



# France

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## Highlights

- GDP per head stood at \$35,133 in 2011, which was around the OECD average.
- Unemployment stood at 9.7%, above the OECD rate of 8%. The long-term unemployed accounted for some 41% of the French total.
- All-in taxes on the average worker were equivalent to nearly 50% of labour costs, 15 percentage points above the OECD average.
- Renewable energy accounted for 7.3% of France's total energy supply, compared with 8.2% for the OECD as a whole.
- Development aid came to 0.46% of GNI, above the OECD-Development Assistance Committee average of 0.31%.
- Public expenditure on health at 9% of GDP in 2010 was one of the highest of OECD countries.

### ECONOMY

	2001	2011 <sup>3</sup>
Gross domestic product (US\$ bln, PPPs)	1 627.6	2 289.8
GDP per capita (US\$)	26 611	35 133
Real GDP growth (annual %)	1.8	1.7
Household disposable income (annual growth %)	3.1	0.9 <sup>2</sup>
Budget balance (% of GDP)	-1.7	-5.2
Public debt (% of GDP)	67.2	..
Current account balance (% of GDP)	1.8	-2.0
Inflation rate: all items (annual %)	1.6	2.1
Unit labour cost (annual growth %)	2.3	1.5
Long-term interest rates (%)	4.94	3.32
Public expenditure on health (% of GDP)	8.1	9.0 <sup>2</sup>
Private expenditure on health (% of GDP)	2.1	2.7 <sup>2</sup>
Public expenditure on education (% of GDP)	..	5.8 <sup>4</sup>
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### NEW SOURCES OF GROWTH

Renewable energy (% of energy supply)	6.4	7.3
Primary energy supply (Mtoe)	260.3	251.4
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from fuel combustion (mln tonnes)	384	358 <sup>2</sup>
R&D expenditure (US\$ mln, 2005 prices, PPPs)	38 479	43 214 <sup>2</sup>
Tertiary graduation rates (% of population)	..	29.0 <sup>2</sup>
Households with internet access (%)	..	75.9

### GLOBALISATION

	2001	2011 <sup>3</sup>
Imports of goods and services (% of GDP)	27.2	29.8
Exports of goods and services (% of GDP)	28.4	27.0
Net official development assistance (% of GNI)	..	0.46
Foreign-born population (% of population)	..	12.6 <sup>2</sup>
Migration for work (% of total migration)	..	11.9 <sup>2</sup>
Outward FDI stocks (US\$ bln)	..	1 581
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### SOCIETY

Population (thousands)	59 476	62 959 <sup>2</sup>
Life expectancy at birth (years)	79.2	81.3 <sup>2</sup>
Population, 65 and over (% of population)	16.2	17.2
Employment rates: men (%)	69.8	68.1
Employment rates: women (%)	55.7	59.7
Self-employment rates (% of employed)	7.1	..
Unemployment rates (%)	8.2	9.7
Long-term unemployment (% of unemployed)	36.8	41.4
Income inequality, rank out of 34 (1: least unequal)	..	12 <sup>1</sup>
Average hours actually worked (per year)	1 514	1 476
Taxes on average worker (all-in, % of labour cost)	49.8	49.4
Road fatalities (per mln inhabitants)	130	64 <sup>2</sup>

1. Late 2000s data, based on Gini coefficient 2. 2010 data 3. Unless otherwise indicated 4. 2009 data