

# IMMIGRATION IN FRANCE

**Some stats....**

2024: **7.million immigrants in** France and

## A DEBATED DEFINITION

**An immigrant is a foreigner born outside France  
who lives in France**

**BUT WHEN AN IMMIGRANT BECOMES FRENCH  
HE STAYS AN « IMMIGRANT »**

**So an immigrant is not always a foreigner**

**There are 5.315 million foreigners in France  
today**

It's a source of debate and tensions

(Zemmour « The great replacement theory »)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEB7CiEuk44>

## You live in France

You can become French **by declaration** if you are **married** or have a **kinship** with a **French person**

[Your spouse is French](#) ( 4 years of marriage)

[You have a French child or grandchild](#)

[You have a French brother or sister](#)

You were [adopted by simple adoption](#) by a French person.

You can become French **by naturalization**, subject to the following conditions:

You have resided in France since **5 years or more**

You have refugee status

You're from a French-speaking country and you speak French because it's your mother tongue

You joined the French army or an allied army in wartime

You obtained a diploma from a French higher education institution after 2 years of study

# Conditions of Citizenship by naturalization or residence

Knowledge of French language (minimum of B1 level)

Stable and sufficient income to support yourself and your household

No criminal convictions that have resulted in imprisonment of six months or more

## You are born in France to Foreign parents

Having had your habitual residence in **France** for a period of time **continuous or discontinuous** at least **5 years** since **age 11**

Reside in **France** the **day of declaration**

If one of your parents is a foreigner but was born in France and you were born in France, you are [native French](#).

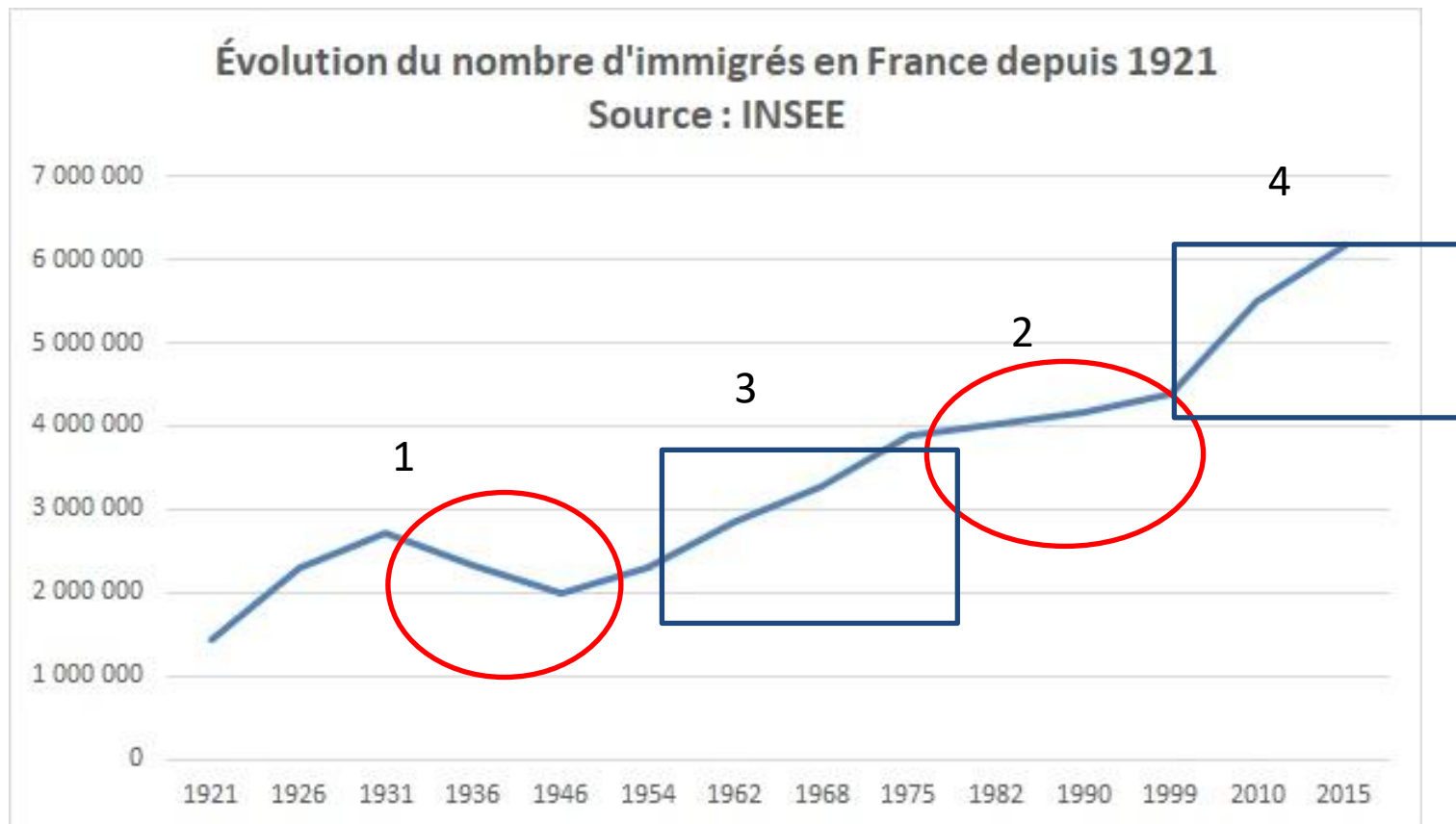
Besides, you are French if at least one of your 2 parents is French.



**Why such a situation?**

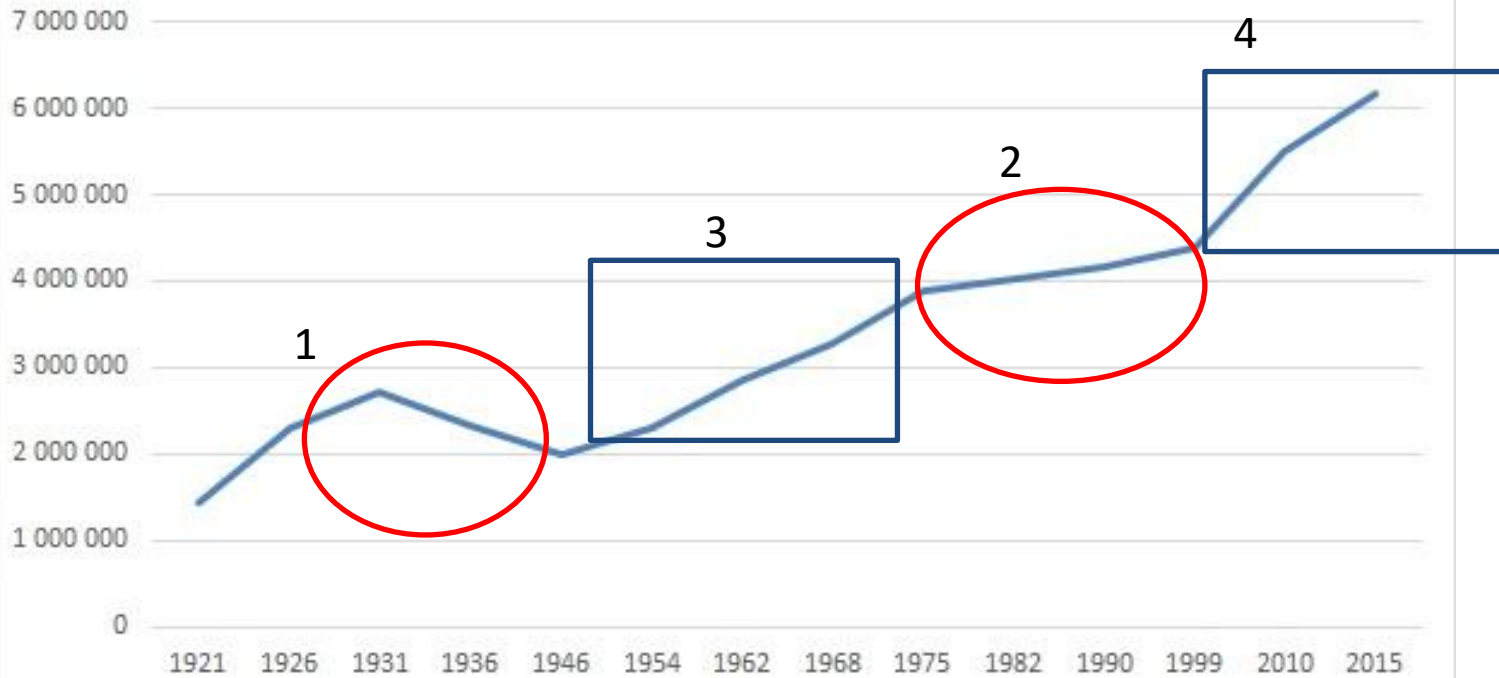
When Napoleon 1st abolished the BIRTH RIGHT France quickly lacked workforce

In the 20th century, there were some waves of immigration along with some periods of low immigration



# Évolution du nombre d'immigrés en France depuis 1921

Source : INSEE



LOW IMMIGRATION: 1 and 2

1 The great depression and WW2

2 The 70's economic crisis

HIGH IMMIGRATION 3 and 4

3 « Trente Glorieuses » and decolonization

4 Migrants and asylum seekers

## Origins of immigrants in France in 2020

| Continent        | Part |
|------------------|------|
| Africa           | 47,5 |
| Europe           | 32,2 |
| Asia             | 14,4 |
| America, Oceania | 5,8  |

Bidonvilles 60's

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3S8D-V7wyyM>



POPULATION OF France COMPOSITION 2022

| <b>NATIONALITY ORIGIN</b>                | <b>Number ( thousands))</b> | <b>Proportion ( %)</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>BORN IN FRANCE</b>                    | <b>59 184</b>               | <b>87,2</b>            |
| Born in France, French                   | 58 396                      | 86,1                   |
| Born in France foreign nationality       | 789                         | 1,2                    |
| <b>BORN BROAD</b>                        | <b>8 658</b>                | <b>12,8</b>            |
| Born abroad with French nationality      | 1 652                       | 2,4                    |
| Immigrants who have obtained nationality | 2 481                       | 3,7                    |
| Immigrants foreign nationality           | 4 526                       | 6,7                    |
| <b>TOTAL IMMIGRANTS</b>                  | <b>7 007</b>                | <b>10,3</b>            |
| <b>TOTAL FOREIGNERS</b>                  | <b>5 315</b>                | <b>7,8</b>             |
| <b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>                  | <b>67 843</b>               |                        |

# THE NEW IMMIGRATION LAW VOTED December 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2eEM54f4kQ>

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## Restriction on benefits

The law creates a distinction between foreigners who are "**in a situation of employment**" and those who are not, with effects on what social benefits they can receive and when.

For benefits such as family allowances, immigrants who do not work will have to wait for **5 years until they are eligible, compared to 30 months for workers.**

For the main housing aid, known as APL, a residency requirement **is set at five years for foreigners not in employment, and three months for others.**

These restrictions do not apply to foreign students, refugees, or holders of resident permits.



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## Regularizing undocumented people

The law gives prefects discretion to regularize undocumented workers in short-staffed professions.

This will be a one-year residence permit, issued on a case-by-case basis, provided that the applicant has been resident in France for **at least three years** and has been gainfully employed for at least 12 of the last 24 months.

A significant change is that undocumented workers will be allowed to apply for this residence permit without their employer's approval.

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## **Migration quotas**

The law creates "quotas" – which will be set by Parliament – to cap "for the next three years" the number of foreigners admitted to the country (excluding asylum seekers).

## **Stripping nationality**

It was agreed to create the possibility of stripping dual nationals of their French citizenship if they have been convicted of intentional homicide against any person in a "position of public authority," such as police officers, soldiers judges, and various administrative officials.

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## Administrative detention centers

The law includes a ban on detaining foreign minors in administrative detention centers, where foreigners ordered to be deported are held.

## Family reunification

The conditions for family reunification are made tougher. **Applicants must now have resided in France for 24 months** (compared with 18 previously), and must be able to show they have "stable, regular and sufficient" resources and health insurance, and their spouse must be at least 21 (instead of 18).

## Student deposit

With some exceptions, foreign students will have to pay a deposit when applying for a student residence permit, to cover the cost of potential "removal costs."

## Healthcare

The law includes a restriction on access to the "sick foreign national" residence permit. With a few exceptions, it will only be granted if there is no "appropriate treatment" in the country of origin. Public health insurance coverage will also be excluded if the applicant has sufficient resources.

# LES FRANÇAIS ET L'IMMIGRATION

## La perception de l'immigration en France

Proportion de Français estimant qu'il y a trop d'immigrés en France



Source : Sciences Po (CEVIPOF)



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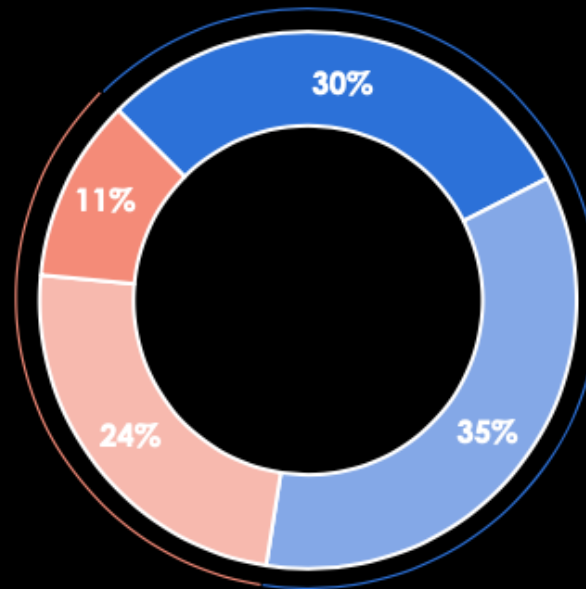
## Les Français et l'immigration

D'après vous, est-ce qu'il y a trop d'immigration en France ?

Base : 1010 répondants

**TOTAL NON**  
**35%**

**TOTAL OUI**  
**65%**



■ Oui, tout à fait

■ Oui, plutôt

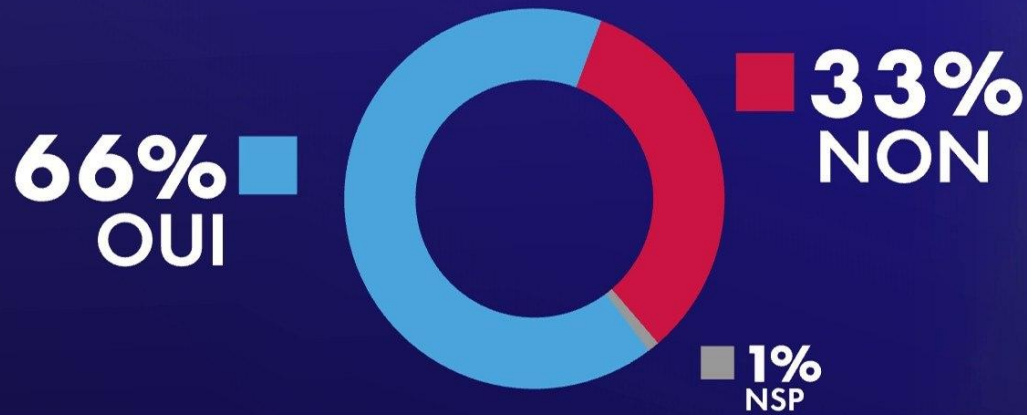
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PENSEZ-VOUS QUE L'IMMIGRATION EXTRA-EUROPEENNE PEUT ETRE UN DANGER POUR LA FRANCE ?



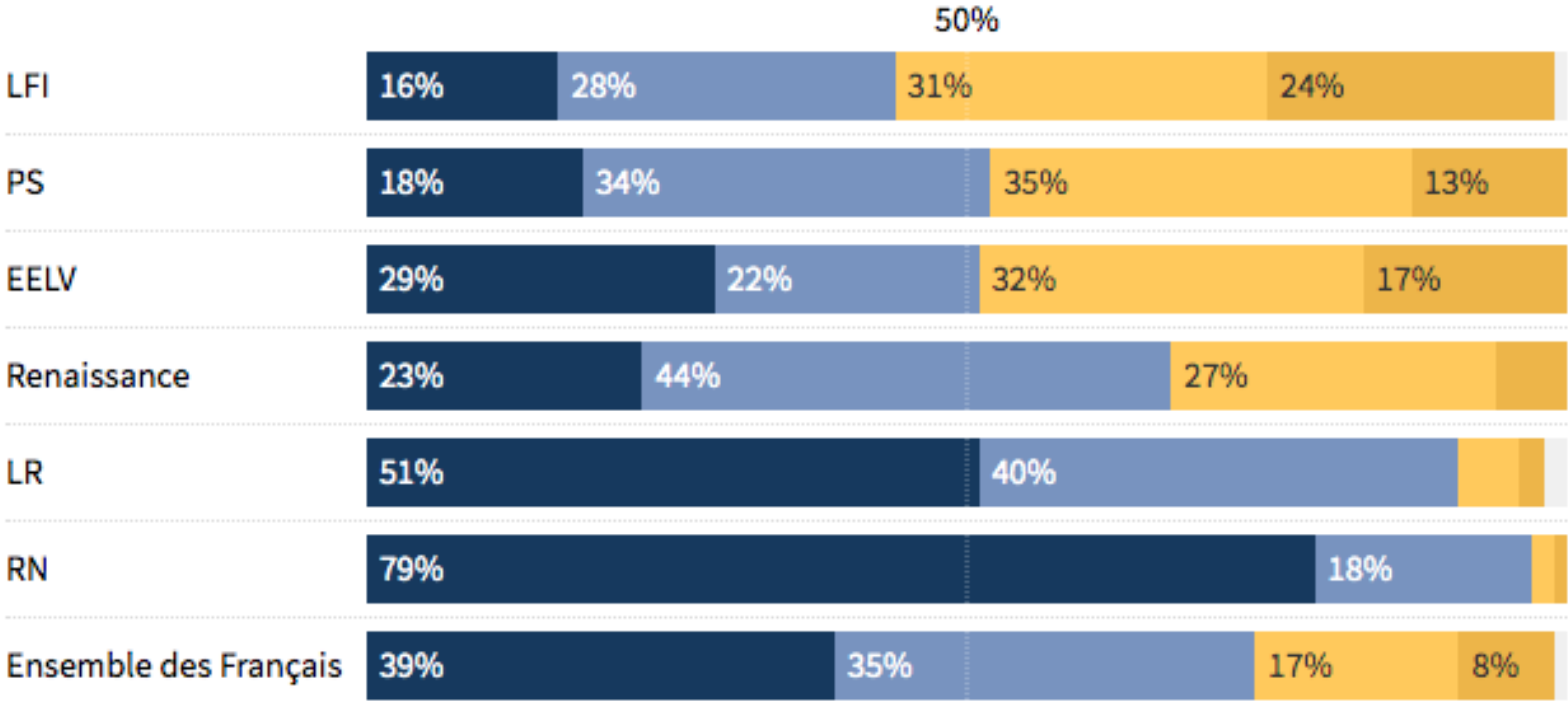
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# Il y a trop d'immigrés aujourd'hui en France

Êtes-vous d'accord avec cette phrase ? Sympathisants...

■ Tout à fait d'accord 
 ■ Plutôt d'accord 
 ■ Plutôt pas d'accord 
 ■ Pas d'accord du tout 
 ■ NSP



Source: Étude réalisée par Odoxa-Backbone Consulting pour Le Figaro. Enquête réalisée auprès d'un échantillon de Français interrogés par internet du 23 au 24 mai 2023.



Source : Odoxa-Backbone Consulting (mai 2023) for « le Figaro »

## Sondage

### La gestion de l'immigration en France

Selon vous, la France gère-t-elle bien ou mal chacun des éléments suivants concernant l'immigration ?

● Très bien ● Assez bien ● Assez mal ● Très mal ● NSP

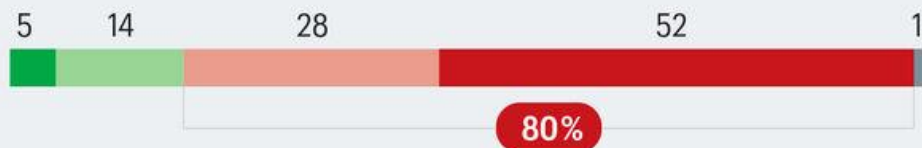
Le droit d'asile



L'intégration des étrangers dans la société



L'application des décisions d'expulsion des personnes sans titre de séjour



La lutte contre l'immigration clandestine



**Nov 2023 Poll from Le Parisien just before the immigration law**



## HUMANITARIAN REASONS

( Cédric Herou: 300 euro fine )

[https://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/societe/cedric-herrou-l-agriculteur-poursuivi-pour-etre-venu-en-aide-aux-migrants\\_1871665.html](https://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/societe/cedric-herrou-l-agriculteur-poursuivi-pour-etre-venu-en-aide-aux-migrants_1871665.html)