An Phríomh-Oifig Staidrimh
Central Statistics Office

Information about the Irish Disability Survey







This is Easy to Read information.

Important words in this information



Statistics

A way of gathering information, studying it, and deciding what it means.



Census

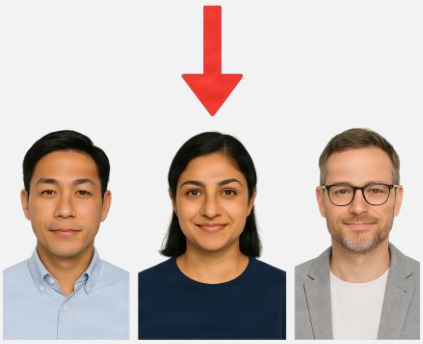
A count of everyone living in Ireland on one night.

The Census happens every 5 years.



Survey

A way of gathering information and opinions from people by asking them questions.



Randomly selected

Choosing people for a study by chance, giving everyone an equal chance of being picked.

	**Data** Information that you collect during research, for example, numbers, words, facts.
	**Represent** Speaking or standing up for a person or group.
	**Confidentiality** Keeping information private and safe, so it is only shared with people that are allowed to see it.
	**Transparency notice** A document that says how an organisation collects, uses, and protects your personal data.

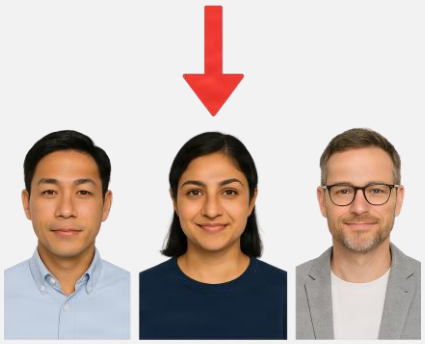
About the Central Statistics Office

An Phríomh-Oifig Staidrimh Central Statistics Office	The **Central Statistics Office** is known as the **CSO** for short.
	The CSO is the official collector and provider of **statistics** about Ireland.
2027 daonáireamh census	The CSO carries out the **Census** in Ireland. The next Census will be in 2027.
	The CSO also carries out **surveys** of households and individuals.

	Every week, CSO interviewers carry out surveys in over 3,000 households.
	They do this all through the year.
	They talk to people and gather information from households across the country.
	These surveys give us a very good picture of the social situation of the people of Ireland.

About the Irish Disability Survey

	You may have had a letter from the CSO.
	We would like to invite you to take part in the **Irish Disability Survey**.
IDS	This is known as the IDS for short.
	You can choose to take part or not.

	This survey collects information about the life and experiences of disabled and non-disabled people.
	It will collect information about how people use education, transport, employment and health services.
	You have been **randomly selected** to take part in the IDS. Your views are important to us.
	We cannot survey everyone in Ireland. You **represent** similar people who have not been selected.

Why is your participation important?

	Taking part in the IDS is very important because we get all our facts straight from you.
	When we quote numbers, you know they are right, because you told us.
	The information we get from you will give us a clear picture of the lives of disabled people.
	It will show us the situation at national and regional levels.

	It is important that both disabled and non-disabled people take part to make sure the **data** is right.
	The statistics we produce will be used by individuals, organisations and government to make decisions.
	They will help to create policies that give public services where and when they are needed most.
	We need as many people as possible to take part. Please take part if you are asked because your voice matters.

What types of questions are on the IDS?



The IDS survey has questions on different topics.

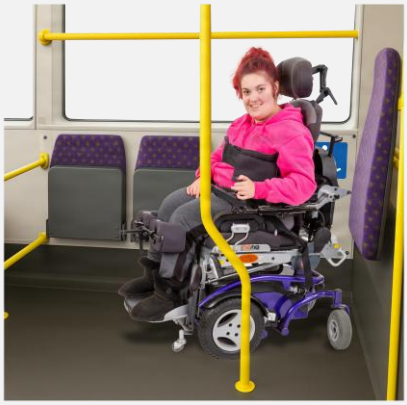
These include:



- Difficulties doing things such as walking, seeing, or learning



- Use or need of health services



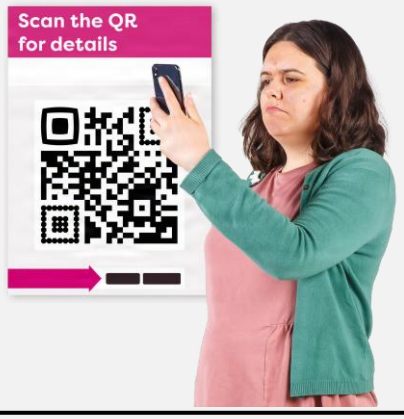
- Use of public transport services

	• Things that stop you from taking part in social activities
	• Things that stop you from taking part in employment or education.

Is my personal information private?

	Yes. There are laws about **confidentiality** and data protection.
	We will never share your personal details with anyone, including any government department or office.
	If you take part in one of our surveys, everything you tell us is important but confidential.
	A **Transparency Notice** is available at: https://link.cso.ie/trust

How can I take part?

	You can take part online or with a CSO interviewer. If you want to take part in the online survey, you can:
	Scan the QR code in the letter using a mobile device, or copy or type the link into a browser: https://socialsurveys.cso.ie/weblogin/
	Enter your **access key**. This is on your invitation letter.
	Please do the survey within 2 weeks of getting the invitation letter.

Can someone help me?

	We would prefer to hear from you, because your voice matters.
	However, if needed, a family member or friend can help you to answer the IDS.
	If you want, an interviewer from the CSO might be able to call to your home to do the survey with you.
	If you would like to take part, you can call us Monday to Friday between 9 and 5. Call 021 453 5110

	You can also email CSOTakePart@cso.ie
	A parent or guardian will be asked to do the survey for children under 15 years old.

How to find more information

	You can find out more about the Irish Disability Survey on the CSO website.
	https://link.cso.ie/ids
	You can find information about the IDS in different formats.
	For example, Large Print, Audio.

	You can contact the Irish Disability Survey team for more information about the survey:
	• by phone on 021 453 5110 Monday to Friday from 9 to 5
	• by email at: CSOTakePart@cso.ie