

INSEE announced in a press release on March 16 how the institute intends to carry out its missions in the coming weeks. This press release is an update, which details the work currently being undertaken and sets out its forthcoming publications.

Since Monday, March 16, INSEE agents have been complying with government confinement orders. INSEE has managed to reorganize its work to ensure the continuity of its missions, thanks to teleworking for those agents able to do so. This has required the Institute to redefine its priorities and make adjustments to certain of its operations, in order to take into account the unfolding health situation. For the surveys that have been maintained, **INSEE needs the participation of the households and businesses it solicits more than ever before.**

In terms of registers

INSEE is continuing to ensure the maintenance of the **National Register for the Identification of Natural Persons (RNIPP)**, which is an instrument for verifying and certifying civil status in particular for the administration and social security organizations. The same is true for the **Register of companies and establishments (Sirene)**, which is necessary for the organization of economic life.

In terms of surveys

Household surveys are now being carried out exclusively by telephone or online wherever this is possible. This is particularly the case for the Labour Force survey and for the survey on Income and Living conditions. This switch in practice, however, has led to the suspension of certain operations (such as the survey on Trajectories and Origins). Likewise, data for the Information and Communication Technologies survey will not be collected in 2020.

Business surveys that could already be answered online have been maintained. However, reminder notices will not be systematically sent, nor of course will any litigation be entered into in the case of non-response. Certain large companies whose responses are essential for monitoring activity may nevertheless be contacted.

The collection of **price data in stores that are still open, used for calculating the Consumer Price Index (CPI), has been suspended.** Nevertheless, thanks to centralized surveys, collection carried out on the internet, along with the collection of scanner data regarding certain consumption segments, INSEE will remain in a position to publish this index every month at the national level. Exceptionally, this will not be the case for the monthly price index in Mayotte from the March index onwards.

In terms of statistical production

INSEE **aims to ensure the continuity of its production of national accounts.** The notification of the general government deficit and debt for the year 2019 required by European regulations, took place today, one day in advance. The provisional results of the annual accounts for 2019 should, for their part, be published in accordance with the planned timetable. It is nevertheless possible that the publication of quarterly accounts in the first and second quarters of 2020 may not follow the usual timetable, notably the first estimate that is normally expected 30 days after the end of each quarter.

INSEE will continue to publish in a manner conforming to, or close to, that which is scheduled, all the main cyclical indicators: **monthly industrial production indices, monthly sector turnover indices, business climate indicators, quarterly employment estimates, and monthly consumer indices**. Developments in the economic situation combined with difficulties in collecting information could, however, result in the quality of certain indicators being degraded or even devoid of any meaning. This will be systematically documented.

Furthermore, starting this Friday, INSEE will publish every week **statistics relating to deaths per day** on the basis of the civil status data sent by local municipalities.

INSEE is in contact with mobile telephone operators with a view to measuring **the evolution of the population distribution in the territory**. This work will be published as soon as possible.

In terms of economic analysis

INSEE will broadcast tomorrow, Thursday March 26 at 7:30 am, along with the business tendency surveys for March, its **first analysis of the evolution of the economic situation**. The objective is to update this analysis every two weeks.

The press office remains at the disposal of journalists seeking further information or requesting clarification (by email) regarding INSEE statistics and studies.

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INSEE will update this press release as appropriate, especially if the conditions for collecting information should deteriorate or if the institute were to encounter difficulties in ensuring the desired continuity of service.