

FRANCE: BASIC DATA

POPULATION	58 million								
AREA	542,000 km ²								
DENSITY	102 per km ²								
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GDP	US\$1191 billion (1991)								
GDP PER CAPITA	US\$20,895 (1991)								
ECONOMY	<p>Free market economy.</p> <p>Many government-funded enterprises except in agri-food.</p>								
CURRENCY	French franc (FFr or FF) ; C\$1 is worth approximately FF4.								
WEIGHTS/ MEASURES	Metric system compulsory; it is the only system used by the government and in domestic trade.								
LANGUAGE	French; the knowledge of English is very poor among the general population, though better among professionals and young people.								
HOLIDAYS	1 January, Easter Monday, 1 May, 8 May (sometimes), Ascension Day, Whitmonday, 14 July, 15 August, 1 November, 11 November, 25 December. Main summer holiday month: August.								