

Jacques Chirac

President of the French Republic

Mr. Chirac was born on Nov. 29, 1932. He graduated from the Paris Institut d'Études politiques and from Harvard University Summer School. From 1957 to 1959 he studied at the École nationale de l'Administration.

He was municipal councillor for Sainte-Féréole (Corrèze) from 1965 to 1967. In 1967, he became Secretary of State for Social Affairs, a position which he held for one year. In 1971, he was Minister-Delegate to the Prime Minister responsible for parliamentary relations. From 1972 to 1974 he was Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

In 1974, Mr. Chirac became Minister of the Interior and then Prime Minister. From the end of 1974 to June 1975, he was Secretary-General of the Union des démocrates pour la République.

Mr. Chirac was the President of the Rassemblement de la République in 1976 and Mayor of Paris the following year. For nine years, until 1979, he was President of the Conseil général de Corrèze. In 1979, he was elected to the European Parliament, from which he resigned in 1980. Mr. Chirac was elected Deputy for Corrèze nine times from 1967 to 1993.

Mr. Chirac was Prime Minister from 1986 to 1988. He became President of the French Republic on May 7, 1995.

Mr. Chirac is married and has two children.