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Section 1.1: About you

Please provide your contact details.

Your name: Anonymous 11

Are you answering this questionnaire on behalf of an organisation or as an individual?

Organisation - please specify:

Organisation:

NICS Department of Finance

Consent

No, please remove my name before publishing my response

Section 1.2: Your usage of census data

Usage of Census data

1 Have you or your organisation used data or analysis produced by NISRA from previous censuses?

Yes

2 Which topic areas would you access 2021 Census data or analysis products on?

Ethnic group, national identity, language, and religion

3 Are there any specific topics, areas or population groups you need data for?

Yes, topics (e.g. ethnic group)

If you selected 'Yes', please list the topics, areas and/or population groups in priority order:

Topic: Ethnic Group, national identity, language and religion.

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Having been referred to the published NISRA table DC2206NI, I could see that it shows a breakdown of both ethnicity and national identity. It was highlighted to me that in total 76,145 usual residents had an ethnicity as 'white' and a national identity as 'Other' (e.g. not British, Irish, Northern Irish).

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I am seeking future Census 2021 data, which clearly captures minority ethnic communities in NI. Given Census data will input into important government policies and decisions, we do not wish to under-represent already under-represented minority groups, through reporting lower than actual % of NI population per Census 2011.

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Section 2.1: Methods of dissemination

Two main methods of dissemination

- 4 Do you plan to access 2021 Census results via the 'ready-made' tables system and/or the 'build-your-own' tables system?

Ready-made tables

- 5 Does the plan to release the 2021 Census results via "flat files" of information meet your requirements?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

Preference would be for 2021 Census 'ready-made' tables (e.g. DC2206NI) to have sorted the data to establish the true minority ethnic population of NI. Otherwise I will take the Census data and build own tables to report on officially as NICS.

I am happy to work with 2021 Census colleagues, in my roles of NICS Race & Ethnicity Champion and DoF Racial Equality Champion to support understanding of the ethnic group data and the importance to minority ethnic communities in NI, wishing to be represented in NI population for purposes of usage data to drive government policies, planning and resources.

- 6 Into which analysis software do you plan to import 2021 Census results?

Excel

If you selected 'Other', please tell us which analysis software you plan to use:

N/A

Section 2.2: Release schedule

Pre-defined tables

- 7 Does the proposed list of ready-made tables for releases one, two and three meet your requirements?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

Would ideally like equality statistics sooner as will feed into Racial Equality Strategy 2015-2025 actions and outcomes, including supporting implementation of Ethnic Monitoring across the public sector, but as flagged main objective is to ensure minority ethnic communities properly captured and reported upon.

- 8 Does the proposal to publish all topics in the second and third releases simultaneously meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

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- 9 Does the list of topics that will be included in the second and third releases meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

In drilling into White Ethnic Group, will then be using Religion, National Identity, Country of Birth and Language, to further identify minority ethnic communities who are white.

- 10 Do the proposed release dates for releases one, two and three meet your requirements?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please explain why and provide your requirements:

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Flexible table builder

11 Do the proposals for the release of data in the flexible table builder meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please explain why and provide your requirements:

N/A

Final staged releases

12 Does the proposed list of multivariate, ready-made tables meet your requirements?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

Ideally if taking as example DC2206NI, to then be able to further drill into White Ethnic Group, will then be using Religion, National Identity, Country of Birth and Language, to further identify minority ethnic communities who are white.

Commissioned table service

13 Have you or your organisation used the commissioned table service from previous censuses?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us what information you have previously requested via this service:

I was not aware of this service even internally within NICS.

14 Do the proposals for the 2021 Census commissioned table service meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please explain why, and provide your requirements:

Would this service be available internally within NICS?

Grid Square

15 Have you or your organisation used grid square statistics from previous censuses?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which grid square products you have used previously:

N/A

16 Do the proposals for a 2021 Grid Square product meet your data user needs?

N/A - no user need for grid square data

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information. Please also include any extra variables you require in addition to those available in 2011:

N/A

Workplace/Place of Study

17 Have you or your organisation used any of the microdata products from previous censuses?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which microdata products you have used previously:

N/A

18 Do the proposals for 2021 Census microdata products meet your data user needs?

N/A - no user need for microdata

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Ireland and Northern Ireland microdata product

19 If available, would you use an Ireland and Northern Ireland microdata product?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do, and the value of undertaking this research. Please also indicate the sample size and which variable(s) you would like in this dataset:

N/A

Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study incorporation of Census 2021

20 Have you or your organisation used NILS data in the past?

No

21 Do the proposals for the NILS incorporation of Census 2021 data meet your needs?

N/A - no user need for NILS data

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Administrative Data Research Northern Ireland (ADR NI) - availability of 2021 data

22 Have you or your organisation used any ADR NI data in the past?

No

23 Do the proposals for the availability of 2021 data within ADR NI meet your data user needs?

N/A - no user need for ADR NI data

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Ireland and Northern Ireland census report

24 Have you or your organisation used data or analysis from the Census 2011 Ireland and Northern Ireland report?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which data from the Ireland and Northern Ireland report you have used previously:

I was not aware of this report, but can use in future.

25 Do you or your organisation have any needs for Ireland and Northern Ireland data for the 2021 and 2022 Censuses?

Yes

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us what information or key statistics you require and explain why you need this:

I was not aware of this report, but can use in future.

Section 2.3: Standard Variables

New variables in 2021

26 Do you require any additional output categories in the renewable energy systems classification?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Analysis of renewable energy systems

27 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for renewable energy systems?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Sexual orientation

28 Do you require any additional output categories in the sexual orientation classification?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Collapsed output classification

29 Does the collapsed output classification for more detailed cross-tabulations on sexual orientation meet your needs?

No

If you selected 'No', please tell us why the collapsed output classification does not meet your needs:

N/A

Analysis of Sexual Orientation

30 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for sexual orientation?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Frequency of speaking Irish and Ulster-Scots

31 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for Irish and Ulster-Scots?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

UK Armed Forces veteran

32 Does the proposed output classification for UK Armed Forces veteran meet your needs?

No

If you selected 'No', please tell us why the output classification does not meet your needs:

N/A

Analysis of UK Armed Forces veterans

33 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for UK Armed Forces veterans?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Other standard variables in 2021

34 Aside from 'current religion' and 'religion/religion brought up in', do you have any additional needs for further religion outputs?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Full-detail tables

35 Do the proposals to produce full-detail tables in the same way as in 2011 meet your needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

36 Do you have any data needs for a full-detail table on Sexual Orientation?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the analysis you would undertake and why the analysis is needed:

N/A

Section 2.4: Proposals for new derived variables

Education and employment

37 If available, which of the proposed new variables on education and employment would you have data needs for?

Route to highest level of education,

Adult Students,

Not in employment, education or training (NEETs),

Temporarily away from work,

Key/critical Worker,

Skills mismatch,

Economic risk created by the coronavirus pandemic indicator

If you indicated that you would use one or more of the new variables, please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do using the variable(s) and the value of undertaking this research:

Proportion of variables accounted for by minority ethnic communities. Much reported impacts of COVID on minority ethnic communities, so would be interesting to see the data from 2021 Census.

Health and living arrangements

38 If available, which of the proposed new variables on health and living arrangements would you have data needs for?

COVID-19 health risk,

Houses in multiple occupation (HMO),

Multigenerational households,

Living together/apart

If you indicated that you would use one or more of the new variables, please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do using the variable(s) and the value of undertaking this research:

Proportion of variables accounted for by minority ethnic communities. Much reported impacts of COVID on minority ethnic communities, so would be interesting to see the data from 2021 Census.

Accommodation type

39 If available, would you have any data needs for a “Care home resident” variable?

No

If you selected ‘Yes’, please describe the analysis you would undertake and why the analysis is needed:

N/A

Additional data needs

40 Are there any new derived variables you require that have not been discussed in this consultation?

No

Specifics on additional derived variables required:

N/A

Section 2.5: Population base specifications

Workplace population

41 Do the proposals for workplace population outputs meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Daytime population

42 Do the proposals for daytime population outputs meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Out-of-term population

43 Do the proposals for out-of-term population outputs meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Small populations

44 Do you have any requirement for census information for a small population group?

Yes

Specific requirements for census information for a small population group:

Minority ethnic communities as defined by the key characteristics. Data will be used towards Racial Equality Strategy 2015-2025 and future development of ethnic monitoring by public sector both for employment and service provision.

Section 2.6: Taking a census during a period of change

Place of residence

45 Do you anticipate needing any additional data on place of residence to supplement 2021 Census data?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

46 Are there any existing data sources that may meet your needs for place of residence data, either separately or in combination?

No

If you selected 'Yes, fully' or 'Yes, partially', please list the data sources and describe how they could meet your needs:

N/A

47 Is there any new analysis of place of residence you are planning to use census data for due to the current period of social and economic change?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the planned analysis and how it would be used:

N/A

Economic activity and employment

48 Do you anticipate needing any additional data on economic activity and employment to supplement 2021 Census data?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

49 Are there any existing data sources that may meet your needs for economic activity and employment data, either separately or in combination?

No

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N/A

50 Is there any new analysis of economic activity and employment you are planning to use census data for due to the current period of social and economic change?

No

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N/A

Travel to work/school

51 Do you anticipate needing any additional data on travel to work/school to supplement 2021 Census data?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

52 Are there any existing data sources that may meet your needs for travel-to-work/school data, either separately or in combination?

No

If you selected 'Yes, fully' or 'Yes, partially', please list the data sources and describe how they could meet your needs:

N/A

53 Is there any new analysis of travel to work you are planning to use census data for due to the current period of social and economic change?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the planned analysis and how it would be used:

N/A

Workplace zones

54 Do you require data published using the workplace zone geography?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

Impacts on other outputs

55 Do you anticipate needing any additional data to supplement 2021 Census data?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

I believe we will have the data from 2021 Census, but more about the approach in presenting the current data in respect of minority ethnic communities compared to 2011 Census.

Section 2.7: Paradata

Paradata refer to information about how we collected the census.

56 If available, which of the proposed paradata for the 2021 Census would you use?

Household return rate, Individual response rate, Mode of completion (online, paper, telephone), Language of completion (English, Irish, Ulster-Scots)

If you indicated that you would use one or more of the paradata, please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do using the variable(s) and the value of undertaking this research:

Drill down for minority ethnic communities, following feedback about engagement with under-represented communities. Also be able to see how the measures put in place by 2021 Census tackled the risk of less completion of Census.

Section 2.8: Statistical Output Geography

Revision of statistical output geography

57 Other than the current local government districts, do you have any requirements for census statistical outputs aligned with any other geographies?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which additional geographies you need census statistical outputs to align with. Please also explain why you need this, including the analysis that you plan to do and the value of undertaking this research:

N/A

Section 3: Any other comments

58 Do you have any data or analysis needs related to any of the areas listed below that will not be met and you have not been able to note elsewhere in this consultation?

Not Answered

If you selected "Other", please provide more information about the topic area for which you have unmet data needs:

N/A

59 Describe your unmet data needs

Please provide your requirements and explain why you require this. For example, what policy or planning decisions would the results effect? Please make it clear what variables and geographies you would need in relation to each of your additional unmet needs:

None provided

60 If you have any further comments on the content of this consultation, please provide these below.

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