Government at a Glance 2013

Country Fact Sheet

France

Did you know?

Government expenditures in France accounted for 55.9% of GDP in 2011, the second highest share across OECD countries.

Almost half of government revenues in France are collected through social security funds.

France received a score of 7 on the OECD index on asset disclosure across all branches of government, one of the lowest in the OECD.

How to read the figures:

- Country value in blue (not represented if not available)
- Average of OECD countries in green
- Range of OECD country values in grey
- Values have been rounded

Strategic Governance

Trust in government

% of citizens who have confidence in their national government (2007 & 2012)

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>OECD</th>
<th>France</th>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>40</td>
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Percentage point change 2007-2012

- OECD: +8
- France: -5

Source: Gallup World Poll

Impact of the tax system and grants on reducing income inequality

Differences in income inequality before and after tax and government transfers (2010)

- OECD: Gini Coefficient: 0.51 → 0.47
- France: Gini Coefficient: 0.30 → 0.31

Public sector efficiency

Education: performance in PISA reading scores and expenditure per student (aged 6 to 15) in USD PPP (2009)

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<th>Country</th>
<th>PISA Reading</th>
<th>Expenditure</th>
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<tr>
<td>France</td>
<td>496</td>
<td>USD 81 100</td>
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<td>OECD</td>
<td>495</td>
<td>USD 83 500</td>
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Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2012

Fiscal sustainability

Total consolidation requirements between 2012 and 2030 in order to reduce government debt to 60% of GDP

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<th>Country</th>
<th>% of potential GDP</th>
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<td>France</td>
<td>4.8%</td>
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Source: OECD Economic Outlook No. 93 (May 2013)
### Budget Practices and Procedures

#### Fiscal rules: Types and legal foundation (2012)

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<th>Type of Rule</th>
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Legal foundations:
- **C**: Constitution
- **IT**: International Treaty
- **L**: Primary and/or Secondary Legislation
- **IR**: Internal Rules/Policy
- **PC**: Political Commitment

Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Budget Practices and Procedures

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#### Use of performance budgeting practices at the central level of government (2011)

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Source: OECD 2011 Survey on Performance Budgeting
Public Employment and Pay

Employment in general government (2011)

% of labour force

France: 21.9%
OECD: 15.5%

Note: Data for France are for 2006.

Annual compensation across central government positions (2011)

2011 USD PPP

- Secretaries (general office clerks)
  - France: 69,000
  - OECD: 50,000
- Middle managers (D3 positions)
  - France: 107,000
  - OECD: 89,000
- Senior professionals
  - France: 179,000
  - OECD: 126,000
- Senior managers (D1 positions)
  - France: 260,000
  - OECD: 232,000

Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Compensation of Employees in Central/Federal Governments

Women in Government

Share of women in general government (2010)

% of general government employment

France: 56.8%
OECD: 26.3%

Note: Data for France are not available.

Share of ministers who are women (2012)

% of ministers

France: 20.8%
OECD: 24.9%

Note: Data for France are for 2006.

Public Procurement

Procurement expenditure (2011)

% of government expenditures

France: 26.3%
OECD: 29.0%

Source: OECD National Accounts

Use of innovative procurement tools in central government (2012)

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Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Public Procurement
Open and Inclusive Government

Asset disclosure: Level of disclosure of private interests and public availability of information (2012)

Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Serving Citizens: quality of public services

Access to medical care (2011)
out of pocket expenditure as a % of final household consumption

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2013

Citizen take-up of e-government services (2012)
% of individuals using the internet to interact with public authorities

Source: Eurostat and OECD

Satisfaction and confidence across public services (2012)
% of citizens expressing confidence/satisfaction

Source: World Gallup Poll

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