



Living in the Regions 2016

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Living in the Regions survey about?

The Living in the Regions 2016 survey is Australia's largest survey of regional residents. The survey invites respondents to rate their quality of life, share their recent education and employment experiences, identify why they enjoy living in regional Western Australia, and indicate the reasons if they plan to move.

2. Why is the survey conducted?

This information provides a rich picture of the experiences, perspectives and attitudes of regional residents, and forms a valuable input to policy development for regional communities.

Conducted by the Department of Regional Development in partnership with Ernst & Young, the survey is a safe and convenient way for regional residents to contribute thoughts about their region.

3. Who can complete the survey and is it compulsory?

Regional residents aged 18 and over are eligible to participate in the voluntary survey.

4. Are paper surveys available?

Yes. 50,000 copies will be distributed at random to residents across regional WA. We encourage residents to complete the survey online by visiting www.drd.wa.gov.au/Regions2016. However, if you wish to complete a paper survey instead, please contact [Sarah San](#).

5. Do I have to answer every question?

We encourage you to answer all questions, because the more data we have, the more accurate our results will be.

6. How important are my answers and my role in completing the survey?

The Department hopes to collate sufficient responses to present a representative picture of regional communities across the state. Your response is a vital contribution to this picture.

7. Can I save my answers and finish later?

Responses to the online survey are not saved, so you must complete the survey in one session.

8. Are survey results confidential?

Yes. Individual responses will be kept confidential and the data you enter will not be traceable to you. The Department of Regional Development will summarise

the data at the local government area level.

9. When will the results be available and how will they be used?

Results are expected to be available mid-2017. It is anticipated government agencies, private organisations and community groups will use the survey findings to support decision-making and policy development across regional WA.

10. Has this survey been conducted before?

The survey was last conducted in 2013 and prior to that, in 1997. View [results](#) from the Living in the Regions 2013 survey.

11. Who is funding this survey?

The survey has been made possible by the State Government's [Royalties for Regions](#) program.

12. Who do I contact if I have a question or am facing issues?

Should you have any questions regarding this survey or require assistance, please contact [Denis O'Donovan](#), Principal Research Officer at the Department of Regional Development or [Sarah San](#) from Ernst & Young.