

International Database on Longevity

France – Metadata

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List of individuals deceased at the age of 110 and over

Number of validated observations: 373

Vital status: Deceased

IDL public variables:

- **Sex:** male or female
- **Locality of birth:** Metropolitan France, overseas *départements* (excluding Mayotte) and other French territories including Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Martin and Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon
- **Date of birth:** 1875 to 1912 (*the earliest birth record pertains to a woman who died in 1997 at the age of 122 years, and the most recent birth cohort concerns 9 individuals who died in 2022 at the age of 110 years*)
- **Locality of death:** France or abroad
- **Date of death:** 1987 to 2022 (*the earliest death pertains to a woman born in 1877 and who died at the age of 110 years, and the most recent deaths concern 39 individuals born between 1906 and 1912 and who died at the ages of 110 to 115 years*).

Validation: exhaustive

Source - Institute: RNIPP - INSEE

List of individuals deceased at ages 105-109

Vital status: Deceased

Number of validated observations: 13 511

IDL public variables:

- **Sex:** male or female
- **Locality of birth:** Metropolitan France, overseas *départements* (excluding Mayotte) and other French territories including Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Martin and Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon
- **Date of birth:** 1870 to 1917 (*the earliest birth record pertains to a woman who died in 1979 at the age of 109 years and the most recent birth cohort concerns 131 individuals who died in 2022 at the age of 105 years*)
- **Locality of death:** France or abroad
- **Date of death:** 1978 to 2022 (*the earliest death record pertains to a woman born in 1873 and died at the age of 105 years, and the most recent deaths concern 623 individuals born between 1912 and 1917 and died at the ages of 105 to 109 years*).

Validation: sample validation

Source - Institute: RNIPP - INSEE

Source of the data:

The National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) manages National Directory for the Identification of Natural Persons (RNIPP). This register only contains information on civil status: surname and sometimes nickname (or married name), first names, sex, date and place of birth, date and place of death for deceased individuals, birth (and death) certificate number, etc., as well as the registration number (NIR).

<https://www.insee.fr/fr/metadonnees/definition/c1602>

In accordance with the French legislation, INSEE annually provides to INED (the French National Institute for Demographic Studies) an extract from the RNIPP file. This extract includes all individuals born in Metropolitan France, the overseas departments, Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Martin and Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon and who died at the age of 105 or older, based on the year difference between their year of birth and their year of death (Convention between Insee and Ined established under convention number 20140017006 for the years 2014-2018, and subsequently renewed in 2023 under convention number 20220017015, for an additional five years).

Age validation process:

For individuals died at age 110 or above, all cases have been validated. This validation process is currently carried out by Laurent Toussaint (independent consultant) et Jean-Marie Robine (emeritus researcher at INSERM). For each individual, a birth record is searched on municipal online birth registers and/or is requested from the municipality of birth, while the death record is obtained from the municipality of death.

In case of individuals who have deceased at the ages 105-109, the validity of the records has been checked based on a sample validation approach. This entails that while all records appear on the list, only a randomly selected sample, drawn by the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) underwent validation. Out of a randomly drawn sample of 100 records, 99 have been successfully validated. The remaining record could not be validated because the place of birth of the corresponding individual was unknown. More information about the sample validation approach is provided in the chapter on data quality assessment within the monograph *Exceptional Lifespans* as well as in the chapter pertaining France.

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