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Population

► Algeria's first RGPH took place in 1966

For its first experience in the field of census, independent Algeria has created and organized structures capable of carrying out the multiple tasks necessary for the realization of this operation.

Law No. 64-91 of March 4, 1964 creates a National Census Committee and the post of National Census Commissioner whose tasks were specified by [Decree No. 64-120](#) of April 14, 1964, assigning of the National Census Commissioner. This decree also provides for the necessary structures for the accomplishment of the tasks of the National Commissioner. In this regard, it should be noted that the latter is assisted by a General Secretariat, an office in charge of financial management and a technical office. Its function is the preparation, organization, execution and control of all technical operations relating to the population census. Finally, [Ordinance No. 65-297](#) of December 2, 1965 authorizes the census of the population itself by fixing the period and the methods of execution for the whole of the Algerian territory.

► Algeria's second RGPH took place in 1977

The multiple transformations of socio-economic structures and the choice of planned economic development necessitated a second census. [Ordinance No. 75-15](#) of February 27, 1975 establishing a National Census Committee instructed it to define the main lines of this operation, and to decide on the measures to be taken in order to ensure its success.

► Algeria's third RGPH took place in 1987

Algeria had already carried out two censuses in 1966 and 1977, the results of which were of some use, but the need for reliable and recent statistical data was felt during the decade 1977/1987. Following the territorial reorganization, a third census was imposed. A National Statistics Office was created in 1982 in accordance with [Decree No. 85-311](#) of December 17, 1985 amending and supplementing Decree No. [82-489](#) of December 18, 1982 establishing the National Office of Statistics. whose mission was to produce statistical information relating to the various sectors of the country's economic and social life. The population and housing census was therefore one of its prerogatives. The legal basis of the general population and housing census of 1987 rested on [law no. 86-09](#) of July 29, 1986 which specifies the general organization chart of the census and decree [no. creation of a national committee for the 1986 population and housing census](#).

► Algeria's fourth RGPH took place in 1998

Algeria carried out its fourth population and housing census in June 1998. This took place after multiple structural transformations and changes in the various social and economic activities. Executive decree [n°96-248](#) of July 16, 1996 establishing a national committee for the general population and housing census. And finally, [executive decree n°98-169](#) of 20 May 1998 carrying out the general population and housing census of 1998 The general population and housing census of 1998 made it possible to have knowledge of the social conditions of existence of the population and the effects generated by development policies, the spatial distribution of the population and its characteristics, the levels of schooling and illiteracy of the population, migratory flows, the housing stock and its characteristics, as well as the level and structure of employment and unemployment. The general population and housing census of 1998 helped in decision-making both at national and local level and enables the establishment of an up-to-date sampling base for all future statistical operations.

► Population RGPH2008

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