

# FRANCE

Capital: Paris

## GEODATA

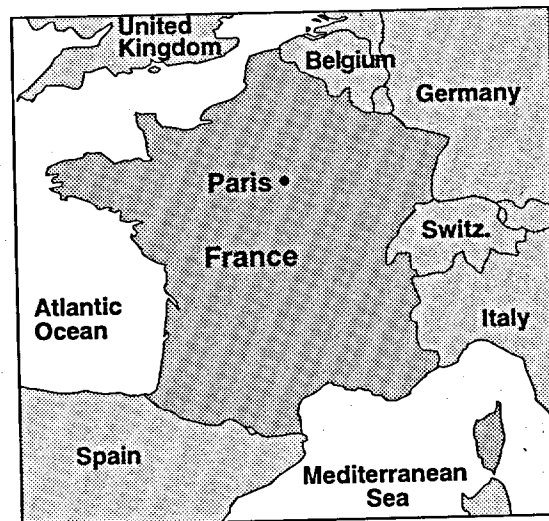
**Area**  
547,030 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population**  
57.2 million (1994)

**Population growth**  
0.47% (1994 est.)

**Major language**  
French

**Major Religions**  
Roman Catholic (90%), Protestant (2%), Judaic (1%),  
Muslim (1%)



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of government**  
Republic

**Leaders**  
President Jacques Chirac  
Prime Minister Alain Juppé

**Foreign Affairs Minister**  
Hervé de Charette

**Democratic institutions**  
Bicameral parliament (Senate, National Assembly)

**UN Human Development Index**  
France ranks 8th among 174 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

**GDP**  
\$1,800 billion US (1994)

**GDP growth rate**  
2% (1994 est.)

**GDP per capita**  
\$18,200 US (1993)

**Major exports**  
Machinery and transport equipment, other manufactured  
goods and chemical products

**Major imports**  
Machinery and transport equipment, steel and other metals

**Major exports to Canada**  
\$2.6 billion (1994), including electronic equipment and  
avionics

**Major imports from Canada**  
\$1.3 billion (1994), including forestry products and  
avionics