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1. Introduction

This report presents the results of a Census Test that took place in Northern Ireland in autumn 2017, covering all 11 local government districts. The test involved sending a census-type questionnaire to a sample of 15,000 households, that could respond online or on paper. The main objective of the Census Test was to inform decisions about the possible inclusion (and location in relation to the religion questions) of a sexual orientation question in the 2021 Census.

This analysis is key as the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) needs to understand how this change in the questionnaire (in this case, the inclusion of a sexual orientation question) might affect the distribution of responses to the two established questions on religion. The 2021 religion questions will be identical in all respects to the 2011 questions. Therefore, NISRA must be able to demonstrate that any differences in the observed religion distributions are due to changes in the characteristics in the NI population, rather than due to any change in the 2021 Census questionnaire.

A secondary objective of the Census Test was to test the structure of the Knowledge of Irish/Knowledge of Ulster-Scots questions.

2. Overview

The Census Test used split-sample methodology with two versions of the questionnaire being tested:

- Version 1: Sexual orientation question before religion questions (at Q6) (see Appendix 1), and
- Version 2: Sexual orientation question after religion questions (at Q16) (see Appendix 2)

Using this approach, NISRA were able to establish whether the relative location of the proposed new question on sexual orientation had any effect on the distribution of response to the two established religion questions.

A total of 15,000 households, chosen at random, were included in the 2017 Northern Ireland Census Test. Half were allocated version 1 of the questionnaire and the other half were allocated version 2. Up to two people per household (aged 16 and over) were asked to complete the questionnaire either online or on paper.

An initial invite letter, which included an Internet-Access Code, was sent to each household. The Internet-Access Code gave respondents access to their 'version' of the online questionnaire. Two weeks later, all non-responding households were sent a reminder letter and then a further two weeks later, those households who had still not responded were sent a final reminder letter. This final reminder contained a copy of the relevant version of the paper questionnaire.

A range of systems to support the operational requirements of the Census Test were developed. These allowed for the preparation, delivery and collection of the invite and reminder letters and questionnaires.

They included an accredited online data collection system, a Contact Centre and a management information system. These solutions worked effectively and enabled the public to respond to the questionnaire and, where necessary, obtain information from the helpline.

The overall response rate was 40% (6,038 responding households with 9,077 responding individuals). The household response rates ranged from 31% (Belfast) to 48% (Lisburn and Castlereagh). Of those that responded, 61% of households and 60% of individuals responded online.

All questions achieved a very high response rate, the lowest of which was 93%, thus providing a sufficiently complete sample for analysis purposes.

Almost half (49.6%) of respondents completed Version 1 of the questionnaire (sexual orientation question before the religion questions), the remaining 50.4% of respondents completed Version 2 (religion questions before the sexual orientation question).

The Contact Centre experienced a small volume of calls following the initial invitation. The peak number of calls immediately followed the first reminder letter. There was also an increase in calls after the final reminder letter.

3. The data

The returns from the 9,077 individuals were quality assured and a range of issues were identified such as duplicate returns and instances on paper questionnaires where respondents had selected multiple answers to questions that were 'tick one box only'. The work to resolve these issues resulted in a final dataset of 5,947 households containing 8,960 individuals.

A 'religion belong to/religion brought up in' variable was derived (using the 2011 Census methodology) from each individual's responses to the two religion questions. This approach ensured comparability of the Census Test outputs with previous Census outputs.

As the test collected data from up to two adults only in each household there was an under-representation of young adults. Data analysis also indicated that there was an over-representation of 'Protestant and Other Christian' respondents.

To ensure that the results were representative of the Northern Ireland population, the dataset was weighted to the age, sex, and 'religion belong to/religion brought up in' profile of the 2011 Census outputs.

4. Main findings

4.1. Impact of the order of questions

The main objective of the Census Test was to answer the question 'Does the inclusion of a sexual orientation question affect response to the religion questions?'.

This analysis, using the weighted dataset, suggested that the response to the religion questions had not been affected by respondents encountering the sexual orientation question before it. This finding was confirmed by the ONS Methodology Service who carried out an independent review of the analysis. This finding is also in

line with that of a May 2009 ONS study entitled ‘Developing survey questions on sexual identity: Report on the General Lifestyle (GLF) split-sample pilot’¹.

Table 1 compares the distribution of the response to the religion questions between the two versions of the questionnaire.

Table 1: Comparison of weighted responses by placement of sexual orientation question

Religion belong to/Religion brought up in categories	Version 1 (Sexual orientation before religion)	Version 2 (Religion before sexual orientation)	Overall
Catholic	41.8	44.1	42.9
Protestant and Other Christian	51.0	48.7	49.8
Other Religion	0.9	0.9	0.9
No Religion	4.5	4.2	4.4
Not answered/Multiple answers selected	1.8	2.0	1.9
Base	4,459	4,505	8,964*

* Totals may not match due to weighting.

4.2. Knowledge of Irish/Knowledge of Ulster-Scots

Two questions were included to test a proposed new structure of the Knowledge of Irish/Knowledge of Ulster-Scots questions. These are a development of the 2011 questions and they now cover both ability (as in 2011) and frequency of speaking the language (new for 2021).

These questions were included to test the respondent’s understanding of the filter (achieved by shading a section of the question) on the paper questionnaire. The respondent’s path through these two questions online was automatically managed by the online system so testing was limited to those who responded on paper.

The filter was designed so that only those who reported that they could speak Irish/Ulster-Scots would answer the subsequent section on how frequently they

¹https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?uri=/methodology/classificationsandstandards/sexualidentityguidanceandprojectdocumentation/gsltrialreport_tcm77-181191.pdf

speak Irish/Ulster-Scots. On the paper questionnaire a shaded second embedded question was used to attempt to achieve the intended filter.

A total of 3,451 respondents answered the Knowledge of Irish question on paper. An analysis of their responses showed that a valid answer could be derived for the vast majority (96%) of these respondents (See Table 2). The analysis also showed that 95% of those who answered speak in the ‘ability’ section of the question, followed the filter correctly and went on to answer the ‘frequency’ section of the question. Therefore, cases where respondents did not follow the filter in this question on the paper questionnaire, do not present any major issues for processing and valid and reliable outputs can be produced.

Table 2: Analysis of the respondents who answered the Knowledge of Irish question on paper

Knowledge	No ability (and no other option)	No ability (as well as another option)	Understand, read or write (or any combination of these options only)	Speak only or speak with understand, read or write (or any combination of these)
Frequency of speak				
Daily/Weekly/Less often	10 ¹	0	96 ¹	144
Never	1,560	11 ¹	72	25
Missing	1,483	3 ¹	37	9 ¹
Multiple answers ticked	-	1 ¹	-	-
Total	3,053	15	205	178

¹Valid answer could not be derived.

Similarly, a total of 3,397 respondents answered the Ulster-Scots knowledge question on paper. Again, an analysis of their responses showed that a valid answer could be derived for the vast majority (96%) of these respondents (Table 3). The analysis also showed that 97% of those who answered speak in the ‘ability’ section of the question, followed the filter correctly and went on to answer the ‘frequency’ section of the question.

Table 3: Analysis of the respondents who answered the Knowledge of Ulster-Scots question on paper

Knowledge	No ability (and no other option)	No ability (as well as another option)	Understand, read or write (or any combination of these options only)	Speak only or speak with understand, read or write (or any combination of these)
Frequency of speak				
Daily/Weekly/Less often	8 ¹	0	103 ¹	105
Never	1,516	16 ¹	157	15
Missing	1,392	1 ¹	78	3 ¹
Multiple answers ticked	1 ¹	-	1 ¹	1 ¹
Total	2,917	17	339	124

¹ Valid answer could not be derived.

These findings on the analysis of the Knowledge of Irish/Knowledge of Ulster-Scots questions suggest that the approach to asking both ability, and frequency of use, did not present any major issues for processing, and that valid and reliable outputs can be produced.

5. Learning from the evaluation questions

Three evaluation questions were included on the form to ask, at household level, why respondents decided to use a paper questionnaire rather than online, their feedback on any questions that they found difficult to complete and any general comments that they might have.

On the choice to respond on paper, the most popular reason given was “I prefer paper” (50%), followed by “do not have a computer/internet connection” (29%) and “I am not confident in using the internet” (20%).

On questions they found difficult to complete, the majority of households who answered this question replied ‘None’ (91%). The questions that caused the most difficulty were those on health and disability (1.9%), and nature of long-term conditions (1.8%).

In the comments section a small proportion of households (0.4%) stated that they had technical difficulties with the online system.

6. Recommendations

The main objective of the Census Test data was to answer the question ‘Does the inclusion of a sexual orientation question affect response to the religion questions?’.

Findings from the analysis of the data collected suggests that the response to the religion questions has not been affected by the inclusion of a sexual orientation question.

On the Knowledge of Irish and Knowledge of Ulster-Scots questions, the analysis examined how those who answered these questions on paper completed them. The analysis found that the design did not present any major issues (invalid responses can be managed) for processing and that valid and reliable outputs can be produced.

A proposals paper will be published in April 2019 outlining the questions to be included and their positions on the form.

Appendix 1: 2017 Census Test questionnaire version 1

[Download version 1 of the 2017 Census Test questionnaire \(PDF, 664 KB\)](#)

Evaluation questions

E1 Why did you choose to complete this Census Test questionnaire on paper, rather than online?
 ↪ Tick all that apply.

- I prefer paper
- I am not confident in using the internet
- I do not have a computer/internet connection
- Too difficult as my device only has a small screen
- I have a difficulty/disability that affects my use of a computer
- My online questionnaire/access code didn't work
- I did not understand the online questionnaire
- I do not like to disclose personal details online
- I wanted someone to help me fill it out so I asked for paper
- Other, write in



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E2 Are there any questions in this questionnaire you or your household found difficult to complete?
 ↪ Tick all that apply.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Question 1 (Name) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 2 (Sex) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 3 (Date of birth) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 4 (Marital or civil partnership status) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 5 (Country of birth) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 6 (Sexual identity) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 7 (National identity) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 8 (Current religion) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 9 (Religion brought up in) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Question 10 (Knowledge of Irish) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 11 (Knowledge of Ulster-Scots) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 12 (Language) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 13 (Proficiency in English) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 14 (Long-term health problem or disability) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 15 (Nature of long-term condition) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 16 (Provision of unpaid care) <input type="checkbox"/> Question 17 (Activity last week) <input type="checkbox"/> None
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If your address is incorrect or missing, enter your correct address here:

<<title>>
 <<Address1>>
 <<Address2>>
 <<Address3>>
 <<Address4>>
 <<Postcode>>
 <<ID>>

Postcode

E3 Do you have any other comments related to this questionnaire?

E4 Thank you for taking time to help inform the census.
 Please send this completed questionnaire back to us in the freepost envelope provided. If you have any queries about this research, please contact us by emailing 2017CensusTest@nirsra.gov.uk or calling NI Direct Census Helpline 0300 200 7836.

Dear resident

We have noticed that you have not yet completed your 2017 Census Test questionnaire. What you need to do next: Complete your Census Test questionnaire online by visiting www.nirsra.gov.uk/censustest and entering your unique online access code which can be found opposite; or, Complete this paper questionnaire and send it back to us in the freepost envelope provided. This should take around 5 minutes per person. If you have already completed your questionnaire online, thank you and please ignore this reminder. Thank you for your help.

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Complete online

www.nirsra.gov.uk/censustest
 Your unique online access code is:

<<Unique Internet Access Code1>>

OR complete this paper questionnaire and send it back to us in the freepost envelope provided.

If you have lost your envelope, please return to:
 Freepost RTXL-TJTX-EEHK
 2017 Census Test
 NISRA Census Office
 Colby House
 Stranmillis Court
 Belfast
 BT9 5RR

Where can you get help?

- www.nirsra.gov.uk/censustest
- NIDirect Census Helpline 0300 200 7836
- email: 2017CensusTest@nirsra.gov.uk

Individual questions - Person 2 start here

1 What is your name?

First name(s)

 Last name

2 What is your sex?

Male Female

3 What is your date of birth?

Day Month Year

4 What is your legal marital or same-sex civil partnership status?

Never married and never registered a same-sex civil partnership

Married In a registered same-sex civil partnership

Separated, but still legally married Separated, but still legally in a same-sex civil partnership

Divorced Formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved

Widowed Surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership

5 What is your country of birth?

Northern Ireland
 England
 Scotland
 Wales
 Republic of Ireland
 Elsewhere, write in the current name of country

6 Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

Heterosexual or Straight
 Gay or Lesbian
 Bisexual
 Other, write in

 Prefer not to say

7 How would you describe your national identity?

Tick all that apply.

British Irish Northern Irish
 English Scottish Welsh
 Other, write in

8 What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?

Roman Catholic → Go to **10**
 Presbyterian Church in Ireland → Go to **10**
 Church of Ireland → Go to **10**
 Methodist Church in Ireland → Go to **10**
 Other, write in → Go to **10**

 None

9 What religion, religious denomination or body were you brought up in?

Roman Catholic
 Presbyterian Church in Ireland
 Church of Ireland
 Methodist Church in Ireland
 Other, write in

 None

10 Can you understand, speak, read or write Irish?

Tick all that apply.
 No ability Understand Speak Read Write

How often do you speak Irish?

Daily Weekly Less often Never

11 Can you understand, speak, read or write Ulster-Scots?

Tick all that apply.
 No ability Understand Speak Read Write

How often do you speak Ulster-Scots?

Daily Weekly Less often Never

Household questions

H1 What type of accommodation is this?

A whole house or bungalow that is:

detached
 semi-detached
 terraced (including end-terrace)

A flat, maisonette or apartment that is:

In a purpose-built block of flats or tenement
 part of a converted or shared house (including bedsits)
 In a commercial building (for example, in an office building, hotel, or over a shop)

A mobile or temporary structure:

a caravan or other mobile or temporary structure

H2 Is this household's accommodation self-contained?

This means that all the rooms, including the kitchen, bathroom and toilet, are behind a door that only this household can use.
 Yes, all the rooms are behind a door that only this household can use
 No

H3 Has this accommodation been designed or adapted for:

Tick all that apply.
 wheelchair usage?
 other physical or mobility difficulties?
 visual difficulties?
 hearing difficulties?
 other, write in

none of the above

H4 What type of central heating does this accommodation have?

Tick all that apply, whether or not you use it.
 Central heating is a central system that generates heat for multiple rooms.
 Oil
 Gas
 Electric (including storage heaters)
 Solid fuel (for example, wood, coal)
 Other central heating
 No central heating

H5 Does your household own or rent this accommodation?

Tick one box only.
 Owns outright → Go to **H7**
 Owns with a mortgage or loan → Go to **H7**
 Part owns and part rents (shared ownership)
 Rents (with or without housing benefit)
 Lives here rent-free

H6 Who is your landlord?

Tick one box only.
 Northern Ireland Housing Executive
 Housing association or charitable trust
 Private landlord or letting agency
 Employer of a household member
 Relative or friend of a household member
 Other

H7 In total, how many cars or vans are owned, or available for use, by members of this household?

Include any company car(s) or van(s) available for private use.
 None
 1
 2
 3
 4 or more, write in number

Individual questions - Person 1 start here

1 What is your name?

First name(s)

 Last name

2 What is your sex?

Male Female

3 What is your date of birth?

Day Month Year

4 What is your legal marital or same-sex civil partnership status?

Never married and never registered a same-sex civil partnership

Married In a registered same-sex civil partnership

Separated, but still legally married Separated, but still legally in a same-sex civil partnership

Divorced Formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved

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Northern Ireland
 England
 Scotland
 Wales
 Republic of Ireland
 Elsewhere, write in the current name of country

6 Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

Heterosexual or Straight
 Gay or Lesbian
 Bisexual
 Other, write in

 Prefer not to say

7 How would you describe your national identity?

Tick all that apply.

British Irish Northern Irish
 English Scottish Welsh
 Other, write in

8 What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?

Roman Catholic → Go to 10
 Presbyterian Church in Ireland → Go to 10
 Church of Ireland → Go to 10
 Methodist Church in Ireland → Go to 10
 Other, write in → Go to 10

 None

9 What religion, religious denomination or body were you brought up in?

Roman Catholic
 Presbyterian Church in Ireland
 Church of Ireland
 Methodist Church in Ireland
 Other, write in

 None

10 Can you understand, speak, read or write Irish?

Tick all that apply.

No ability Understand Speak Read Write

How often do you speak Irish?

Daily Weekly Less often Never

11 Can you understand, speak, read or write Ulster-Scots?

Tick all that apply.

No ability Understand Speak Read Write

How often do you speak Ulster-Scots?

Daily Weekly Less often Never

Person 1 - continued

12 What is your main language?

English → Go to 14
 Other, write in (Including British/Irish Sign Languages)

13 How well can you speak English?

Very well Well Not well Not at all

14 Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

Tick all that apply.

Include problems related to old age.

Yes, limited a lot
 Yes, limited a little
 No

15 Do you have any of the following conditions which have lasted, or are expected to last, at least 12 months?

Tick all that apply.

Deafness or partial hearing loss
 Blindness or partial sight loss
 A mobility or dexterity difficulty which requires the use of a wheelchair
 A mobility or dexterity difficulty which requires the use of walking aids (such as walking sticks, frame or the assistance of another person)
 Any other mobility or dexterity difficulty that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities (such as walking, climbing stairs, lifting or carrying)
 A learning difficulty (such as dyslexia or ADHD)
 An intellectual or learning disability (such as Down syndrome)
 Autism or Asperger syndrome
 An emotional, psychological or mental health condition (such as depression or schizophrenia)
 Long-term pain or discomfort
 Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 Frequent periods of confusion or memory loss
 A chronic illness or other condition
 No condition

16 Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either:

- long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability?
- problems related to old age?

Do not count anything you do as part of your paid employment.

No
 Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week
 Yes, 20 - 34 hours a week
 Yes, 35 or more hours a week

17 Last week, were you:

Tick all that apply.

Include any paid work, including casual or temporary work, even if only for one hour.

working as an employee?
 on a government sponsored training scheme?
 self-employed or freelance?
 working, paid or unpaid, for your own or your family's business?
 away from work ill, on maternity leave, on holiday or temporarily laid off?
 doing any other kind of paid work?
 none of the above

18 There are no more questions for Person 1.

→ Go to questions for Person 2.

OR If there are no more people in this household aged 16 or over,

→ Go to the evaluation questions on page 8.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the census?

The census is a survey of everyone in Northern Ireland. It counts people and housing, and allows us to understand the characteristics of the people who live here. The next census in Northern Ireland will be in 2021.

Who runs the census?

The census in Northern Ireland is organised by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA).

How does the census help me?

The census provides information on all of us. Government uses it to fairly share out funding, to make policies, and to plan and run public services. So it is vital that we get this right.

Why are we carrying out a Census Test now?

The Census Test asks questions about you and your household. We are testing questions to make sure that the 2021 Census questionnaire is as easy as possible to complete.

Why did I get this?

Your household was selected at random from a list of all addresses in Northern Ireland. Your participation is completely voluntary.

Who in my household should complete the questionnaire?

Up to two people, aged 16 or over, should complete the questionnaire. If you are the only person aged 16 or over, then only you should complete the questionnaire.

What do I need to take part?

All you need is your unique online access code shown overleaf and any device that allows you to get online - computer, smart phone or tablet.

What do I do?

To complete your Census Test online, go to www.nisra.gov.uk/censustest, enter your unique online access code, and complete the questions. Or you can complete this paper questionnaire and send it back to us in the freepost envelope provided.

Who will see my information?

Your personal information will be kept confidential and protected by law.

For more information in other languages:

Le cóip den litir seo a fheiceáil i nGaeilge, gabh le do thoil chuig Fúrtae hae a leuk at a scrow o this lettér in Ulster-Scotch, wud ye ivver lan intil Aby zapoznać się z tym dokumentem w języku polskim prosimy odwiedzić Kad peržiūrėti šio laiško Lietuvišką vertimą prašome apsilankyti ir www.nisra.gov.uk/censustest

Person 2 - continued

11 What is your main language?

- English → Go to 13
- Other, write in (including British/Irish Sign Languages)

12 How well can you speak English?

- Very well Well Not well Not at all
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13 Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

- ↪ Include problems related to old age.
- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No

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- ↪ Tick all that apply.
- Deafness or partial hearing loss
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- A mobility or dexterity difficulty which requires the use of walking aids (such as walking sticks, frame or the assistance of another person)
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- Bisexual
- Other, write in

- Prefer not to say

17 Last week, were you:

- ↪ Tick all that apply.
- ↪ Include any paid work, including casual or temporary work, even if only for one hour.
- working as an employee?
- on a government sponsored training scheme?
- self-employed or freelance?
- working, paid or unpaid, for your own or your family's business?
- away from work ill, on maternity leave, on holiday or temporarily laid off?
- doing any other kind of paid work?
- none of the above

18 There are no more questions for Person 2.

- ➔ Go to the evaluation questions on page 8.

Individual questions - Person 2 start here

1 What is your name?

First name(s)

 Last name

2 What is your sex?

- Male Female

3 What is your date of birth?

Day Month Year

4 What is your legal marital or same-sex civil partnership status?

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 Church of Ireland → Go to 9
 Methodist Church in Ireland → Go to 9
 Other, write in → Go to 9

None

8 What religion, religious denomination or body were you brought up in?

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None

9 Can you understand, speak, read or write Irish?

☞ Tick all that apply.

- No ability Understand Speak Read Write

How often do you speak Irish?

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☞ Tick all that apply.

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How often do you speak Ulster-Scots?

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Household questions

H1 What type of accommodation is this?

A whole house or bungalow that is:

- detached
 semi-detached
 terraced (including end-terrace)

A flat, maisonette or apartment that is:

- in a purpose-built block of flats or tenement
 part of a converted or shared house (including bedsits)
 in a commercial building (for example, in an office building, hotel, or over a shop)

A mobile or temporary structure:

- a caravan or other mobile or temporary structure

H2 Is this household's accommodation self-contained?

☞ This means that all the rooms, including the kitchen, bathroom and toilet, are behind a door that only this household can use.

- Yes, all the rooms are behind a door that only this household can use
 No

H3 Has this accommodation been designed or adapted for:

☞ Tick all that apply.

- wheelchair usage?
 other physical or mobility difficulties?
 visual difficulties?
 hearing difficulties?
 other, write in

- none of the above

H4 What type of central heating does this accommodation have?

☞ Tick all that apply, whether or not you use it.

☞ Central heating is a central system that generates heat for multiple rooms.

- Oil
 Gas
 Electric (including storage heaters)
 Solid fuel (for example, wood, coal)
 Other central heating
 No central heating

H5 Does your household own or rent this accommodation?

☞ Tick one box only.

- Owns outright → Go to H7
 Owns with a mortgage or loan → Go to H7
 Part owns and part rents (shared ownership)
 Rents (with or without housing benefit)
 Lives here rent-free

H6 Who is your landlord?

☞ Tick one box only.

- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
 Housing association or charitable trust
 Private landlord or letting agency
 Employer of a household member
 Relative or friend of a household member
 Other

H7 In total, how many cars or vans are owned, or available for use, by members of this household?

☞ Include any company car(s) or van(s) available for private use.

- None
 1
 2
 3
 4 or more, write in number

Individual questions - Person 1 start here

1 What is your name?

First name(s)

 Last name

2 What is your sex?

- Male Female

3 What is your date of birth?

Day Month Year

4 What is your legal marital or same-sex civil partnership status?

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- Divorced Formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved
- Widowed Surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership

5 What is your country of birth?

- Northern Ireland
 England
 Scotland
 Wales
 Republic of Ireland
 Elsewhere, write in the current name of country

6 How would you describe your national identity?

↻ Tick all that apply.

- British Irish Northern Irish
 English Scottish Welsh
 Other, write in

7 What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?

- Roman Catholic ➔ Go to 9
 Presbyterian Church in Ireland ➔ Go to 9
 Church of Ireland ➔ Go to 9
 Methodist Church in Ireland ➔ Go to 9
 Other, write in ➔ Go to 9

None

8 What religion, religious denomination or body were you brought up in?

- Roman Catholic
 Presbyterian Church in Ireland
 Church of Ireland
 Methodist Church in Ireland
 Other, write in

None

9 Can you understand, speak, read or write Irish?

↻ Tick all that apply.

- No ability Understand Speak Read Write

How often do you speak Irish?

- Daily Weekly Less often Never

10 Can you understand, speak, read or write Ulster-Scots?

↻ Tick all that apply.

- No ability Understand Speak Read Write

How often do you speak Ulster-Scots?

- Daily Weekly Less often Never

Person 1 - continued

11 What is your main language?

- English ➔ Go to 13
 Other, write in (including British/Irish Sign Languages)

12 How well can you speak English?

- Very well Well Not well Not at all

13 Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

↻ Include problems related to old age.

- Yes, limited a lot
 Yes, limited a little
 No

14 Do you have any of the following conditions which have lasted, or are expected to last, at least 12 months?

↻ Tick all that apply.

- Deafness or partial hearing loss
 Blindness or partial sight loss
 A mobility or dexterity difficulty which requires the use of a wheelchair
 A mobility or dexterity difficulty which requires the use of walking aids (such as walking sticks, frame or the assistance of another person)
 Any other mobility or dexterity difficulty that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities (such as walking, climbing stairs, lifting or carrying)
 A learning difficulty (such as dyslexia or ADHD)
 An intellectual or learning disability (such as Down syndrome)
 Autism or Asperger syndrome
 An emotional, psychological or mental health condition (such as depression or schizophrenia)
 Long-term pain or discomfort
 Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 Frequent periods of confusion or memory loss
 A chronic illness or other condition
 No condition

15 Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either:

- long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability?
 - problems related to old age?
- ↻ Do not count anything you do as part of your paid employment.

- No
 Yes, 1 - 19 hours a week
 Yes, 20 - 34 hours a week
 Yes, 35 or more hours a week

16 Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

- Heterosexual or Straight
 Gay or Lesbian
 Bisexual
 Other, write in

Prefer not to say

17 Last week, were you:

↻ Tick all that apply.

↻ Include any paid work, including casual or temporary work, even if only for one hour.

- working as an employee?
 on a government sponsored training scheme?
 self-employed or freelance?
 working, paid or unpaid, for your own or your family's business?
 away from work ill, on maternity leave, on holiday or temporarily laid off?
 doing any other kind of paid work?
 none of the above

18 There are no more questions for Person 1.

➔ Go to questions for Person 2.

OR If there are no more people in this household aged 16 or over,

➔ Go to the evaluation questions on page 8.