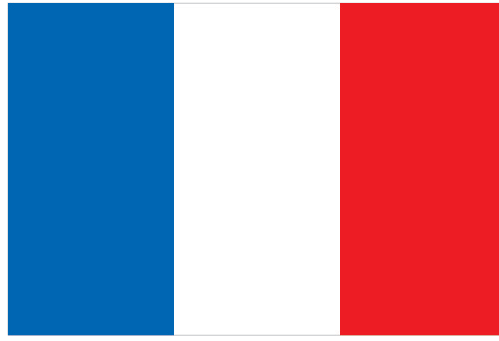




FRANCE



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 Assemblée Nationale (577 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Laurent BILI

US Ambassador

Ambassador Denise Campbell BAUER

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; 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; strong US partner; ongoing pension reform protests and civil unrest; transitioning to a green economy via "France 2030" strategy

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$3.048 trillion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$45,000 (2021 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 \$920.9 billion (2021 est.)

aircraft, packaged medicines, cars and vehicle parts, wine, beauty products, gas turbines (2021)

partners: Germany 13%, Italy 8%, Belgium 8%, United States 7%, Spain 7% (2021)

Imports \$957.7 billion (2021 est.)

cars and vehicle parts, refined petroleum, natural gas, packaged medicines, crude petroleum (2021)

partners: Germany 17%, Italy 9%, Belgium 9%, Spain 8%, Netherlands 8% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

68.5 million (July 2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.31% (2023 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%, Buddhist 2%, Orthodox 1%, Jewish 1%, other 1%, none 33%, unspecified 9%
note: France maintains a tradition of secularism and has not officially collected data on religious affiliation since the 1872 national census

as of July 2023