

FRANCE

Capital: Paris

GEODATA

Area

550 000 km²

Population

58 million (1995)

Population growth

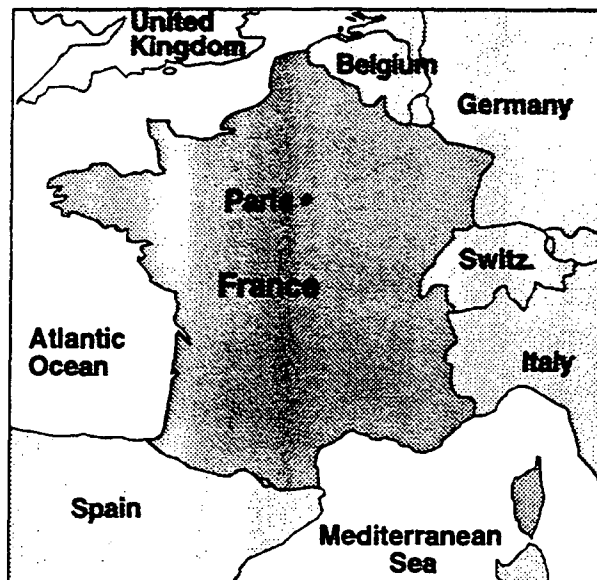
0.5% (1995)

Major language

French

Major religions

Roman Catholic (90%), Protestant (2%), Jewish (1%), Muslim (1%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Leaders

President Jacques Chirac

Prime Minister Alain Juppé

Foreign Affairs Minister

Hervé de Charette

Minister-Delegate for Finance and Foreign Trade

Yves Galland

Democratic institutions

Bicameral parliament (Senate, National Assembly)

UN Human Development Index

France ranks 8th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

US\$1.573 trillion (1995)

GDP growth rate

2.4% (1995)

GDP per capita

US\$27 119 (1995)

Inflation rate

1.8% (1995)

Unemployment rate

11.6% (1995)

Major exports

Machinery and transportation equipment, chemical products and other manufactured goods

Major imports

Machinery and transportation equipment, chemical and energy products

Major exports to Canada

\$3.12 billion (1995), including electronic equipment and avionics

Major imports from Canada

\$1.95 billion (1994), including forestry products and avionics