FRANCE

INTRODUCTION
France is one of the most modern countries in the world and a leader among European nations. It plays an influential global role as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, NATO, the G-7, the G-20, the EU, and other multilateral organizations.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Emmanuel MACRON
Head of Government
Prime Minister Elisabeth BORNE
Government Type
semi-presidential republic
Capital
Paris
Legislature
bicameral Parliament or Parlement consists of the Senate or Senat (348 seats) and the National Assembly or Assemblee Nationale (577 seats)

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, fluor spar, gypsum, timber, arable land, fish

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
high-income, advanced and diversified EU economy and euro user; strong tourism, aircraft manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, and industrial sectors; ongoing pension reform protests; high public debts and COVID-19 spending increases; global environmental leader
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $2.832 trillion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $42,000 (2020 est.)
Industries - machinery, chemicals, automobiles, metallurgy, aircraft, electronics, textiles, food processing, tourism
Agricultural products - wheat, sugar beets, milk, barley, maize, potatoes, grapes, rapeseed, pork, apples
Exports $746.9 billion (2020 est.)
aircraft, packaged medicines, cars/vehicle parts, gas turbines, wine (2019)
partners: Germany 14%, US 8%, Italy 7%, Spain 7%, Belgium 7%, UK 7% (2019)
Imports $803.7 billion (2020 est.)
cars, crude and refined petroleum, packaged medicines, aircraft machinery (2019)
partners: Germany 18%, Belgium 9%, Italy 9%, Spain 7%, China 7%, Netherlands 6%, UK 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
68.3 million (July 2022 est.)
Population Growth
0.32% (2022 est.)
Ethnicity
Celtic and Latin with Teutonic, Slavic, North African, Indochinese, Basque minorities
Language
French (official) 100%, declining regional dialects and languages (Provençal, Breton, Alsatian, Corsican, Catalan, Basque, Flemish, Occitan, Picard)
Religion
Roman Catholic 47%, Muslim 4%, Protestant 2%, Buddhists 2%, Orthodox 1%, Jewish 1%, other 1%, none 33%, unspecified 9%
note: France maintains a tradition of secularism and does not officially collect data on religious affiliation

as of May 2022