Census 2021 New Methodologies Test (July – August 2018)

Frequently Asked Questions

Possible Questions	Responses
What is the Census 2021 New Methodologies Test?	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is moving from the traditional paper method of collection to digital data collection. These new methodologies need to be tested before we go into field to conduct the census in 2021.
What are the new methodologies to be tested?	CAWI – Computer Assisted Web Interview, in which respondents register and complete the questionnaire online. CATI – Computer Assisted Telephone Interview, in which a staff member will contact the respondent telephonically and complete the questionnaire with them. CAPI – Computer Assisted Personal Interview, in which a face-to-face interview is conducted, with the fieldworker capturing the responses on a digital device, rather than a paper questionnaire.
Where will the test take place?	The test will be conducted in selected areas in three provinces: ✓ Gauteng – Waterkloof (City of Tshwane) and Norwood and Winchester (City of Johannesburg) ✓ KwaZulu Natal – Umhlanga and Hillcrest (eThekwini) ✓ Western Cape – Muizenberg and Greenpoint (City of Cape Town)
When will the test take place?	Community Mobilisation
	16 – 27 July 2018
	DU Publicity and online registration
	23 July – 04 August 2018
	Data Collection
	01 – 31 August 2018 (Reference night: 31 July)
How will the test be conducted?	During publicity, the respondent will have two options to choose from, that is, CAWI and CATI. If the respondent does not choose or prefer either of these options, CAPI will be the default
	mode of data collection.
What will happen if I choose CATI?	mode of data collection. Your contact details, including the contact number, and the time you would prefer to receive the call for the interview will be captured and forwarded to the Call Centre. The Call Centre Agent will then call you for the interview based on the agreed time.

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Computer Aided Web Interview (CAWI)? (How can	Statistics Act No.6 of 1999.
Stats SA ensure that my details are not accessible to	
3 rd parties?)	The Stats Act (Act 6 of 1999) states that
	information about individuals must be treated
	as strictly confidential. Information may not be
	provided to any other person or organisation. A
	fine not exceeding R10 000 or imprisonment of
	up to six (6) months or both is the penalty for a
	Stats SA official who is found guilty of violating
	the Confidentiality clause of the Act.
	Secondly, the online system that the
	respondent will access to complete the
	questionnaire has data security controls
	(including encryption) that prevent
	unauthorised access, hacking or any other
	security risk.
How long does it take to complete the	The survey takes approximately 40-45 minutes
questionnaire?	to complete.
Why did you select my house?	Your house is within the selected area where
	the test is conducted and all dwelling units
	within this area will be visited.
How do I identify your fieldworkers?	Our fieldworkers are identified by IDs and
	Overshirts bearing the Stats SA logo. They will
	also have tablets to administer questionnaires.
Who do I contact to verify that the person at my	Gauteng:
door is from Stats SA?	Mr Thomas Lehloenya
	012 310 8483
	082 888 2345
	Thomasl@statssa.gov.za
	Gauteng (JHB):
	Mr Moses Shigadla
	012 406 3307
	082 906 4172
	MosesSh@statssa.gov.za
	Gauteng (Tshwane):
	Ms Hlanganani Sayimane
	012 310 4790
	082 888 2389
	HlangananiS@statssa.gov.za
	KwaZulu-Natal:
	Mr Gabriel Dlamini
	031 360 0671
	079 513 7219
	GabrielD@statssa.gov.za
	Mr Yugen Naidu
	031 360 0600
	082 888 2593
	Yugenn@statssa.gov.za

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	Western Cape:
	Mr Mthombolwazi Dimbaza
	021 481 5500
	082 901 4796
	mthombolwaziD@statssa.gov.za
Who will incur data and airtime charges in case I opt	CATI: Toll-free number 0800 110 248 is a
for CAWI/CATI? (Is Stats SA going to compensate me	specific number to be dialled when taking part
for Data usage, airtime or telephone bills)	in the survey and calls made from a Telkom
	landline are free of charge for the respondent.
	CAWI: The respondent will be provided with a
	link that s/he has to access and register online
	using internet. The respondent will use his/her
	own data to register and complete the survey.
What if I have forgotten my login details but I still	You can call the call centre using the Toll-free
want to complete the questionnaire online?	number 0800 110 248 and the details will be
	resent to you.
I started the interview using CAWI but now I need	You can call the toll free number (0800
someone to help me complete the questionnaire	110 248) and agree with the Call Centre Agent
over the telephone (CATI)?	on the best time to conduct the interview and
	complete the remainder of the questionnaire.
I do not have a landline, but I want to be interviewed	Yes. The Call Centre Agent will contact you on
through CATI, can someone from your office contact	the cellphone number that you provide and
me?	conduct an interview.
Who will be interviewed?	All members of the household and visitors who
	were present during the reference night (31
	July and 01 August 2018).
Will I get the results after participating in this	The survey is for the purpose of testing the two
survey?	methods of collection which are CAWI and
	CATI. Therefore, the results will be internally
	analysed to see the preferred method that
	respondents are comfortable with.
What will happen if I don't participate?	Section 18 of Stats Act No. 6 of 1999 stipulates
what will happen in raon t participate:	offences and penalties for respondents who
	refuse to participate.
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