

"Launch of data collection for the 2017 census"

From **19 January 2017**, **more than 8,000** municipalities will be taking part in the population census. The press conference held this morning highlighted the usefulness of the census and the importance of responding online. Two studies arising out of the census were also presented: *Insee Première* No. 1629: **Who commutes by bike?** and *Insee Première* No. 1630: **Demographic profile 2016**



IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH 10,000 INHABITANTS AND OVER:

- FROM 19 JANUARY TO 25 FEBRUARY in Metropolitan France, the Antilles and French Guyana
- FROM 2 FEBRUARY TO 11 MARCH in La Réunion

IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH UNDER 10,000 INHABITANTS:

- FROM 19 JANUARY TO 18 FEBRUARY in Metropolitan France, the Antilles and French Guyana
- FROM 2 FEBRUARY TO 4 MARCH in La Réunion



✓ The census on the internet is more practical...

The census is INSEE's largest survey and it enables it to describe the entire population living in France. This national survey, the source for much of INSEE's work, is useful for everyone: public bodies, journalists, municipalities (regulations), etc.

Today completing the survey questionnaire is becoming simpler and easier than ever before, thanks to the internet. In 2016, **4.1 million people responded online**.

In municipalities with fewer than 10,000 inhabitants, 36% of people responded online and in those with more than 10,000 inhabitants 38% did so.

Go to the census website

www.le-recensement-et-moi.fr

✓ to complete the census questionnaire online

And also:

- ✓ to find out which municipalities are concerned this year
- ✓ to find out all about the census



Our experts say....

"The internet is the best way to save time, as well as providing a quality census and being environmentally friendly."

"We note that online respondents are from all the age groups, from 20 to 95 years of age."

Caroline Escapa, Head of the Demography Department



✓ Demographic profile: 2016 in figures...

+ **265,000** people compared to 2015, which represents an **increase** in the population of **0.4%**.

785,000 births, **14,000 fewer** than in 2015.

1.93 children per woman compared to 2.00 in 2014.

- **7,000** deaths compared to 2015.

An **increase in life expectancy**: **85.4** years for women and **79.3** years for men.

235,000 marriages celebrated, of which **7,000** were same sex marriages.

IN THE EUROPEAN RANKING



On 1 January 2016 France still had the **second largest population in Europe** (66.7 million inhabitants) behind **Germany** (82.2 million inhabitants) and ahead of the **United Kingdom** (65.4 million). France and Ireland **have remained the two countries with the highest fertility rates since 1999**, with 1.96 and 1.94 children per woman respectively in 2015.



Our experts say....

"In France, half a million people in employment cycle to work."

"The use of bikes to commute to work varies little according to age, unlike other modes of transport."

Frédéric Tallet, Head of the Census Methods and Processing Division



Our experts say....

"In spite of a fall in 2016, fertility in France remains the highest in Europe."

"In 2016, life expectancy at birth started to rise again, for both women and men."

Marie Reynaud, Head of the Demographic and Social Studies Unit



✓ Who commutes by bike?

A **brand new** study on the use of the bicycle for the commute to work.

In France, 2% of people in employment use a bicycle to go to work. This mode of transport is used far less than the car (the predominant mode by far), public transport or walking, but it is on a par with motorised two-wheelers.

Distance is what largely modulates the use of different modes of transport. It is a fact that cycling is more frequent when the place of work is **less than 4 kilometres** from the commuter's home.

The use of bikes generally **increases with the size of the municipality**. For instance, in Strasbourg, Grenoble or Bordeaux, the scale of the **network of cycle lanes** encourages many people to cycle.

Cycling to work

16 regional publications have been produced to coincide with the launch of data collection for the 2017 census:

<https://www.insee.fr/fr/information/2555376>

