The French Institute for Demographic Studies (Ined), is a public research institute specialized in population studies that works in partnership with the academic and research communities at national and international levels.

Ined was founded in 1945, and in 1986 it acquired the status of an Etablissement Public à Caractère Scientifique et Technologique (EPST), meaning that it is under joint administrative supervision of the ministries of research and social affairs. The Institute’s missions are to study the populations of France and other countries, to ensure wide dissemination of the knowledge thereby acquired, and to provide training in research through research. Ined’s approach to demography is resolutely open and interdisciplinary, implicating a wide range of disciplines including economics, history, geography, sociology, anthropology, biology and epidemiology. With its research units, the Institute promotes communication and exchange within the scientific community and between researchers and the general public while conducting numerous European and international research projects.

Since 2019, Ined is located on the Condorcet Campus, a site completely devoted to research and research training in social sciences and humanities. The Campus takes the form of a large, fully-equipped service platform that hosts and meets the requirements of the social sciences and humanities research community, providing its 11 member organisations with optimal conditions for training, learning and scientific production.

Arranged around a large research library, the site provides its users with the facilities to host researchers, students and course programmes, as well as all the necessary resources for life on campus. Facilities include:

- The Library “Grand équipement documentaire” (GED)
- A Scientific Incubator
- A Conference centre
- A Researchers’ residence
- The Faculty club
- A Cultural and Associative centre
- Sport fields
- A socio-medical centre
- Restaurant areas
- 450 student apartments

More information about INED can be found here: [https://www.ined.fr/](https://www.ined.fr/)
Elfe is the first French national birth cohort. Its objective is to study determinants of the development, health and socialization of children from birth to adulthood through a multidisciplinary approach.

- 18,329 children were recruited at birth in a random sample of maternity units in metropolitan France during 25 selected days of 2011 spread over the year.

- Follow-up in the first 5 years consisted of telephone interviews of both parents of the child at age 2 months and 1 year and 2 years, and one parent at age 3.5 years; a home visit at age 3.5 years; questionnaires to the child’s physician at age 2 years, the child’s nursery school doctor at age 3 to 4 years, and the child’s nursery school teacher at age 4 years.

- Participation rates at the age 2-month, 1- and 2-year and 3.5-year parental interviews were 92%, 86%, 82% and 80% of contacted participants.

- The main categories of data collected concern socio-demographic characteristics; family life; parental health, behaviour, and life values; child development and health; child school performance, behaviour, and socialization; daycare and school; childhood environmental exposures.

- The Elfe unit is located in the INED building on the Condorcet campus. The survey data will be made available by the data management team within the unit and must be treated locally on the ‘sas enterprise’ application.

- The data request will be made to the Data Access Committee (CADE) which will assess the relevance of the project, its feasibility given the available data and the adequacy of the data requested for the planned analyzes.

- The team will provide all the assistance necessary to facilitate access to the data and its processing.

- The data-access policy, study protocols, questionnaires and data catalogue can be found online ([https://www.elfe-france.fr/en/](https://www.elfe-france.fr/en/)).