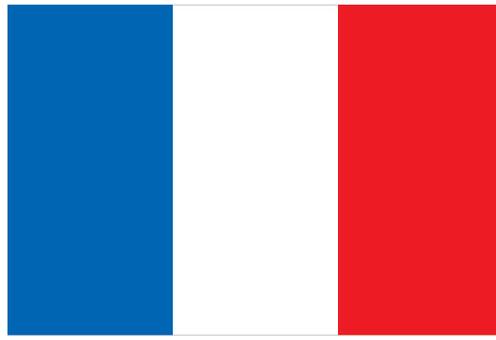




FRANCE



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 Jean CASTEX

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 Assemblée 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, fluorspar, 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

68.1 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.33% (2021 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

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% (2015 est.)

note: France maintains a tradition of secularism and does not officially collect data on religious affiliation

