



INFORMATION NOTICE

The Census is useful, secure and simple

This year, the census is being conducted in your area. **Everyone must take part in the census, whatever their nationality or situation if they are living or plan to live at least 12 months in France** or if they don't have an usual residence in another country.

This document will provide you with all the information you need on how to go about it. If you require further information, the census officer and your local town hall are there to answer any questions. You may also consult the following websites: www.le-recensement-et-moi.fr.

Thank you for taking part.

The census takes place:

In municipalities with populations of less than 10,000 people:

- until Saturday, February 15th in Metropolitan France, the Antilles and French Guiana,
- until Saturday, March 1st in Reunion Island and in Mayotte.

In municipalities with populations of 10,000 or more:

- until Saturday, February 22th in Metropolitan France, the Antilles and French Guiana,
- until Saturday, March 8th in Reunion Island and in Mayotte.

What is the point of the census?

The census is used to determine the official population of each municipality. These figures are then used to define the State's contribution to the budget of your municipality: the larger its population is, the larger that contribution will be. The official population also determines the number of pharmacies or the number of seats on the municipal council, etc. In addition, detailed population information (age, housing conditions, family composition...) can serve for decisions on the provision of facilities (to open a day-care centre, build housing or develop transport) and to provide the right response to the population's needs. Taking part in the census is a civic act and one that is useful for all of us.

So how do I go about it?

1. A census officer recruited by your local municipality will come to your home and ask you to take part in the census, either online or on paper. The officers will have an official card so that you can identify them.

2. The simplest solution : opt for the online census !

Go to the website www.le-recensement-et-moi.fr and click on “*Ici, je réponds au questionnaire*” (Here, I answer the questionnaire).

To log in to the site, use the access code and password on the first page of the notice given to you by the census officer, then let yourself be led.

3. Otherwise, you can answer on the paper documents.

The census officer will give you:

- One sheet about your home
- As many individual sheets as there are people living in your home, whatever their age.

You will complete the questionnaires.

The census officer is there to help you if you wish, and to answer any questions you might have.

The census officer will come to collect them.

A few days later, at a time agreed during the initial visit, the officer will come back to your home. You could also send the questionnaires directly to your town hall or to the INSEE Regional Directorate.

The online questionnaire and paper documents are translated into foreign languages. There is an English version for to guide you when you fill out the questionnaires in French (available on www.le-recensement-et-moi.fr).

If you would like to see the results of the census survey, they can be consulted free of charge on the INSEE website: www.insee.fr

The census is secure

The Census is supervised by the French Data Protection Authority (CNIL). Only INSEE has access to the questionnaires. **They may not be checked by the administration or tax authorities.** Your name and address are required in order to make sure that you are not counted more than once. When the questionnaires are processed, your name and address are not recorded and are not kept in our databases. **Finally, all persons who have access to the questionnaires (including the census officer) are bound by professional confidentiality rules.**

The census is free, don't answer if websites ask you money.

For further information...

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