

# FRANCE

Capital: Paris

## GEODATA

### Area

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

### Major language

French

### Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (83-88%),  
Muslim (5-10%) Protestant (2%),  
Jewish (1%)

### Surrounding countries

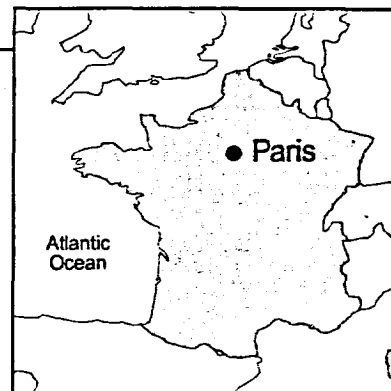
Andorra, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Spain,  
Switzerland, United Kingdom

### Population

61.2 million (mid-2002)

### Population growth rate

0.5% (2002)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Republic

### National legislature

Upper Chamber: Senate

Lower Chamber: National Assembly; multiparty

### Leaders

President Jacques Chirac

Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Dominique Galouzeau de Villepin

### Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industry

Francis Mer

### Minister of Foreign Trade

François Loos

### UN Human Development Index (2003)

France ranks 17th among 175 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$2.3 trillion (2002)

### Real GDP growth rate

1.2% (2002)

### GDP per capita

\$36,830 (2002)

### Inflation rate

1.9% (2002)

### Unemployment rate

9% (2002)

### Main exports

Machinery and transportation equipment, aircraft, plastics, chemicals, pharmaceutical products, iron and steel, beverages

### Main imports

Machinery, electrical machinery, vehicles, aircraft and parts, mineral fuel, oil, plastic

### Canadian imports from France

\$5.84 billion (2002), including aeronautical products, electrical and electronic equipment, machines and precision instruments, wines, cosmetics, books, pharmaceuticals

### Canadian exports to France

\$1.99 billion (2002), including aeronautical products; telecommunications equipment; integrated circuits; computers; measuring and precision instruments; mineral, forest, and agri-food products

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