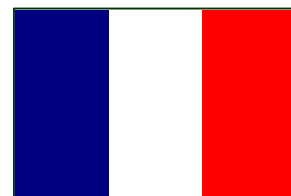


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Specification	Unit	1995	2000	2005			
<b>Area and Population</b> <sup>1)</sup>							
Area .....	km <sup>2</sup>	543 965,4	543 965,4	543 965,4			
Population (beginning of the year) .....	1 000	57 752,5	58 825,0	60 702,3			
Urban population .....	%	74,9	75,8	76,7			
under 15 years .....	%	19,6	18,9	18,5			
15 to 64 years .....	%	65,4	65,1	65,1			
65 years and more .....	%	15,0	16,0	16,4			
Population density .....	inh. per km <sup>2</sup>	106	108	112			
Natural population increase .....	per 1 000 inh.	+ 3,7	+ 4,4	+ 4,3			
Birth rate.....	births per 1 000 inh.	12,8	13,3	12,9			
Death rate.....	deaths per 1 000 inh.	9,1	8,9	8,6			
Total fertility rate .....	average number of children per woman	1,7	1,9	1,9			
Net migration .....	per 1 000 inh.	0,8	1,7	1,7 <sup>2)</sup>			
Life expectancy at birth							
Men .....	years	73,9	75,3	76,8			
Women .....	years	81,9	82,8	83,8			
<b>Health</b>							
Public expenditure on health .....	% of GDP	9,5	9,3	10,5 <sup>2)</sup>			
Inhabitants per doctor .....	number	309	303	295			
Inhabitants per dentist .....	number	1 454	1 451	1 478			
Inhabitants per hospital bed .....	number	112	121	135			
Infant mortality.....	deaths under 1 year of age per 1 000 live births	5,0	4,5	3,8			
		1995	2000	2003			
		m	f	m	f		
Number of deaths by selected causes and by sex							
Malignant neoplasms .....	per 100 000 inh.	292,0	129,4	270,0	124,3	258,1	123,4
Diseases of the circulatory system .....	per 100 000 inh.	254,6	146,7	221,8	126,6	208,4	125,3
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	per 100 000 inh.	67,1	30,0	53,4	25,2	52,5	25,0
		1995	2000	2005			
AIDS-cases (cumulative number) .....	per 100 000 inh.	71,2	89,8	101,1			
<b>Education and Science</b>							
Public expenditure on education .....	% of GDP	7,2	7,1	6,9			
Persons aged 18 – 24 with at most lower secondary education and not in further education or training							
Men .....	%	16,7	14,8	14,6			
Women .....	%	14,2	11,9	10,7			
Persons aged 25 – 64 having completed at least upper secondary education							
Men .....	%	62,6	65,2	68,2			
Women .....	%	55,1	59,4	64,6			
Public expenditure on research and development .....	% of GDP	2,2	2,2	2,2			

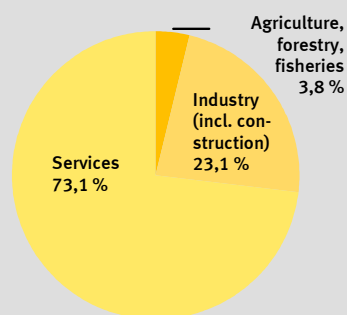
1) Excl. results for overseas départements Guadeloupe (1 703 km<sup>2</sup>, 453 029 inhabitants in 2005), Martinique (1 128 km<sup>2</sup>, 397 820 inhabitants in 2005), Guayana (83 534 km<sup>2</sup>, 190 842 inhabitants in 2005) and Réunion (2 504 km<sup>2</sup>, 774 596 inhabitants in 2005) as well as for overseas territories New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Wallis and Futuna, Mayotte and Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon (approx. 23 816 km<sup>2</sup> and 685 000 inhabitants in 2005).

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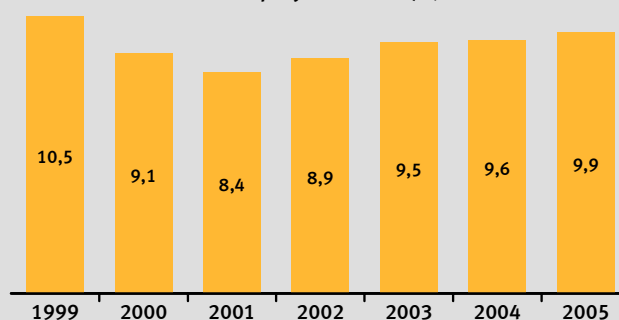
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Specification	Unit	2005		
		Total	Men	Women
<b>Labour market</b>				
Total labour force (persons in employment and unemployed persons) .....	1 000	27 637	14 824	12 814
Labour force participation rate .....	% of population aged 15 years and over	55,5	62,0	49,5
Persons in employment .....	1 000	24 921	13 496	11 425
Unemployed .....	1 000	2 717	1 328	1 389
Unemployment rate <sup>1)</sup> .....	%	9,9	9,0	10,9
Youth unemployment rate <sup>1)</sup> .....	%	23,5	21,9	25,4
Long-term unemployment .....	% of all unemployed persons	42,5	41,8	43,2

Persons in employment by sector in 2005

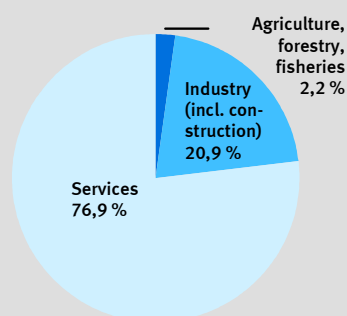


Unemployment rate (%)

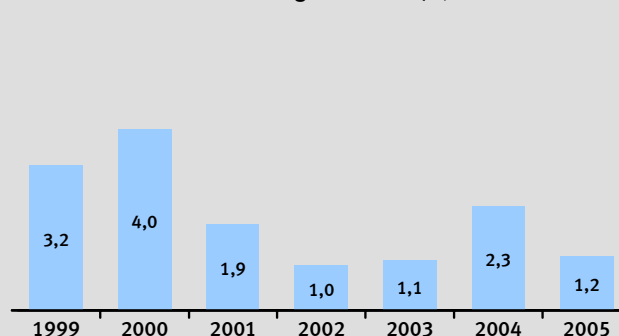


Specification	Unit	2003	2004	2005
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>				
GDP at current market prices .....	EUR bn	1 594,8	1 659,0	1 710,0
	US-\$ bn	1 800,0	2 059,9	2 126,6
GDP per capita .....	EUR	25 750	26 620	27 270
	US-\$	29 065	33 050	33 915
GDP at constant prices of 2000 .....	EUR bn	1 499,3	1 534,1	1 552,3
	US-\$ bn	1 381,3	1 413,4	1 430,1
GDP: expenditure (at current prices)				
incl.:				
Household consumption .....	%	56,4	56,6	57,1
Government consumption .....	%	23,7	23,7	23,7
Gross capital formation .....	%	18,8	19,5	20,2

Gross value added by sector in 2005



Economic growth rate (%)

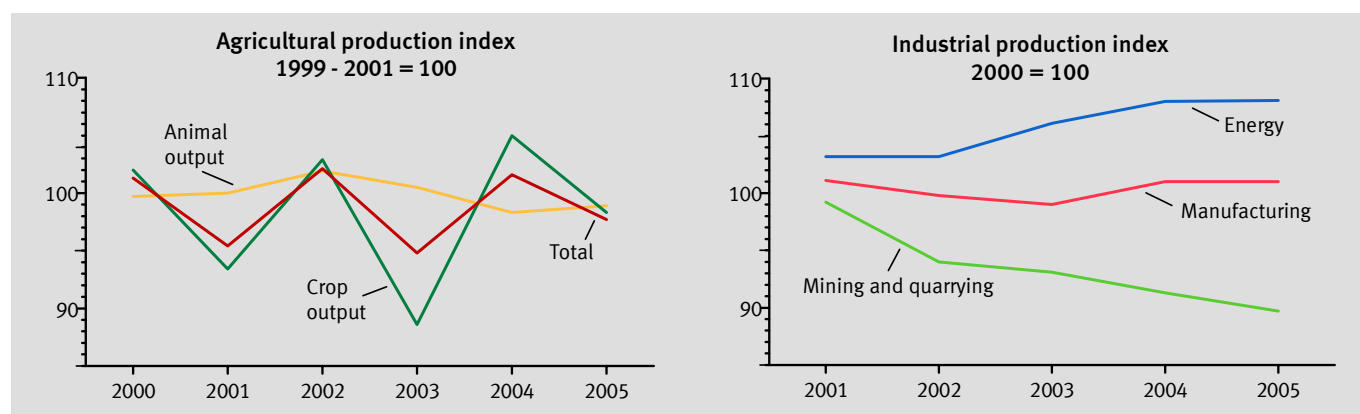


1) Harmonized unemployment rates of the European Union.

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Specification	Unit	2000	2004	2005
<b>Agriculture and Forestry, Fisheries</b>				
Agricultural land .....	1 000 ha	29 854	29 621	29 557
incl. arable land and permanent crops .....	1 000 ha	19 449	19 435	19 495
Forest land <sup>1)</sup> .....	1 000 ha	16 799	16 926	...
Removals of wood .....	1 000 m <sup>3</sup>	45 829	33 647	34 290
Number of farms <sup>2)</sup> .....	1 000	664	590 <sup>3)</sup>	...
Production of wheat .....	1 000 t	37 356	39 693	36 841
Production of barley .....	1 000 t	9 709	11 032	10 317
Production of sugar beets .....	1 000 t	31 121	30 788	31 243
Production of maize .....	1 000 t	16 018	16 372	13 850
Production of potatoes .....	1 000 t	4 718	5 356	4 931
Production of tomatoes .....	1 000 t	848	843	801
Production of eating apples .....	1 000 t	2 164	1 848	1 885
Production of wine .....	mn hl	59,7	58,8	53,2
Production of meat <sup>4)</sup> .....	1 000 t	6 497	6 285	6 191
of which:				
pork .....	1 000 t	2 311	2 329	2 312
poultry .....	1 000 t	2 248	1 973	1 932
Catches of fish <sup>5)</sup> .....	1 000 t	628	597	...



Specification	Unit	2003	2004	2005
<b>Industry (incl. construction)</b>				
Index of production in manufacturing <sup>6)</sup> .....	2000=100	99,0	101,0	101,0
incl.:				
Food industry .....	2000=100	103,2	103,0	103,5
Textiles and textile products .....	2000=100	70,9	64,2	56,5
Paper products, publishing and printing .....	2000=100	96,3	97,4	98,5
Chemical industry .....	2000=100	107,1	110,5	113,6
Rubber and plastic products .....	2000=100	102,6	105,4	105,7
Basic metals .....	2000=100	95,7	99,1	97,5
Machinery .....	2000=100	101,7	105,3	106,9
Automobile industry .....	2000=100	107,7	112,8	110,7
Aircraft and spacecraft industry .....	2000=100	99,6	103,3	119,7
		2000	2004	2005
Production of crude steel .....	mn t	21,0	20,8	19,5
Production of cement .....	mn t	20,7	21,8	...
Production of motor gasoline.....	mn t	17,0	17,0	16,4
Production of passenger cars .....	1 000	2 880	3 227	3 113
Production of synthetic rubber .....	1 000 t	652	770	...
Production of perfume.....	1 000 l	51,9	34,8	...
Production of tyres .....	mn	70,9	62,6	...
Production of newsprint .....	1 000 t	1 039	1 118	1 108
Production of mineral water .....	mn hl	62,8	65,9	...
Gross production of electricity .....	1 000 GWh	541	574	575
incl. nuclear energy .....	%	76,8	78,1	78,5
Number of dwellings begun .....	1 000	308	363	410

1) Forests and other wooded land.

2) Farms with more than 1 ha agricultural land.

3) 2003.

4) Gross production of meat (slaughtering weight).

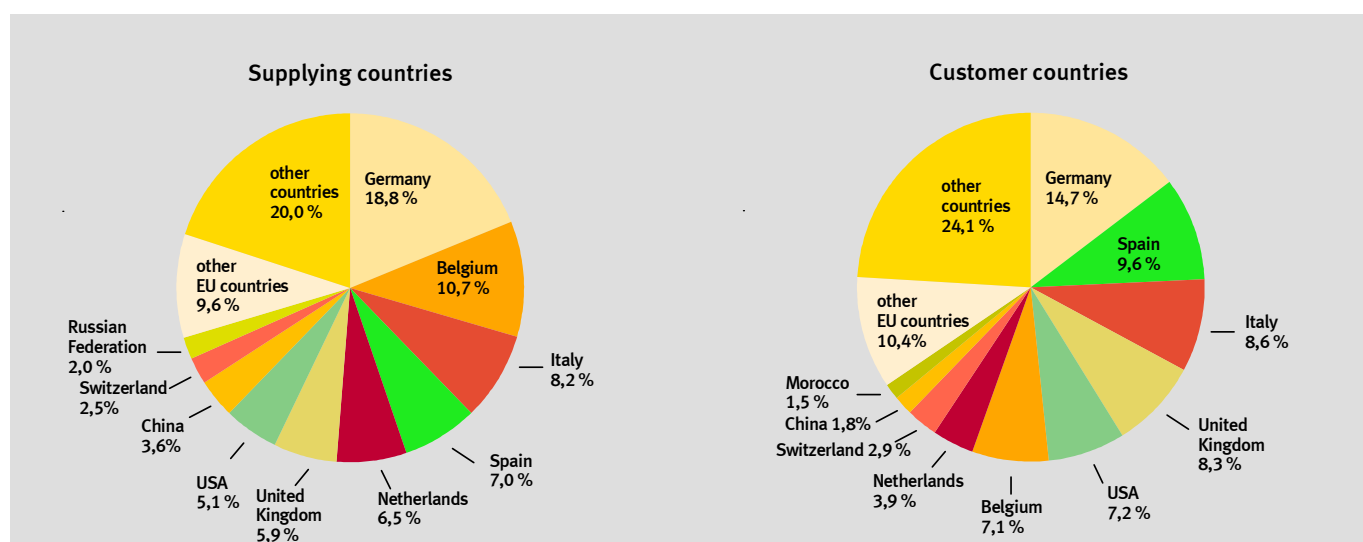
5) Incl. crustaceans and molluscs, excl. aquacultures.

6) Data adjusted by working days.

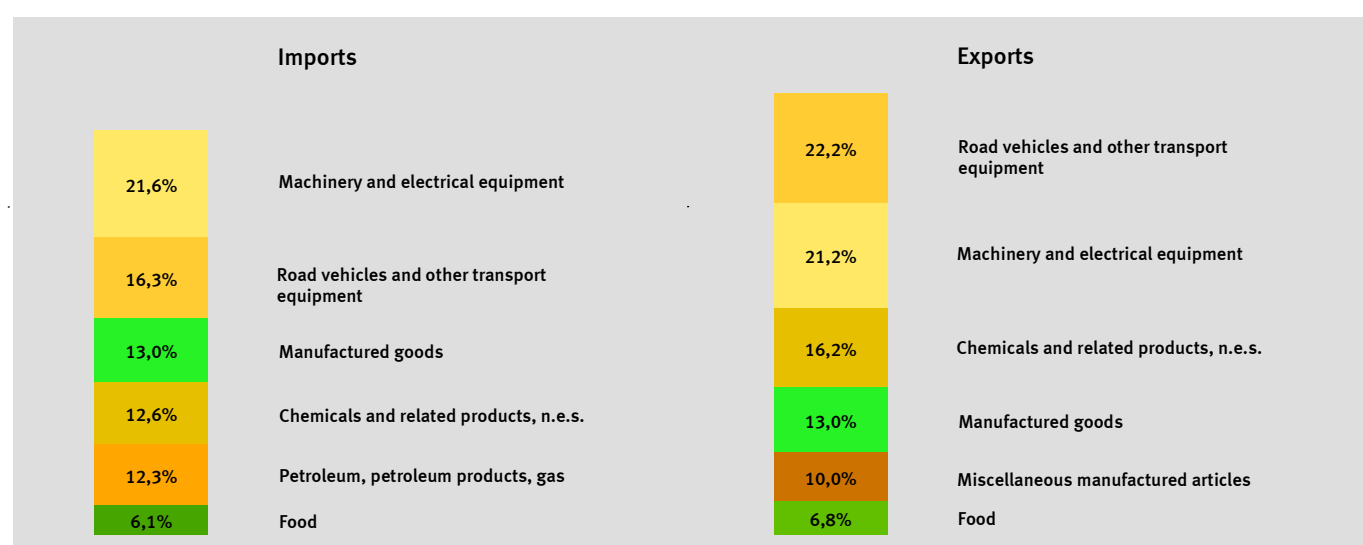
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Specification	Unit	2003	2004	2005
<b>Foreign Trade</b>				
Imports of goods (cif) .....	EUR mn	352 580	378 600	400 240
	US-\$ mn	397 946	470 077	497 749
incl. from Germany .....	EUR mn	71 774	72 749	75 434
	US-\$ mn	81 009	90 327	93 812
Exports of goods (fob) .....	EUR mn	346 570	363 460	370 030
	US-\$ mn	391 163	451 279	460 179
incl. to Germany .....	EUR mn	54 178	54 666	54 238
	US-\$ mn	61 149	67 874	67 452
Foreign trade balance .....	EUR mn	- 6 010	- 15 140	- 30 210
	US-\$ mn	- 6 783	- 18 798	- 37 570
		Import		Export
Position of Germany in the foreign trade ranking of France in 2005 .....		Rank 1		Rank 1
Position of France in Germany's foreign trade ranking in 2005 .....		Rank 1		Rank 1

## Trading Partners in 2005



## Major Commodities in 2005

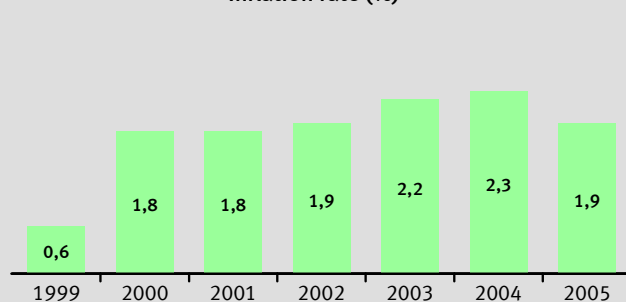


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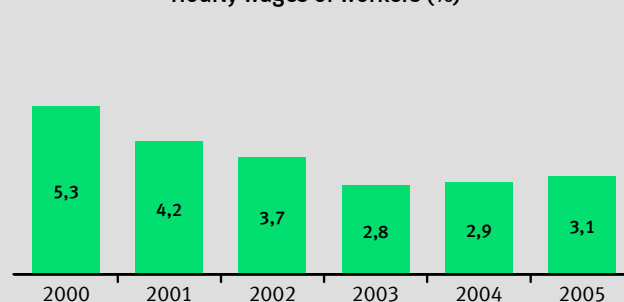
Specification	Unit	2003	2004	2005
<b>Finance</b>				
Exchange rate .....	EUR per US-\$	0,8860	0,8054	0,8041
Foreign exchange reserves .....	US-\$ mn	23 122	29 077	23 996
General government deficit (-)/surplus (+) ....	% of GDP	- 4,2	- 3,7	- 2,9
General government gross debt .....	% of GDP	62,4	64,4	66,6
Taxes and social contributions .....	% of GDP	44,4	44,7	45,6
<b>Earnings and Labour Costs</b>				
Average gross annual earnings of full-time employees in all sectors .....				
of which:	EUR	27 294	27 787	28 581
Agriculture and forestry, fisheries .....	EUR	.	20 522	21 278
Mining and quarrying .....	EUR	43 702	.	44 054
Food products .....	EUR	23 465	24 114	25 195
Textiles .....	EUR	21 969	23 045	23 724
Paper products, publishing and printing ....	EUR	31 389	32 487	33 275
Chemical industry <sup>1)</sup> .....	EUR	28 472	29 632	30 462
Basic metals .....	EUR	25 316	26 131	27 053
Machinery .....	EUR	27 214	28 225	29 157
Automobile industry .....	EUR	29 638	31 221	32 493
Aircraft and spacecraft industry <sup>2)</sup> .....	EUR	35 667	37 094	38 275
Construction .....	EUR	23 450	23 949	24 780
Energy supply .....	EUR	36 134	36 742	37 884
Trade .....	EUR	24 928	25 587	26 310
Hotels and restaurants .....	EUR	20 127	20 557	21 041
Financial intermediation .....	EUR	40 000	40 566	42 309
Statutory monthly minimum wage (SMIC) <sup>3)</sup> .....	EUR	6,83	7,19	7,61
Average labour costs per hour for workers in manufacturing .....	EUR	19,50	20,15	20,74 <sup>4)</sup>

Inflation rate (%) \*)



\*) Average change of the harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP) of the EU.

Hourly wages of workers (%) \*)



\*) Change on previous year. Wages in industry (excl. construction).

Specification	Unit	2003	2004	2005
<b>Balance of Payments, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)</b>				
Current account balance.....	US-\$ mn	11 800	- 6 810	- 33 290
Inward stock of FDI in France .....	US-\$ mn	527 681	619 620	600 821
Outward stock of FDI abroad .....	US-\$ mn	724 456	829 247	853 159
Inflows of FDI to France (net) .....	US-\$ mn	43 070	38 710	70 690
Outflows of FDI abroad (net) .....	US-\$ mn	53 360	76 650	133 600

1) Incl. production of rubber and plastic goods.

2) Incl. production of railway vehicles and ships.

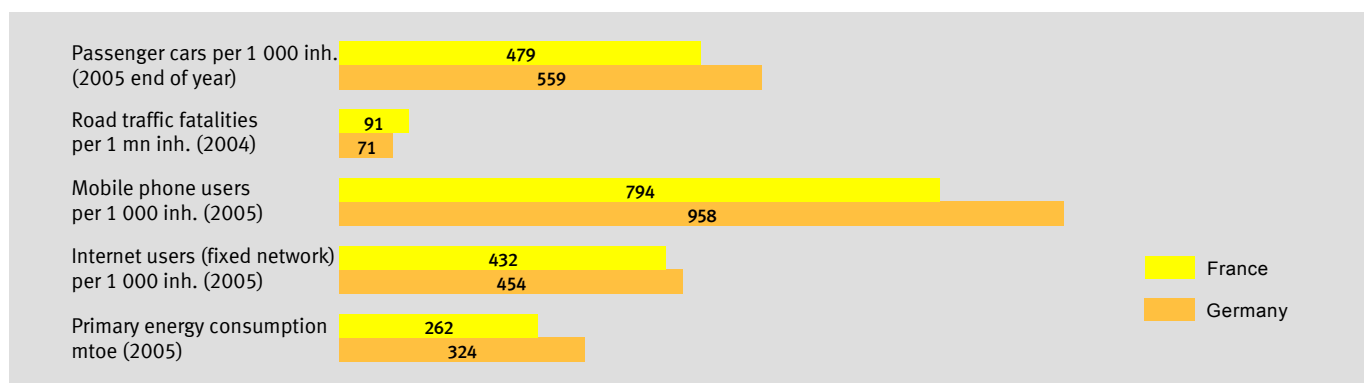
3) The legal minimum wage (Salaire Minimum Interprofessionnel de

Croissance/SMIC) is updated annually at midyear according to the economic development. SMIC 2005: 8,03 EUR, SMIC 2006: 8,27 EUR.

4) Of which: wage per hour 10,76 EUR, non-wage labour costs 9,98 EUR.

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Specification	Unit	2000	2003	2004
<b>Transport and Telecommunication</b>				
Passenger transport				
Railways <sup>1)</sup> .....	bn passenger-km	69,9	72,3	74,3
Underground and urban railways <sup>2)</sup> .....	bn passenger-km	10,8	10,9	11,5
Passenger cars .....	bn passenger-km	699,6	738,6	736,9
Buses and coaches .....	bn passenger-km	43,0	42,6	44,0
Air transport .....	bn passenger-km	15,1	13,0	12,7
Freight transport				
Railways .....	bn tonne-km	55,4	46,8	45,1
Lorries and vans .....	bn tonne-km	183,6	188,9	197,0
Inland waterways .....	bn tonne-km	7,3	6,9	7,3
Pipelines .....	bn tonne-km	21,7	22,1	20,5
Sea transport <sup>3)</sup>				
Freight, loaded .....	mn t	100,3	109,8	. <sup>4)</sup>
Freight, unloaded .....	mn t	245,4	247,2	. <sup>4)</sup>
Air transport				
Passengers <sup>5)</sup> .....	mn	124,7	118,7	124,4 <sup>6)</sup>
incl. domestic flights.....	mn	57,5	49,1	48,2
Passenger cars registered .....	1 000	28 060	29 560	29 900 <sup>7)</sup>



Specification	Unit	2000	2004	2005
<b>Environment</b>				
Consumption of primary energy .....	mtoe (million tons of oil equivalent)	254,9	263,4	262,1
	toe per capita	4,2	4,2	4,2
incl.:				
Oil.....	%	37,2	35,7	35,5
Nuclear energy .....	%	36,9	38,6	39,1
		2000	2003	2004
Emissions of carbon dioxide .....	mn t	380,0	389,6	...
	t per inh.	6,3	6,3	...
Share of trees with a given defoliation of conifers and broad leaves <sup>8)</sup> .....	% of trees inspected	18,3	28,4	31,7
Nature protection areas <sup>9)</sup> .....	1 000 ha	9 209	9 773	10 663
	% of land area	16,9	18,0	19,6
Expenditure on environmental protection .....	EUR mn	27 900	31 829	...

- 1) National Railway association "SNCF" only.
- 2) Paris local traffic system „RATP“ as well as underground and urban railways in other French cities.
- 3) Cargo handling in French ports, without ports in overseas territories.
- 4) Loaded and unloaded freight in 2004: 363,7 mn t (of which Marseille 94,1 mn t).
- 5) Passengers carried in domestic and international air transport. Without airports in overseas territories.
- 6) Of which Paris-Charles de Gaulle 51,0 mn, Paris-Orly 24,0 mn.
- 7) Passenger cars at 31 December 2005: 30,1 mn.
- 8) Excl. "slightly damaged" trees.
- 9) Protected area according to national classification.

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