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The Insee (*French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies*) report underscores a slowdown in France's population growth, with an average annual rate of 0.3% from 2015 to 2021, contrasting with the 0.5% growth observed between 2010 and 2015. As of 2021, France's total population stands at 67,408,052, distributed between 45,423,082 in urban areas and 21,984,970 in rural regions.

Considering Île-de-France, which encompasses Paris and its surroundings, the population reached 12,317,279 in 2021, reflecting a modest growth of 0.3%. The Île-de-France Region consistently displayed a positive trend, experiencing an average annual population increase of 0.3% between 2015 and 2021.

In contrast, Paris witnessed a decline of 0.3% between 2010 and 2015, followed by a further decrease of 0.6% between 2015 and 2021. As of January 1, 2021, Paris had a population of 2,133,111, down from 2,206,488 inhabitants on January 1, 2015, indicating a decrease of 73,377 inhabitants during this period<sup>1</sup>.

The decline in Paris' population can be attributed to several key factors, notably the surge in housing and rent prices, inflation, and the overall increased cost of living. These challenges are compelling residents to seek more affordable alternatives outside the city center, contributing to the observed decrease in population.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Population in 2021</b>	<b>Average Annual Growth Rate (2015-2021)</b>
<b>France</b>	2,133,111	0.3%
<b>Île-de-France (Region)</b>	12,317,279	0.3%
<b>Paris (City)</b>	2,133,111	- 0.6%

Source : INSEE (*French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies*) - INSEE (*Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques*)

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<sup>1</sup> Entre 2015 et 2021, la croissance démographique est deux fois plus élevée dans l'espace urbain que dans le rural, INSEE, <https://www.insee.fr/fr/statistiques/7726965#titre-bloc-7n> 08.01.2024

# FRANCE'S POPULATION (2015-2021) ANNUAL RATES



0,3%  
67,408,052

## PARIS

-0.6%  
2,133,111



## ÎLE-DE-FRANCE

0.3%  
12,317,279



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