

# Census 2021 in the Cloud

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will use cloud technologies to collect and store the information it collects for the 2021 Census. The ABS has engaged leading cloud technology provider, Amazon Web Services (AWS), to assist the Australian Government this year.

2021 Census Information will be stored and processed on technology infrastructure located in Australia. AWS's services and security features meet the government's stringent cyber security requirements.

The confidentiality and security of information will be ensured through multiple levels of technical protections, including always having the data encrypted when it moves from citizens to the ABS, and when the ABS data is stored in AWS's Australian cloud infrastructure.

Encrypted data prevents access by any third party.

Australian laws provide special protection for Census Information. The data can't be made available by order of a court or tribunal, and must not be made available to an agency or any person, except as part of the process of the ABS producing statistics.

Australia's laws protect the 2021 Census Information. Census Information stored with AWS will be secure, protected, and not accessible by law enforcement authorities in Australia, or any country.