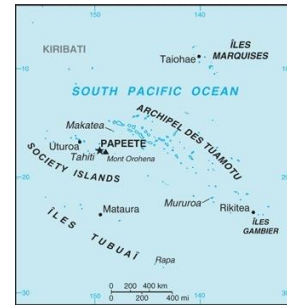


FRENCH POLYNESIA



INTRODUCTION

The French annexed various Polynesian island groups during the 19th century. In 1966, the French Government began testing nuclear weapons on the uninhabited Mururoa Atoll. In September 1995, France stirred up widespread protests by resuming nuclear testing after a three-year moratorium. The tests were halted in January 1996. In recent years, French Polynesia's autonomy has been considerably expanded.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Emmanuel MACRON; represented by High Commissioner of the Republic Dominique SORAIN

Head of Government

President of French Polynesia Moetai BROTHERSON

Government Type

parliamentary democracy; an overseas collectivity of France

Capital

Papeete

Legislature

unicameral Assembly of French Polynesia or Assemblée de la Polynésie française (57 seats)

Ambassador to US

NA

US Ambassador

NA

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 4,167 sq km

Land: 3,827 sq km

Water: 340 sq km

Climate

tropical, but moderate

Natural Resources

timber, fish, cobalt, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

small, territorial-island tourism-based economy; large French financing; lower EU import duties; Pacific Islands Forum member; fairly resilient from COVID-19; oil-dependent infrastructure

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$5.65 billion (2021)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$18,600 (2021)

Industries - tourism, pearls, agricultural processing, handicrafts, phosphates

Agricultural products – coconuts, fruit, roots/tubers, pineapples, cassava, sugar cane, eggs, tropical fruit, tomatoes

Exports \$162 million (2021 est.)

paintings, pearls, tuna, aircraft parts, coconut oil, vanilla, electrical panels (2021)

partners: US 47%, Japan 17%, France 14%, Netherlands 4%, Poland 3% (2021)

Imports \$1.66 billion (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, broadcasting equipment, passenger ships (2021)

partners: France 43%, New Zealand 12%, China 8%, US 6%, Singapore 5% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

301,490 (2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.7% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Polynesian 78%, Chinese 12%, local French 6%, metropolitan French 4%

Language

French (official) 73.5%, Tahitian 20.1%, Marquesan 2.6%, Austral languages 1.2%, Paumotu 1%, other 1.6% (2017 est.)

Religion

Protestant 54%, Roman Catholic 30%, other 10%, no religion 6%

Urbanization

urban population: 62.3% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 0.65% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)