# **FONDATION ROBERT**

## FRANCE

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Area: 547,030 km<sup>2</sup> (Metropolitan France); 643,427 km<sup>2</sup> (with overseas regions) Borders (Metropolitan France): 2,889 km (Andorra 56.6 km, Belgium 620 km, Germany 451 km, Italy 488 km, Luxembourg 73 km, Monaco 4.4 km, Spain 623 km, Switzerland 573 km)

Coastline: 3,427 km (Metropolitan France); 4,668 km (with overseas regions) Capital: Paris



Population: 68,172,977 (2023)

Crude natural change rate: 0.8‰ (2023 est.) Population repartition: 17.3% under 15 years old (2023), 21,2% over 65 years old (2023) Foreign residents: 2.2% EU nationals, 5.1% non-EU nationals (2019) Crude net migration rate: 1.1‰ (2023 est.) First time asylum applicants: 166,880 (2023) Life expectancy: men 80.1 years, women 85.9 years (2023) Ethnic groups: Celtic and Latin with Teutonic, Slavic, North African, Indochinese, Basque minorities (overseas departments: black, white, mulatto, East Indian, Chinese, Amerindian) Religions: Roman Catholic 47%, Muslim 4%, Protestant 2%, Buddhists 2%, Orthodox 1%, Jewish 1%, other 1%, none 33%, unspecified 9% (2022 est.) (overseas departments:

Roman Catholic, Protestant, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, pagan)

Source: Eurostat, INSEE, CIA World Factbook



Currency: Euro **GDP:** € 2,803,100 million (2023) GDP per capita (PPS): € 33,290 (2023) GDP growth: 0.7% (2023) Unemployment: 7.3% (April 2024) Inflation: 2.7% (May 2024) Public debt: 110.6% of GDP (Q4 2023) Public deficit: -1.7% of GDP (Q4 2023) Budget balance: -5.5% of GDP (2023)

Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world: 51.6% of GDP (2022) Source: Eurostat. INSEE. Banque de France



### **Political System**

#### Republic, parliamentary democracy

Head of State: Emmanuel Macron (La République en Marche) was re-elected on 24th April 2022 for a second 5-year term. Head of Government: Gabriel Attal (presidential majority) has replaced Elisabeth Borne as Prime minister on January 9th 2024

#### **Bicameral legislative power:**

The Assemblée nationale (House of Representatives) numbers 577 representatives, elected for a term of five years by direct universal suffrage

The Sénat (Senate) comprises 348 senators who are elected for six years by indirect universal suffrage by a college made up of approximately 150,000 people. Every three years, half of the seats are up for re-election.

#### Composition of the Assemblée nationale

#### (in December 2023):

- 170 seats Renaissance
- 88 seats Rassemblement national (RN)
- 75 seats La France Insoumise (LFI)
- 62 seats Les Républicains (LR)
- 51 seats Mouvement démocrate (MODEM)
- 31 seats Socialist Party (PS)
- 30 seats Horizons
- 23 seats Europe Ecologie-Les Verts (EELV)
- 22 seats "various left" (NUPES)
- 21 Liberties, Independents, Overseas and Territories (LIOT)
- 5 non-attached

**Political Representation** 

### Composition of the Senate (in October 2023):

- 133 seats Les Républicains (LR)
- 64 seats Socialist Party (PS)
- 56 seats Centrist Union group (UC)
- 22 seats Rally of Democrats, Progressive and
- Independent group (RDPI)
- 18 seats Communist, Republican, Citizen and Ecologist group (CRCE)
- 18 seats The Independents Republic and
- Territories group (LIRT)
- 17 seats Ecologist group (EST)
- 16 seats European Democratic and Social Rally group (RDSE)

- 4 seats Administrative meeting of senators not appearing on the list of any group

#### Female representation:

in the government: 5/13 in the Assemblée nationale: 215/577 in the Sénat: 128/348

#### Next Elections:

general elections on June 30th and July 7th 2024, presidential election in 2027