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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 83.guide

Texified version of data for French Polynesia.

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French Polynesia

### 1.2 83.guide/French Polynesia

French Polynesia  
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### 1.3 83.guide/Header (French Polynesia)

Header (French Polynesia)  
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Affiliation:  
     (overseas territory of France)

### 1.4 83.guide/Geography (French Polynesia)

Geography (French Polynesia)  
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Location:  
     Oceania, halfway between Australia and South America  
 Map references:  
     Oceania  
 Area:  
     total area:  
         3,941 km<sup>2</sup>  
     land area:  
         3,660 km<sup>2</sup>  
     comparative area:  
         slightly less than one-third the size of Connecticut  
 Land boundaries:  
     0 km  
 Coastline:  
     2,525 km  
 Maritime claims:  
     exclusive economic zone:  
         200 nm  
     territorial sea:  
         12 nm  
 International disputes:  
     none  
 Climate:  
     tropical, but moderate

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Terrain:  
 mixture of rugged high islands and low islands with reefs

Natural resources:  
 timber, fish, cobalt

Land use:  
 arable land:  
 1%  
 permanent crops:  
 19%  
 meadows and pastures:  
 5%  
 forest and woodland: 31%  
 other:  
 44%

Irrigated land:  
 NA km2

Environment:  
 occasional cyclonic storm in January; includes five archipelagoes

Note:  
 Makatea in French Polynesia is one of the three great phosphate rock islands ←  
 in the Pacific Ocean - the others are Banaba (Ocean Island) in Kiribati and Nauru

## 1.5 83.guide/People (French Polynesia)

People (French Polynesia)

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Population:  
 210,333 (July 1993 est.)

Population growth rate:  
 2.26% (1993 est.)

Birth rate:  
 27.89 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Death rate:  
 5.27 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Net migration rate:  
 0 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Infant mortality rate:  
 15 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:  
 total population:  
 70.33 years  
 male:  
 67.95 years  
 female:  
 72.84 years (1993 est.)

Total fertility rate:  
 3.32 children born/woman (1993 est.)

Nationality:  
 noun:  
 French Polynesian(s)

adjective:  
 French Polynesian

Ethnic divisions:  
 Polynesian 78%, Chinese 12%, local French 6%, metropolitan French 4%

Religions:  
 Protestant 54%, Roman Catholic 30%, other 16%

Languages:  
 French (official), Tahitian (official)

Literacy:  
 age 14 and over but definition of literacy not available (1977)

total population:  
 98%

male:  
 98%

female:  
 98%

Labor force:  
 76,630 employed (1988)

## 1.6 83.guide/Government (French Polynesia)

Government (French Polynesia)

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Names:  
 conventional long form:  
 Territory of French Polynesia

conventional short form:  
 French Polynesia

local long form:  
 Territoire de la Polynesie Francaise

local short form:  
 Polynesie Francaise

Digraph:  
 FP

Type:  
 overseas territory of France since 1946

Capital:  
 Papeete

Administrative divisions:  
 none (overseas territory of France); there are no first-order administrative divisions as defined by the US Government, but there are 5 archipelagic divisions named Archipel des Marquises, Archipel des Tuamotu, Archipel des Tubuai, Iles du Vent, and Iles Sous-le-Vent

note:  
 Clipperton Island is administered by France from French Polynesia

Independence:  
 none (overseas territory of France)

Constitution:  
 28 September 1958 (French Constitution)

Legal system:  
 based on French system

## National holiday:

National Day, Taking of the Bastille, 14 July (1789)

## Political parties and leaders:

People's Rally (Tahoeraa Huiraatira; Gaullist), Gaston FLOSSE; Polynesian Union Party (Te Tiarama; centrist), Alexandre LEONTIEFF; New Fatherland Party (Ai'a Api), Emile VERNAUDON; Polynesian Liberation Front (Tavini Huiraatira), Oscar TEMARU; other small parties

## Suffrage:

18 years of age; universal

## Elections:

## French National Assembly:

last held 5 and 12 June 1988 (next to be held 21 and 28 March 1993); ←  
results

- percent of vote by party NA; seats - (2 total) People's Rally (Gaullist) 1, New Fatherland Party 1

## French Senate:

last held 24 September 1989 (next to be held September 1998); results -  
percent of vote by party NA; seats - (1 total) party NA

## Territorial Assembly:

last held 17 March 1991 (next to be held March 1996); results - percent of  
vote by party NA; seats - (41 total) People's Rally (Gaullist) 18,  
Polynesian Union Party 14, New Fatherland Party 5, other 4

## Executive branch:

French president, high commissioner of the republic, president of the  
Council of Ministers, vice president of the Council of Ministers, Council ←  
of  
Ministers

## Legislative branch:

unicameral Territorial Assembly

## Judicial branch:

Court of Appeal, Court of the First Instance, Court of Administrative Law

## 1.7 83.guide/Government (French Polynesia 2. usage)

Government (French Polynesia 2. usage)

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## Leaders:

## Chief of State:

President Francois MITTERRAND (since 21 May 1981); High Commissioner of the  
Republic Michel JAU (since NA 1992)

## Head of Government:

President of the Council of Ministers Gaston FLOSSE (since 10 May 1991);

Vice President of the Council of Ministers Joel BUIILLARD (since 12 ←  
September

1991)

## Member of:

ESCAP (associate), FZ, ICFTU, SPC, WMO

## Diplomatic representation in US:

as an overseas territory of France, French Polynesian interests are  
represented in the US by France

## US diplomatic representation:

none (overseas territory of France)

Flag:  
the flag of France is used

## 1.8 83.guide/Economy (French Polynesia)

Economy (French Polynesia)

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### Overview:

Since 1962, when France stationed military personnel in the region, French Polynesia has changed from a subsistence economy to one in which a high proportion of the work force is either employed by the military or supports the tourist industry. Tourism accounts for about 20% of GDP and is a ← primary source of hard currency earnings.

### National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$1.2 billion (1991 est.)

### National product real growth rate:

NA%

### National product per capita:

\$6,000 (1991 est.)

### Inflation rate (consumer prices):

2.9% (1989)

### Unemployment rate:

14.9% (1988 est.)

### Budget:

revenues \$614 million; expenditures \$957 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1988)

### Exports:

\$88.9 million (f.o.b., 1989)

#### commodities:

coconut products 79%, mother-of-pearl 14%, vanilla, shark meat

#### partners:

France 54%, US 17%, Japan 17%

### Imports:

\$765 million (c.i.f., 1989)

#### commodities:

fuels, foodstuffs, equipment

#### partners:

France 53%, US 11%, Australia 6%, NZ 5%

### External debt:

\$NA

### Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

### Electricity:

75,000 kW capacity; 275 million kWh produced, 1,330 kWh per capita (1992)

### Industries:

tourism, pearls, agricultural processing, handicrafts

### Agriculture:

coconut and vanilla plantations; vegetables and fruit; poultry, beef, dairy products

### Economic aid:

Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-88),

\$3.95 billion  
 Currency:  
 1 CFP franc (CFPF) = 100 centimes  
 Exchange rates:  
 Comptoirs Francais du Pacifique francs (CFPF) per US\$1 - 99.65 (January 1993), 96.24 (1992), 102.57 (1991), 99.00 (1990), 115.99 (1989), 108.30 (1988); note - linked at the rate of 18.18 to the French franc  
 Fiscal year:  
 calendar year

## 1.9 83.guide/Communications (French Polynesia)

Communications (French Polynesia)  
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Highways:  
 600 km (1982)  
 Ports:  
 Papeete, Bora-bora  
 Merchant marine:  
 3 ships (1,000 GRT or over) totaling 4,127 GRT/6,710 DWT; includes 2 passenger-cargo, 1 refrigerated cargo; note - a captive subset of the French register ←  
 Airports:  
 total:  
 43  
 usable:  
 41  
 with permanent-surface runways:  
 23  
 with runways over 3,659 m:  
 0  
 with runways 2,440-3,659 m:  
 2 with runways 1,220-2,439 m:  
 12  
 Telecommunications:  
 33,200 telephones; 84,000 radio receivers; 26,400 TV sets; broadcast stations - 5 AM, 2 FM, 6 TV; 1 Pacific Ocean INTELSAT earth station

## 1.10 83.guide/Defense Forces (French Polynesia)

Defense Forces (French Polynesia)  
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Branches:  
 French forces (including Army, Navy, Air Force), Gendarmerie  
 Note:

defense is responsibility of France

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