

COUNTRY DATA:

POPULATION: 55.5 million (1987)

AREA: 542,000 km²

Pop. Density: 100/km²

MAJOR CITIES: Paris (10 million), Lyon (1.15 million), Marseilles (1.2 million), Lille (1 million)

GNP: US \$526.3 billion

GNP PER CAPITA: US \$9,550

ECONOMY: Free Market Economy

CURRENCY: FRENCH FRANC (ff)

WEIGHT AND MEASURE: Metric system

LANGUAGE: French

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: January 1, Easter Monday, May 1, Ascension Thursday, Whit Monday July 14, August 15, November 1, 11, December 25