
FRANCE-FACT SHEET

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| Type of Government | Presidential system, Parliamentary democracy, universal suffrage |
| Head of State | President François Mitterrand |
| Head of Government | Prime Minister Jacques Chirac |
| Minister of Foreign Affairs | Jean-Bernard Raimond |
| Minister of State with responsibility for the Economy, Finance and Privatization | Edouard Balladur |
| Minister-Delegate to the Minister of the Economy, Finance and Privatization with responsibility for Foreign Trade | Michel Noir |
| Area (sq km) | 549,000 |
| Percentage of land use | Agriculture 57.5 per cent Woodland 25.0 per cent Other uses 17.5 per cent |
| Population | 56.2 million (1985) |
| Population density (per sq km) | 100 (Canada 2) |
| Capital | Paris |
| GDP | FF4920 billion (first 6 months of 1986) FF4738 billion (1985) |
| Inflation rate | 1987 (2.5 per cent- 3.0 per cent forecast) 1986 2.1 per cent 1985 4.7 per cent 1984 6.7 per cent |
| Unemployment rate | 1987: 11.25 per cent (forecast) (1986) 10.4 per cent |
| Central bank rate | 9.5 per cent (1986) |
| Savings rate | 18.0 per cent (of GDP) - 1985 |
| Investment rate | 18.9 per cent (of GDP) - 1985 |
| Annual productivity increases | 3.1 per cent (1984) |
| Currency | FF4.63 C\$1.00 (March 1987) |
| Trade (1986) | Total value of exports: US \$124.9 billion Total value of imports: US \$129.4 billion |