

Third position on census content (P3) – March 2016

The tables below show the Census content team's position on content as at March 2016. A Majority of the variables are expected to remain the same as in 2013. However some content will change. This likely to include some new variables, as well as improvements to existing variables.

It should be noted that these are subject to change. Final content decisions will not be made till after Census Test 2 in 2017.

Content to remain the same

The table below shows content that we expect no change to for the 2018 Census. The questions are expected to be the same as in 2013.

Topic	Variables to remain the same
Population structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age • Name • Number of occupants on census night • Absentees • Number of children born alive • Legally registered relationship status • Partnership status in current relationship
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address on census night • Address of dwelling • Usual residence • Usual residence five years ago • Years at usual residence
Second address /residence	
Ethnicity, culture, and identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnicity • Māori descent • Birthplace • Language spoken • Years since arrival in New Zealand • Religious affiliation • Iwi affiliation
Education and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest secondary school qualification • Highest qualification • Study participation
Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours worked per week • Industry • Work and labour force status • Occupation • Sector of ownership • Status in employment • Workplace address
Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total personal income • Sources of personal income

Families and households	The existing range of derived family and household information, eg: -Family type -Household composition -Extended families -Child dependency status -Dependent young person indicator -Grandparents in a parental role
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwelling counts (occupied, unoccupied, under construction) • Number of bedrooms • Number of rooms • Weekly rent paid by households
Transport	
Telecommunications	
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cigarette smoking behaviour

Recommended new content / more evidence required

The table below shows potential new content for the 2018 Census. However, for a number of variables, more information is required before recommending for inclusion. Questions are currently being tested, and a further decision on their inclusion will be made after the volume test in June 2016.

Topic	Recommended new content	More information required to recommend inclusion
Population structure		
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usual residence one year ago 	
Second address /residence		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second address/residence
Ethnicity, culture, and identity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual orientation • Gender identity
Education and training		
Work		
Health		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability

Families and households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepfamilies
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of unoccupied dwellings (empty, residents away) • Housing quality
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main means of travel to education • Educational institution address

Quality improvements

These variables may change from 2013. This may be due to real world change, to collect more information, improve data quality, or make it easier for respondents. Most changes are expected to be minor, but some variables may see major changes.

Topic	Recommended improvements to existing variables
Population structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex (third response option)* <p><small>* more evidence still required before recommending change</small></p>
Location	
Second address /residence	
Ethnicity, culture, and identity	
Education and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-school qualification
Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering
Income	
Families and households	
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupied dwelling type • Tenure of household • Tenure holder • Sector of landlord • Type of heating used (previously fuel types)
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main means of travel to work • Number of motor vehicles
Telecommunications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to telecommunication systems
Health	

Content not included

A number of topics were put forward by internal and external customers to be included in the 2018 Census. However, the following were not deemed suitable for inclusion.

Topic	Variables not recommended for inclusion
Population structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paternity
Location	
Second address /residence	
Ethnicity, culture, and identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generational attachment• Citizenship• Birthplace region
Education and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry training
Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veteran population• Unpaid activities
Income	
Families and households	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of pets or horses
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mortgage payment amount• Private dwellings in retirement villages• Ownership of other dwellings
Transport	
Telecommunications	
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wellbeing indicator