

FRANCE



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Emmanuel MACRON

Head of Government

Prime Minister Edouard PHILIPPE

Government Type

Semi-presidential republic

Capital

Paris

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parlement consists of the Senate or Senat (348 seats); National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale (577 seats)

Judiciary

Court of Cassation or Cour de Cassation (court president, 6 divisional presiding judges, 120 trial judges, and 70 deputy judges organized into 6 divisions); Constitutional Council

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Gerard Roger ARAUD

US Ambassador

Ambassador Jamie D. McCOURT

GEOGRAPHY

Area

total: 643,801 sq km; 551,500 sq km (metropolitan France)

land: 640,427 sq km; 549,970 sq km (metropolitan France)

water: 3,374 sq km; 1,530 sq km (metropolitan France)

Climate

metropolitan France: generally cool winters and mild summers, but mild winters and hot summers along the Mediterranean

Natural Resources

coal, iron ore, bauxite, zinc, uranium, antimony, arsenic, potash, feldspar, fluorspar, gypsum, timber, arable land, fish

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

62.8 million (metropolitan France) (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth Rate

0.39% (2017 est.)

Ethnic Groups

Celtic and Latin with Teutonic, Slavic, North African, Indochinese, Basque minorities (metropolitan France)

Language

French (official) 100%, declining regional dialects and languages (Provençal, Breton, Alsatian, Corsican, Catalan, Basque, Flemish, Occitan, Picard) (metropolitan France)

Religion

Christian (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic) 63-66%, Muslim 7-9%, Buddhist 0.5-0.75%, Jewish 0.5-0.75%, other 0.5-1.0%, none 23-28% (metropolitan France) (2015 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 80.4% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.72% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

diversified modern market economy with government presence in several strategic sectors; maintains social equality by laws and by tax and spending policies; most-visited nation on earth

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.826 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$43,600 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$551.8 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 14.8%, Spain 7.7%, Italy 7.5%, US 7.2%, Belgium 7%, UK 6.7% (2017)

Imports

\$624.9 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 18.5%, Belgium 10.2%, Netherlands 8.3%, Italy 7.9%, Spain 7.1%, UK 5.3%, US 5.2%, China 5.1% (2017)

