

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, CHRISTMAS MARKETS

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WHAT PERCENT OF TOURISM INCOME IS GENERATED IN STRASBOURG BY CHRISTMAS MARKETS?

Strasbourg's famous Christkindelsmärik generates an economic impact of over €250 million annually. While an exact official percentage of the city's *total yearly tourism income* is not published as a single metric, the 5-week holiday period accounts for a massive surge—driving over 3 million visitors and lifting December to represent **30% to 40%** of annual revenue for city-center businesses. [1, 2, 3]

Economic Impact and Significance

- **Total Economic Benefit:** Estimated at roughly **€250 million to €255 million** per season.
- **Visitor Volume:** Draws between **3 million and 3.4 million visitors** annually.
- **Hotel Share:** Local hoteliers report that individual hotels pull in roughly **15% to 17%** of their total annual income specifically during the Christmas season.
- **Local Business Share:** Center-city retailers and restaurants make **30% to 40%** (and individual artisans up to 50%) of their yearly revenue during this single month-long event. [3, 6]

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Official tourism bodies do not publish a single exact percentage for the total annual tourism income generated strictly by the Strasbourg Christmas Market, but the event drives approximately **€250 million** in direct economic impact each winter. December overnight stays account for roughly **12%** of Strasbourg's total yearly hotel volume, while local hospitality businesses and central retailers pull in **15% to 40%** of their annual revenue during the roughly month-long festival. [1, 2, 3, 4]

Key Economic Impacts of the Strasbourg Christmas Market

- **Total Economic Benefit:** Generates upwards of €250 million annually for the regional economy.
- **Hotel Sector Share:** Individual hotels report that the Christmas season accounts for **15% to 17%** of their total annual turnover, with December occupancy consistently hitting **90% to 95%**.
- **Retailer and Restaurant Share:** City center merchants and shops generate **30% to 40%** of their total yearly revenue during December alone.
- **Visitor Volume:** Attracts roughly **3 to 3.4 million visitors** across the 38-to-40-day holiday period. [1, 2, 3, 5, 6]

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STRASBOURG CHRISTMAS MARKETS 2025

The Strasbourg Christmas Market ran from **November 26 (opening at 2:00 p.m.) through December 24, 2025, closing at 6:00 p.m.** Daily chalet hours were typically 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. As France's oldest holiday market (dating to 1570), it featured over 300 wooden chalets spread across the Grande Île, including Place Kléber and Place de la Cathédrale. [1, 2, 3, 4]

You can review general visitor details and future updates directly on the Strasbourg Christmas Market Official Website. [5, 6, 7]

Key Locations & Highlights

- **Place Kléber:** Home to the massive, iconic *Grand Sapin* (giant Christmas tree).
- **Place de la Cathédrale:** Traditional artisan chalets set right against the backdrop of the Strasbourg Cathedral.
- **Place Broglie:** The historic home of the original *Christkindelsmärik*.
- **Place Grimmer:** Site of the alternative, eco-friendly OFF Christmas Market focused on sustainable goods. [3, 8, 9, 10, 11]

Food and Drink

- **Mulled Wine:** Hot red and white spiced wine (*vin chaud*) sold at nearly every corner.
- **Alsatian Treats:** Traditional *Bredle* biscuits, gingerbread, *flammkuchen* (tarte flambée), and local cheeses.
- **Prices:** Most food and hot drinks ranged from €5 to €10 per item. [3, 5, 12, 13]

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HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN STRASBOURG WITH CHRISTMAS MARKETS AND WITHOUT

Strasbourg proper has **about 291,000 residents (around 521,000 in the broader metropolitan area) without the markets**. During the winter festive season, the Strasbourg Christmas Market draws an additional **3.4 million total visitors** over four weeks, dramatically increasing the daily number of people packed into the historic center. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)]

Population Without Christmas Markets (Base Population)

- **Strasbourg Proper:** ~291,300 residents
- **Metropolitan Area (Eurométropole):** ~514,600 residents [[4](#)]

Visitor Numbers During Christmas Markets

- **Total Season Visitors:** Approximately 3.3 to 3.4 million visitors arrive over the course of the four-week market run (late November through December 24).
- **Daily Impact:** This adds an average of over 100,000 extra people to the city center each day, heavily concentrated on the historic *Grande île* during weekends and late afternoons. [[1](#), [8](#), [9](#)]

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