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Helping everyone take part in Census 2021

Every ten years, the census provides a unique snapshot of our society

The next census is happening in March 2021. By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure your community is counted in decisions on services and funding.



Billions of pounds are allocated to local services using census-based information every year

So that these funds can be allocated in the most appropriate and effective ways, it's important the census accurately captures everyone in our society.



No one knows your community better than you

We understand that building positive relationships with communities means more people understand the benefits of the census and are likely to take part.

We need your help to raise awareness and understanding of the census in your community.



Knowledge

Your unique understanding of your communities' interests and the challenges they face can help us plan and implement support that lets everyone join in.



Awareness

Your community links can help us spread the word about what the census is and why it matters. This will build trust in the processes and boost participation.



Access

Your networks can help us reach those members of your community who need support. This will help make sure they're included and counted too.

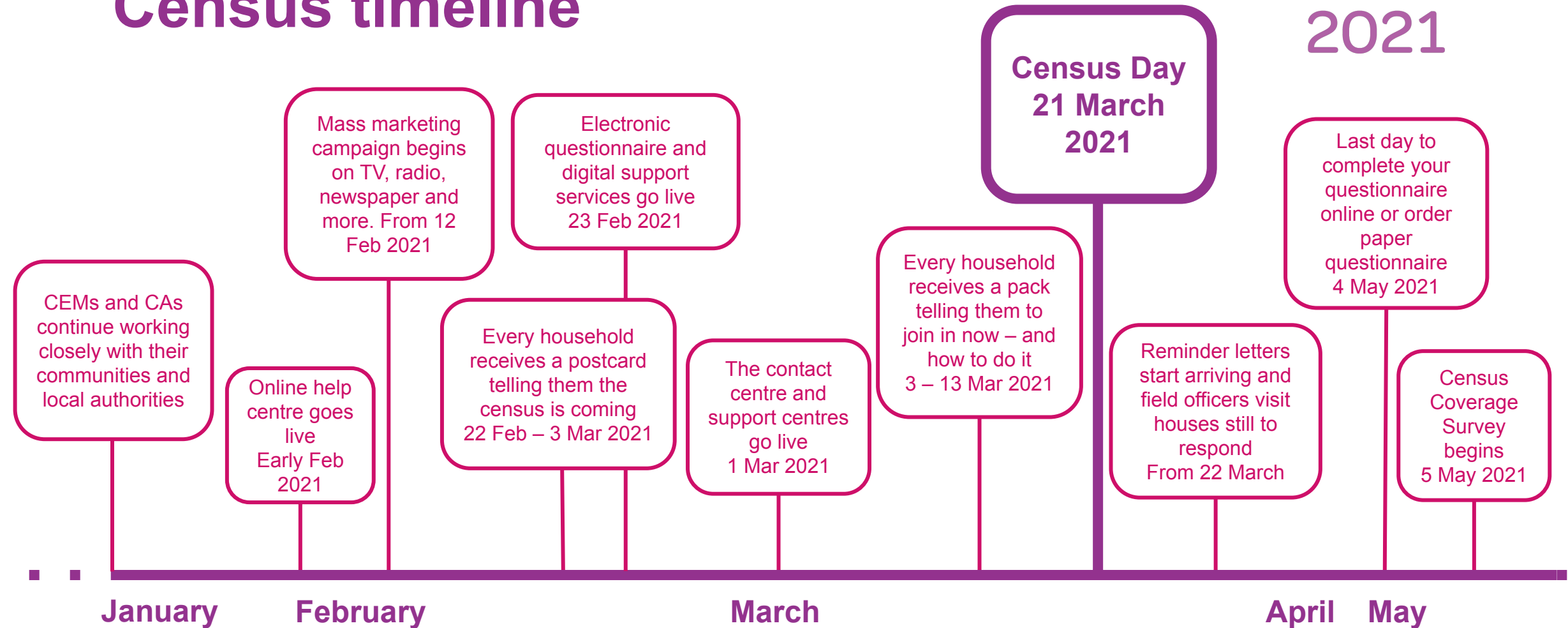
We will support you throughout the census process

Our local community engagement staff will be on hand throughout the census process with resources, advice and practical support that enables everyone to join in.



Census timeline

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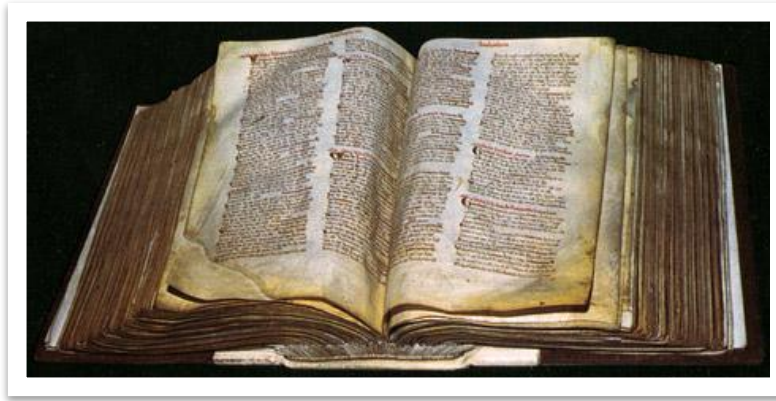


Census facts

The first modern UK census was in 1801. It collected everyone's name and address, and some age data...



A census enumerator in a Gray's Inn Lane tenement, London



... but the first thorough survey of England was in 1086 when William the Conqueror ordered the production of the Domesday Book. This detailed inventory of land and property was a massive undertaking at the time, taking many years to complete.



In 2011, the census captured more than **94%** of people in England and Wales.

The population on Census Day was **56,075,912**

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In 1911, Suffragette Emily Wilding Davison hid overnight in a cupboard, in a crypt in the Houses of Parliament. Her protest aimed to give her residence on the form as the Houses of Parliament.

In the end, she was counted twice, once in parliament and once by her landlady!



In 1841, English romantic painter William Turner, rowed a boat into the centre of the Thames so he could not be counted as present at any property in that year's census.



On Census Day in 2011, 1,586 babies were born in England and Wales...



...6,242 people put their religion as 'Heavy Metal'...



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...and 176,632 people identified as Jedi!



(This was down from 390,127 in 2001)

Next Steps

Talk to your local Census Engagement Manager (CEM) or Community Advisor (CA) about the ways to help your community join in.

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