**Introduction**

In France, the estimations of the population, realised every year, are based on the **Population and housing census**, but also on the **statistics of the civil registration offices**. An estimation of the **migratory population** is also taken into consideration. (Source: [The French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies- INSEE](http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/detail.asp?reg_id=99&ref_id=estim-pop%C2)). We made therefore available the most recent **public** statistical data: for example, for categories like age and gender, we provided the 2012 data, and in the case of the degree of urbanization, we provided the 2008 data.

Still, there are data that we could not provide: highest obtained education by region, gender x age x education for the whole country.

**Age x gender**

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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Age** | | | | | | |  | | **Gender** | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75 and older | **Together** | | **Men** | 3 840 480 | 3 879 397 | 4 172 773 | 4 260 025 | 3 888 308 | 2 693 160 | 2 219 517 | **24 953 660** | | **Women** | 3 717 656 | 3 980 580 | 4 217 591 | 4 399 017 | 4 175 488 | 3 043 505 | 3 655 795 | **27 189 632** | | **Together** | 7 558 136 | 7 859 977 | 8 390 364 | 8 659 042 | 8 063 796 | 5 736 665 | 5 875 312 | 52 143 292 |   *Field: France, French overseas territories excepted*  *Source:* [*Insee, Population estimates programme, 2014 interim figures*](http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/detail.asp?reg_id=99&ref_id=estim-pop%C2) |

**Age x gender by region**

**Men**

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| **Regions** | **Age** | | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75 and older | **Together** |
| **Alsace** | 114 785 | 115 052 | 124 252 | 134 618 | 119 465 | 75 333 | 57 960 | 741 465 |
| **Aquitaine** | 186 369 | 185 358 | 214 144 | 224 951 | 213 958 | 157 236 | 136 875 | 1 318 891 |
| **Auvergne** | 75 368 | 72 645 | 85 168 | 93 939 | 94 068 | 67 722 | 57 905 | 546 815 |
| **Basse-Normandie** | 84 917 | 80 459 | 89 057 | 99 475 | 100 910 | 67 783 | 60 021 | 582 622 |
| **Bourgogne** | 90 523 | 88 570 | 99 430 | 110 494 | 112 995 | 81 086 | 69 515 | 652 613 |
| **Bretagne** | **192 254** | 183 678 | 212 170 | 219 636 | 209 950 | 146 393 | 124 527 | 1 288 608 |
| **Centre** | 144 433 | 140 985 | 162 602 | 171 376 | 168 430 | 119 023 | 105 144 | 1 011 993 |
| **Champagne-Ardenne** | 82 465 | 79 777 | 83 065 | 90 446 | 86 733 | 58 149 | 46 687 | 527 322 |
| **Corse** | 17 748 | 19 069 | 21 250 | 22 662 | 21 184 | 16 801 | 13 503 | 132 217 |
| **Franche-Comté** | 69 866 | 71 054 | 76 396 | 80 141 | 73 878 | 52 953 | 42 746 | 467 034 |
| **Haute-Normandie** | 113 075 | 111 432 | 117 112 | 122 332 | 116 281 | 74 459 | 58 922 | 713 613 |
| **Île-de-France** | 764 939 | 855 351 | 855 729 | 784 546 | 628 292 | 397 292 | 295 355 | 4 581 504 |
| **Languedoc-Roussillon** | 159 938 | 149 430 | 168 682 | 178 931 | 172 391 | 137 675 | 113 266 | 1 080 313 |
| **Limousin** | 39 088 | 36 572 | 44 290 | 49 266 | 52 330 | 38 380 | 36 514 | 296 440 |
| **Lorraine** | 144 073 | 145 609 | 150 219 | 163 517 | 154 151 | 97 716 | 80 644 | 935 929 |
| **Midi-Pyrénées** | 176 177 | 174 744 | 190 550 | 201 474 | 186 696 | 134 291 | 124 077 | 1 188 009 |
| **Nord-Pas-de-Calais** | 265 224 | 261 165 | 262 977 | 262 658 | 238 097 | 143 164 | 108 937 | 1 542 222 |
| **Pays de la Loire** | 219 923 | 215 244 | 241 810 | 241 817 | 225 983 | 153 849 | 134 124 | 1 432 750 |
| **Picardie** | 116 178 | 116 714 | 126 787 | 132 312 | 120 976 | 75 971 | 58 317 | 747 255 |
| **Poitou-Charentes** | 97 486 | 93 986 | 109 266 | 119 620 | 122 641 | 90 233 | 82 091 | 715 323 |
| **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur** | 284 901 | 279 564 | 305 017 | 326 371 | 300 452 | 242 123 | 201 979 | 1 940 407 |
| **Rhône-Alpes** | 400 750 | 402 939 | 432 800 | 429 443 | 368 447 | 265 528 | 210 408 | 2 510 315 |
| **France métropolitaine** | 3 840 480 | 3 879 397 | 4 172 773 | 4 260 025 | 3 888 308 | 2 693 160 | 2 219 517 | **24 953 660** |

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*Source: Insee, Population estimates programme, 2014 interim figures*

**Women**

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| **Regions** | **Age** | | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-65 | 65-74 | 75 and older | **Together** |
| **Alsace** | 112 934 | 119 437 | 124 591 | 134 818 | 123 272 | 81 262 | 97 321 | 793 635 |
| **Aquitaine** | 183 167 | 190 119 | 218 853 | 234 476 | 232 734 | 177 927 | 219 971 | 1 457 247 |
| **Auvergne** | 71 576 | 71 697 | 84 023 | 93 775 | 97 869 | 74 907 | 97 522 | 591 369 |
| **Basse-Normandie** | 80 813 | 80 942 | 89 410 | 100 818 | 104 702 | 76 836 | 100 743 | 634 264 |
| **Bourgogne** | 84 393 | 89 001 | 99 482 | 112 186 | 118 656 | 89 332 | 115 679 | 708 729 |
| **Bretagne** | 180 237 | 180 326 | 207 116 | 219 661 | 221 238 | 168 657 | 214 198 | 1 391 433 |
| **Centre** | 137 164 | 145 503 | 163 346 | 175 753 | 177 358 | 131 876 | 165 486 | 1 096 486 |
| **Champagne-Ardenne** | 76 000 | 78 436 | 83 595 | 92 181 | 92 715 | 64 669 | 80 239 | 567 835 |
| **Corse** | 16 404 | 19 579 | 22 120 | 23 211 | 21 469 | 18 041 | 20 076 | 140 900 |
| **Franche-Comté** | 65 411 | 69 324 | 75 353 | 79 594 | 77 850 | 57 265 | 68 519 | 493 316 |
| **Haute-Normandie** | 109 370 | 114 591 | 119 343 | 127 365 | 125 493 | 86 135 | 101 237 | 783 534 |
| **Île-de-France** | 775 564 | 918 967 | 871 005 | 827 494 | 690 390 | 453 492 | 500 575 | 5 037 487 |
| **Languedoc-Roussillon** | 156 618 | 156 678 | 176 513 | 192 546 | 188 677 | 154 882 | 175 559 | 1 201 473 |
| **Limousin** | 36 473 | 36 842 | 44 579 | 50 429 | 54 714 | 42 672 | 59 607 | 325 316 |
| **Lorraine** | 134 424 | 142 792 | 148 878 | 166 779 | 162 377 | 110 510 | 135 849 | 1 001 609 |
| **Midi-Pyrénées** | 166 725 | 172 563 | 191 626 | 206 003 | 196 790 | 149 862 | 191 468 | 1 275 037 |
| **Nord-Pas-de-Calais** | 256 290 | 264 801 | 265 036 | 269 053 | 261 366 | 172 212 | 207 662 | 1 696 420 |
| **Pays de la Loire** | 209 253 | 214 692 | 239 573 | 246 304 | 239 541 | 174 156 | 217 997 | 1 541 516 |
| **Picardie** | 111 325 | 118 454 | 127 794 | 132 990 | 127 073 | 83 848 | 99 302 | 800 786 |
| **Poitou-Charentes** | 92 479 | 95 035 | 110 615 | 123 082 | 132 003 | 100 399 | 125 838 | 779 451 |
| **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur** | 274 471 | 288 407 | 322 151 | 352 240 | 333 910 | 278 704 | 320 772 | 2 170 655 |
| **Rhône-Alpes** | 386 565 | 412 394 | 432 589 | 438 259 | 395 291 | 295 861 | 340 175 | 2 701 134 |
| **France métropolitaine** | 3 717 656 | 3 980 580 | 4 217 591 | 4 399 017 | 4 175 488 | 3 043 505 | 3 655 795 | **27 189 632** |

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*Source: Insee, Population estimates programme, 2014 interim figures*

**Degree of urbanization**

Legend:

*61 million people, i.e. 95% of the population, live under urban influence in France. Most of these people live in intensive exchange areas between their home and their workplace. The areas are composed of a pole, a town concentrating at least 1500 jobs and, most often, of a metropolitan area. They structure the French territory and include half of the communes: 85% of the populations lives here. 60% of the population lives inside the poles of the large urban areas, i.e. 37.8 million inhabitants. These poles are the heart of the urban zones, having a density of 800 inhabitants per km2, eight times higher than the national average.*

*Outside these areas, 11 000 communes are multi-polarized, under the influence of several areas, without any prevalence: 10 % of the population lives here. Three quarters of the rural communes are under the influence of the urban areas (one inhabitant of five lives here), sign of the numerous interactions between towns and villages.*

*5% of the population lives outside the influence of urban areas, i.e. 7400 rural communes or small towns.*

*Source:* [*Chantal Brutel, division Regional, local and urban statistics, pole Territorial analysis, Insee*](http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/document.asp?ref_id=ip1374)

**Population in urban areas**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Number of communes** | **Number of inhabitants** |
| **Space of large urban areas** | **19 542** | **52 811 633** |
| Large urban areas (241 areas) | 15 562 | 49 515 981 |
| *Large urban poles (at least 10 000 jobs)* | *3 257* | *37 836 276* |
| *Metropolitan areas of the large urban poles* | *12 305* | *11 679 705* |
| Multi-polarized communes of the large urban areas | 3 980 | 3 295 652 |
|  |  |  |
| **Space of the other areas** | **2 710** | **4 804 679** |
| Middle-sized areas (131 areas) | 1 250 | 2 273 713 |
| *Middle-sided poles (from 5 000 to less than 10 000 jobs)* | *447* | *1 924 141* |
| *Metropolitan areas of the middle-sized urban poles* | *803* | *349 572* |
| Small areas (420 areas) | 1 460 | 2 530 966 |
| *Small poles (from 1 500 to less than de 5 000 jobs)* | *873* | *2 363 821* |
| *Metropolitan areas of the small poles* | *587* | *167 145* |
|  |  |  |
| **Other multi-polarized communes\*** | **7 035** | **3 337 968** |
|  |  |  |
| **Isolated communes, outside the influence of the poles** | **7 412** | **3 007 579** |
|  |  |  |
| **Together** | **36 699** | **63 961 859** |
| ***Out of which total number of areas*** | ***18 272*** | ***54 320 660*** |

\* *Communes attracted by at least two areas, outside the large urban areas*

*Field: France, French overseas territories excepted*

*Source: INSEE; Population estimates programme 2008*

**Comparison between rural and urban areas**

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| **Areas** | **Rural population (number of inhabitants)** | **Urban population (number of inhabitants)** |
| Large poles |  | 37 836 276 |
| Metropolitan areas of the large poles | 6 401 393 | 5 278 312 |
| Multi-polarized communes of the large urban areas | 1 755 402 | 1 540 250 |
| *Middle-sided poles* |  | 1 924 141 |
| *Metropolitan areas of the middle-sized urban poles* | 335 044 | 14 528 |
| *Small poles* |  | 2 363 821 |
| *Metropolitan areas of the small poles* | 167 145 |  |
| Other multi-polarized communes | 2 940 182 | 397 786 |
| Isolated communes, outside the influence of the poles | 2 538 685 | 468 894 |
| **Together** | **14 137 851** | **49 824 008** |

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*Source: INSEE; Population estimates program 2008*

**Highest obtained education (the degrees granted in 2011 in France)**

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| **ISCED coding frame** | **Number of degrees** |
| ISCED 5A short, intermediate/academic/general tertiary below bachelor | 1 332 |
| ISCED 5B short, advanced vocational qualifications | 161 275 |
| ISCED 5A medium, bachelor/equivalent from upper/single tier tertiary | 164 337 |
| ISCED 5A long, master/equivalent from lower tier tertiary | 155 016 |
| ISCED 5A long, master/equivalent from upper/single tier tertiary | 41 809 |
| ISCED 6, doctoral degree | 11 448 |

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[*Source: INSEE; Population estimates program 2011*](http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/tableau.asp?reg_id=0&ref_id=NATSOS07234)