



# Central Statistics Office, Ireland & Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency – Agreement on 2021 Censuses in Ireland and Northern Ireland

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1. This is a statement of agreement between the Director General of Central Statistics Office, Ireland and the Registrar General, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency about the conduct of the 2021 Censuses in Ireland and Northern Ireland.
2. The 2021 Censuses are taken by the Central Statistics Office, Ireland under the Statistics Act (1993) and by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency under the Census Act (Northern Ireland) 1969. The necessary secondary legislation, relating to the specific arrangements for the census in each jurisdiction, requires the approval of the Government of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Executive respectively. The Census in each jurisdiction is autonomous, with final decisions lying with the Director General, CSO Ireland, the Registrar General for Northern Ireland, respective Ministers and legislatures of each jurisdiction.
3. The intention of this document is to support collaboration between officials from the Central Statistics Office and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency. Officials will aim to achieve a degree of harmonisation to provide Census related statistics for those who need to use data from across both parts of the island of Ireland.
4. Officials from both offices will meet to consider and share best practice on Census methodologies. The two offices will share experiences, learn from each other and in particular work to ensure that publicity campaigns take cognisance of the Census in both jurisdictions.
5. On outputs, the two offices plan to work together on an Ireland – Northern Ireland 2021 Census report, similar to the published report on the 2011 Census. The offices may also consider the development of other statistical outputs to better support the needs of users.

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