



Falkland Islands Government

Privacy Notice – Census 2026

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Why we collect your personal information?

The Falkland Island Government is required under the Statistics Ordinance 2010 to carry out a census of the population of the Falkland Islands every five years. The data collected as part of the Census provides the main evidence base for policy work across Government and gives us an understanding of how the population of the Falkland Islands is evolving.

What type of information do we have?

Personal data is defined as any information which identifies a living individual. We currently collect and process personal data in many different ways depending on how you interact with the government. Some personal information may be classed as sensitive due to the nature of the data and will be protected accordingly.

To enable us to comply with our legal obligations, we collect the following information from you, and your household:

- Name
- Address
- Contact Details (including email address and phone numbers)
- Date of birth
- Gender
- National Identity and nationality
- Religious or philosophical beliefs
- Sexual orientation
- Quality of health information including indicators of health and mental health
- Socio-economic information (this includes financial information)

How we get the information?

The personal information we process is provided to us directly by you, as the data subject, by completing the Census either through the online Census portal or completing a paper copy of the Census. It is a formal legal instruction to complete the Census and failure to comply with a direction is an offence under the Statistics Ordinance 2010, Section 27 and Section 28.



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What happens to the information we have?

We use the information that you have given us in order to fulfil our function as a public authority and carry out the below functions under our legal obligations. We process your information to:

- Provide a population figure for the Falkland Islands
- Analyse the socio-economic make-up of the population
- Analyse economic pressures and patterns in the population
- Determine socio-economic patterns across certain sectors
- Produce a broad range of statistics on the population.

We may share your personal data between our services. We will do so when it is of benefit to you. The partner organisations we may share your information with include:

- Government Departments, including Tax and Pensions Department

We may integrate anonymised and de-identified Census data within other or existing FIG datasets to create richer insights for research and provide statistical evidence for policy development.

As part of our legal obligations, we are required to produce publicly available reports and tables on the Census results. **All data reproduced in public reports will be anonymised so that not one individual, and their personal data, can be identified.** Summaries and results of the anonymised data will be made public, including through an interactive online dashboard and PDF reports.

All Government Officers who have access to information or data collected, or are processing the data, are required under specific protection provisions within the Statistics Ordinance 2010 to undertake the Statistics Oath of secrecy, in addition to the standard FIG Oath of secrecy.

We may use third party service providers to support the Census delivery for a limited period. Where a third party has access to Census information, they will only process that information for the purposes of providing the agreed service on behalf of FIG. Under contractual agreement with FIG, all third parties are bound by the confidentiality and secrecy requirements of the Statistics Ordinance 2010 and must comply with the same statutory protections applying to Census information. At the end of the service agreement, all Census information is securely and permanently deleted.

How do you get access your personal data?

It is not possible to change information on a submitted Census form whether completed electronically or hard copy. Upon filling out the online Census, you will have an option to print out your response and keep a copy of the information you have submitted.

Individuals have the right, in accordance with the [FIG Data Protection Policy](#) (2020) and FIG [Access to Information Code of Practice](#) (2016), to access their personal data held by FIG.



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How do we store your information?

Any personal data relating to an individual – in paper or electronic format – is securely stored within Government Directorates. Each Directorate has measures in place to ensure this data is only accessed by authorised persons, who have appropriate reasons for viewing or processing your information.

Personal information is retained for legal or administrative purposes for a set period of time, in line with approved Government record retention schedules. Each Department has its assigned and approved schedule. At the end of the retention period information is disposed of securely either through confidential destruction or irretrievable deletion.

Individual Census returns remain in the custody of the Jane Cameron National Archives will be closed to the public for 100 years after the date they were conducted.

Complaints

If you are dissatisfied with a response received please let us know so that we can address any concerns. Alternatively, you can also submit a complaint, so that the decision can be reviewed internally, via the website: www.falklands.gov.fk/feedback

Further Information

You can access the FIG Data Protection Policy at: [FIG Data Protection Policy.pdf \(falklands.gov.fk\)](http://www.falklands.gov.fk/FIG-Data-Protection-Policy.pdf)

For further information about the data used or collected for this the Census, please email: census2026@sec.gov.fk

To access previous Census Reports please visit the Policy, Economy & Corporate Services page at: <https://www.falklands.gov.fk/policy/downloads/category/13-falkland-islands-census-reports>