficient information available on income elsewhere and it would be very useful if the census could collect information on census as we would use it if it were available.

General feedback:

The consultation's generally comprehensive scope and particularly the positive statements about the importance of user requirements are very welcome. Overall NISRA should be congratulated on the clarity and approach of the consultation paper, and we would encourage NISRA to continue in the same way.

Contributors did indicate that considerable knowledge and resources were needed to put sufficient topic by topic information into the template to give NISRA meaningful feedback, and this may have put some users off – leading to an overall set of consultation responses that is very unrepresentative of the vast majority of census users/use. For example, when ONS conducted a similar consultation earlier this year, there were only 10 responses from commercial users (the heaviest sector for census use) and nearly 600 from genealogists (who were arguably lighter users interested only in a small number of topics).

Umbrella organisations like the Market Research Society and MRS CGG are not in a position to know all the purposes for which their members can use census data.

One future approach may be for the consultation to work 'down' from broader strategies towards the details of topic content and other aspects of 2021, which might have a greater chance of engaging users of the bits that matter to them.

What is the impact of proposed government spending cuts on the census budget, if any?

Outputs:

Outputs should drive all aspects of the census programme, given that the value of a census is only realised through effective dissemination, and outputs are the key deliverable. Outputs must be a priority from the outset.

The next consultation should focus on what the outputs will be, what level of geography is needed, statistical disclosure control and dissemination methods. The questionnaire consultation should come afterwards.

The question of phasing of outputs should also be considered. For example, if certain tables are of particular importance to all sectors of users, then these should be given priority over other outputs, e.g. age by sex at small area level should most probably be a priority output.

Dissemination:

Plans for dissemination should move forward in tandem with plans for content in the same way as applies to outputs. There should be a firm commitment to flexibility, with provision of necessary ring-fenced resources for this approach. Dissemination mechanisms should be well understood, robust, stable, tested before user consultation, and user-focussed.

Consultation process and materials:

Under the new topics headings, there is no opportunity to describe the topic in more detail than the heading. It is difficult to justify a topic without providing some detail about the types of questions that could be asked.

A section for additional comments on each topic would have been welcome, so respondents could make some straightforward stand-alone statements that are not dependent on answering particular questions.

It has been difficult for contributors to distinguish between topic vs question consultation and to understand the level of detail that NISRA is looking for on which to base decisions.

Notwithstanding the difficulties in designing a consultation of this type, the consultation navigation and repetition made it time-consuming to complete, and often information on alternative sources and possibilities is not readily available to respondents since they have been using the census data. The repetitive process to complete the questionnaire for each topic is likely to bias response against heavy users, who will give up, and produce a set of responses biased to light users interested in few topics.

- How will the prioritisation and weighting of conflicting user responses take place?
- What does 'strength of user need' mean ie how will it be assessed?
- Given the early start, how long will the process be open to debate and change?
- How will the effects of changes in enumeration methods or use of alternative sources influencing the character of topics/questions and output, detailed or otherwise, be managed?
- How was the consultation being publicised? There does not seem to have been much reference to it through any formal user groups or through channels such as RSS SUF, nor to any parallel process for consultation within government where clearly different influences can be critical.

Statistical disclosure control:

- Again was subject to late change and increased aversion to risk late in the outputs stage for 2011. How can this be avoided?
- From past experience, the situation on disclosure control should not be left open, and from the users' point of view there is a need for a commitment on the lines of 'robust, automated and speedy SDC'.

Other feedback:

Establish a census research and analysis team from the beginning who can work closely with topic leads, outputs and questionnaire design teams.

Where there is not 100 per cent certainty about IT, SDC, methods, dissemination, or other important factors, it should be made clear at the consultation stage that assumptions are being made.

Trial statistical bulletins on the census topics in conjunction with the proposed outputs being produced over the coming years.

User experience:

It would be more user-friendly and intuitive to allow general comments on the end of each section to allow participants to expand on views.

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

Market Research Society and MRS Census & Geodemographics Group

2) Please provide your contact details.

Your name (Required)

Michelle Goddard

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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(Required)

Please select only one item

☐ Yes, I consent to my name being published ☐ No, please remove my name before publishing

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