

# PARTICIPATE IN THE GPS 2021 TEST

## CONTINUOUS POPULATION SURVEY



# SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2021

IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH DATA ECOSYSTEMS



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## What is the CPS 2021 test?

Stats SA will be conducting a Continuous Population Survey (CPS) test as from September until December 2021.

We will be conducting a test survey in preparation for the main survey. Your household has been selected to participate in the test during the period September until December 2021.

This test survey will be using a multi-mode approach to collect information from your household. You will be given the option of selecting a means of being interviewed, either having a face-to-face interview (CAPI), a telephonic interview (CATI) or completing the interview yourself online (CAWI).

Thank you for your participation!

## How the Survey will work

If your dwelling unit is selected to participate in the CPS test, this is what will be expected of you:

### • Initial Visit

A Publicity Officer will visit your dwelling to introduce the CPS project and outline the activities that they will embark on during that visit. The Publicity Officer will have to conduct a process called unpacking, where they record all the structures in the yard / on the premises. Publicity will be undertaken with the household(s) identified in the sampled dwelling unit. The Publicity Officer will establish the method in which information will be gathered from respondents (CAPI / CATI / CAWI).

### • Week 1 (CAPI / CATI)

A Survey Officer will contact you to introduce the survey and explain the process to be followed. If you selected the CAPI / CATI collection mode, you will be asked questions relating to demographics, education and employment. The Survey Officer will provide you with a diary to record all expenditure / household spending for the following week(s). You will be trained on how to complete the diary.

### • Week 2 (CAPI / CATI)

You will receive a follow-up visit at a time convenient to you, if you selected CAPI collection mode. If you selected CATI collection, you will receive a telephonic call from the Survey Officer to complete module 2 of the questionnaire. The Survey Officer will go through your diary with you to ensure everything is captured correctly.

### • Week 3 (CAPI / CATI)

During this week you will be asked questions regarding expenditure away from home, money spent on clothing, footwear, furniture, transport and health care. The Survey Officer will go through your spending diary with you to ensure everything is captured correctly.

### • Week 4 (CAPI / CATI)

This is the final visit for CAPI / CATI collection. You will be asked questions relating to your living circumstances, income and general health. The Survey Officer will go through your spending diary with you to ensure everything is captured correctly and collect all outstanding information in the questionnaire.

## Who is Stats SA?

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is a government department that derives its mandate from the Statistics Act (Act No. 6 of 1999) to collect and process data on persons and companies for statistical purposes. It fulfils this mandate by conducting nationwide household and business surveys. The data are used to produce official statistics on economic growth, unemployment, living conditions and poverty. Stats SA is thus regarded as a responsible party under the POPI Act.

## What is the POPI Act?

The Protection of Personal Information Act (Act No. 4 of 2013), known as the POPI Act, is South Africa's data privacy law. Its purpose is to give effect to the right to privacy afforded by Section 6 of the Constitution of South Africa by protecting personal information of individuals from misuse.

The Act applies to responsible parties. These include persons or organisations – both public and private – who collect, store and process personal information of other persons. The Act outlines strict guidelines on how organisations should collect and process personal information.

## Can Stats SA collect personal information despite the POPI Act?

Yes. A respondent in a survey conducted by Stats SA cannot refuse to give their information, even if an appeal is made to the right to privacy as protected by the POPI Act. Section 3 (3) of the POPI Act states that the Act must be interpreted in a manner that

does not prevent any public or private body from exercising its duties in terms of the law in so far as those powers relate to the processing of personal information.

In the case of Stats SA, it exercises its powers in terms of the Statistics Act. This Act states that every person approached by Stats SA has a duty to answer questions. A respondent approached by Stats SA, in the course of a legitimate and lawful collection of personal information, cannot refuse to provide information. A refusal impedes the functioning of Stats SA.

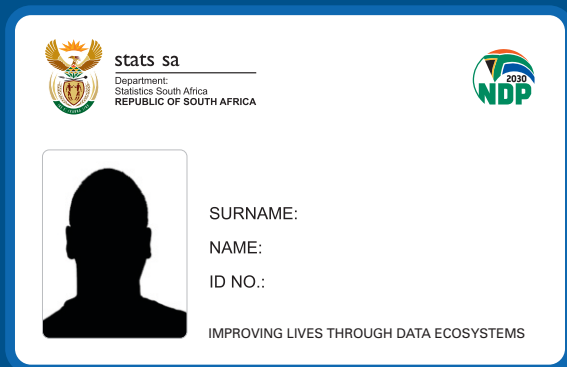
## Will my information be safe?

Absolutely. The POPI Act outlines strict guidelines on how responsible parties should collect and process personal information. Stats SA adheres to all eight conditions for the lawful processing of data as outlined in Section 4 (1) of the POPI Act.

Moreover, Stats SA strictly adheres to international standards. Principle 6 of the United Nations Principles of Official Statistics states any individual data collected must be used for statistical purposes only and as such be kept strictly confidential.

Confidentiality is emphasised in Section 17 of South Africa's Statistics Act that states that, despite any other law, no individual information collected by Stats SA may be disclosed to any other person or entity. A Stats SA official contravening this stipulation will be liable to a fine and/or imprisonment.

## How to identify a Stats SA fieldworker



All Stats SA fieldworkers have to carry an official Stats SA ID card. Ask the fieldworker to show you their ID card when you meet them. You can verify their identity by calling the relevant contact person listed in this leaflet, or they can use the fieldworker verification system on the Stats SA network.

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