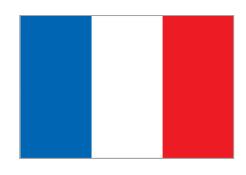
# **FRANCE**









#### **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 Assemblee 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

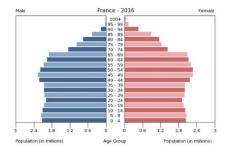
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## Climate

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 (Provencal, 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)