



Frequently asked questions

When is the Ringing Census?

Census Week is **16–22 November 2026**.

Who can take part?

All bellringers are invited to take part, whatever their age or experience, and wherever they live. This includes regular and occasional ringers, as well as people who are just starting out.

Is the Census only for 500 towers?

No. The tower sample is part of the Enumerator follow-up process. It does not limit who can complete the individual questionnaire: **the Census is for every bellringer**.

Is taking part compulsory?

No. Participation is voluntary. Every response helps make the overall picture more complete and representative.

What will I be asked to do?

You'll be asked to complete an online questionnaire about your ringing activity after Census Week. Follow the instructions in the questionnaire if you ring at more than one tower.

How long will it take?

The questionnaire should take 5-10 minutes for the individual census and 10-15 minutes for the tower census.

Does every tower need to complete a return?

We would very much like every tower to complete a tower census. We are asking all ringers to complete the individual census, and every tower to complete the tower census. Enumerators will help a target list of 500 towers to support a statistically significant return, or you can reach out to the Census team for advice.



How will my information be used?

We are not collecting personal data, and all responses will be handled securely. Results will be published in aggregated form. For further information read the Data Protection Statement on the CCCBR Census page.

What if I need help or can't complete the questionnaire online?

Ask your Tower Captain or nominated tower contact, or get in touch with the Census team through the [CCCBR Census page](https://cccbr.org.uk/census/). They can direct you to the latest guidance.