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# Key Data on National Education

2021

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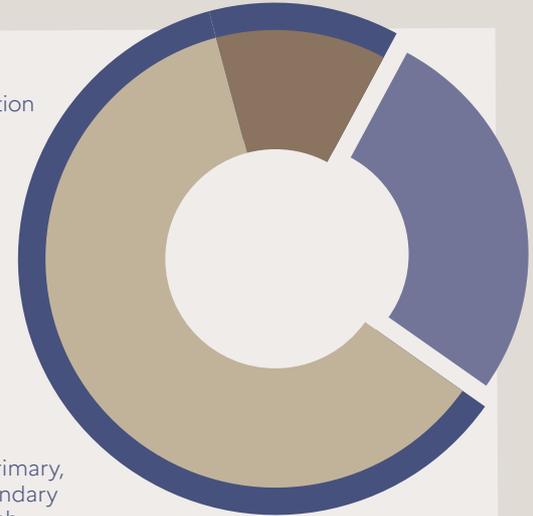
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# personnel and schools

**1,201,500**  
personnels

in national Education  
in 2020-2021



■ **869,300**

teachers in pre-primary,  
primary and secondary  
education of which

■ **726,800** in the public sector

■ **142,500** in Government-dependent private schools

■ **320,800**

non-teaching personnel

**59,650 primary and secondary schools**

(Ministry of National Education)



# cost of education

**160.5 billion euros** are devoted to **domestic education expenditure** in 2019, that is

**6.6%** of **France GDP**

## By whom ?

**Central government (all the ministries)** 57.3%  
*of which ministry of national education 53.8%*

**Local government**  
23.3%

**Enterprises**  
8.9%

**Households**  
7.8%

**Other administrations and CAF** 2.6%

## What for ?

**Wages, salaries and the employer's social contribution** 75.0%  
*teaching staff 50.9%*

*non-teaching staff 24.1%*

**Other operating costs** 17.2%

**Investment** 7.8%

## For whom ?

**Pre-primary and primary education** 29.7%



**Secondary education** 38.0%



**Higher education** 20.3%

**Continuous Professional training** 10.1%

**€7,000**  
annual expenditure per student in pre-primary and primary education



€7,110

Pre-primary



€6,940

Primary

**€9,950**  
annual expenditure per student in secondary education or apprentice



€8,790  
Lower secondary education



€11,300  
General upper secondary education



€12,740  
Vocational upper secondary education

**Extra-curricular** 1.9%



**€8,400**

per student or apprentice in pre-primary / primary education and secondary education

# students and apprentices in primary and secondary education

**12,809,200** students and apprentices

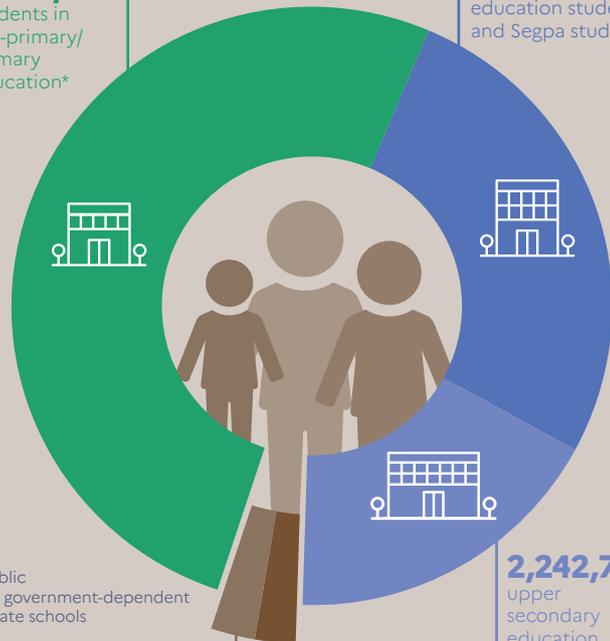
in 2020-2021

**6,565,850**

students in pre-primary/primary education\*

**3,414,350**

lower secondary education students and Segpa students\*



\* Public and government-dependent private schools

**306,300**

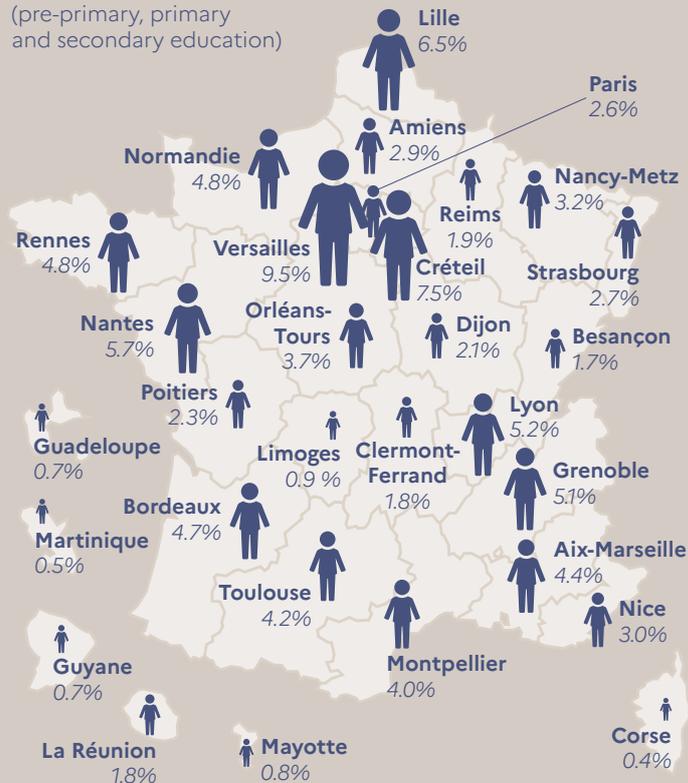
apprentices of secondary education

**280,000**

students in pre-primary, primary and secondary education of private independent schools and schools of ministry of agriculture and of health ministry.

**9.5% of students**

are enrolled in the Versailles académie (pre-primary, primary and secondary education)



Académie: main administrative district of the ministries in charge of the education system.

# pre-primary and primary education

Start of the school year 2020



**6,565,850**

students in pre-primary and primary education of which 5,691,700 students enrolled in the public sector

in other words 87% of students in the public sector

**2,375,000** students in pre-primary education

**4,190,850** students in primary education and *ULIS*

**260,000** pre-primary and primary education students with disabilities\*

of which **200,400** in mainstream education

and **59,600** in health and social institutions

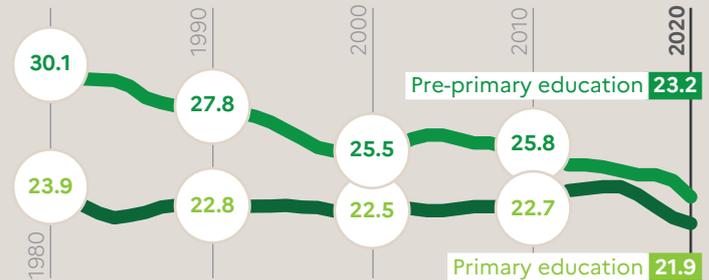


**379,700**

primary education teachers of which 334,200 public teachers



## Evolution in average class size



**574,300** pre-primary and primary education students in schools of the priority areas (*REP* and *REP+*)



in other words **1 out of 5** student in the public school system



in **6,650** schools

**1** teacher in primary education for **19.2** students

in France in 2017-2018



\* Public and government-dependent private schools

Source: OECD, Education at a glance, 2020.

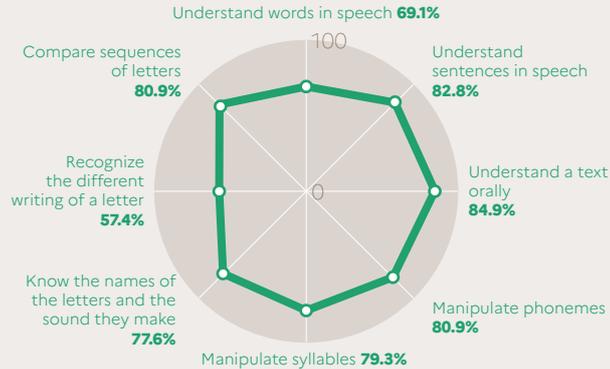
! This indicator is different from the average class size.

# national benchmarks

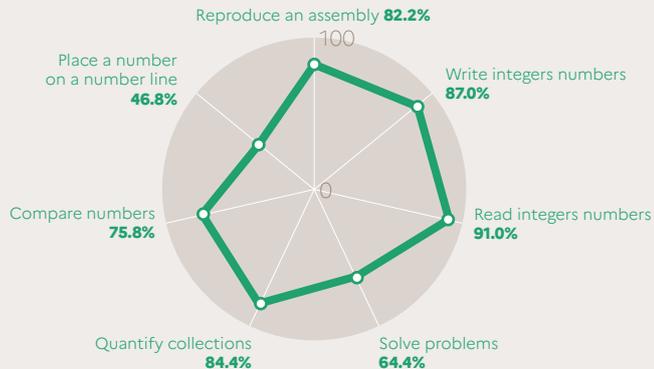
## The assessment of student learning ...

... at the beginning of first grade, in september 2020, in %

**In French language**, a high level of proficiency in oral comprehension and low for knowledge of letters

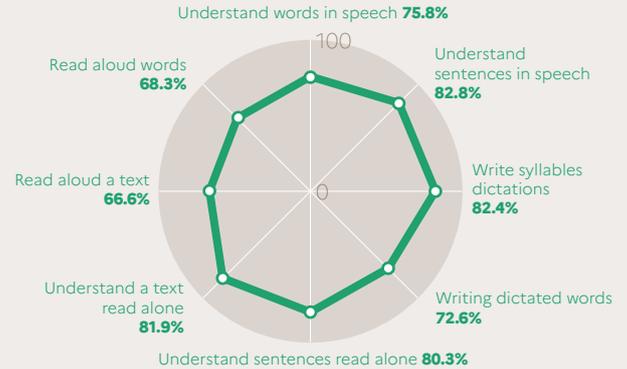


**In mathematics**, a good knowledge of numbers but difficulties in problem solving

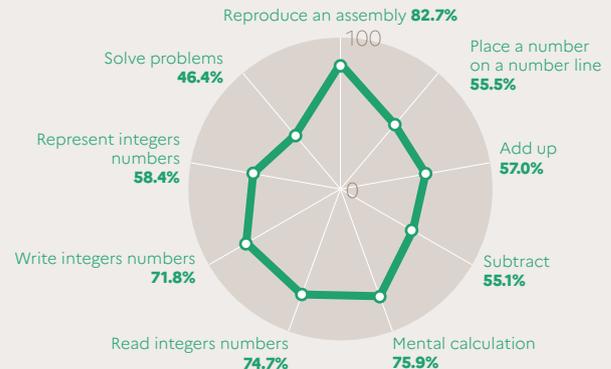


... at the beginning of second grade, in september 2020, in %

**In French language**, a good understanding of the written word but difficulties to read aloud and write words



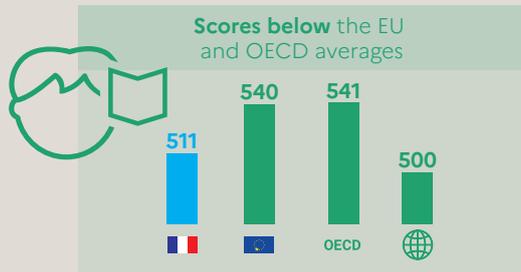
**In mathematics**, difficulties in problem solving and for addition and subtraction exercises



# the international assessments

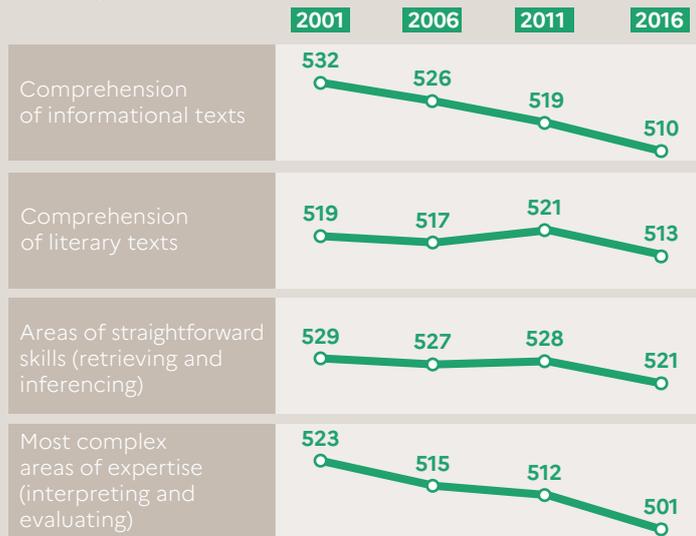
## PIRLS 2016

Progress in International Reading Literacy Study



## Evolution of the average score for France

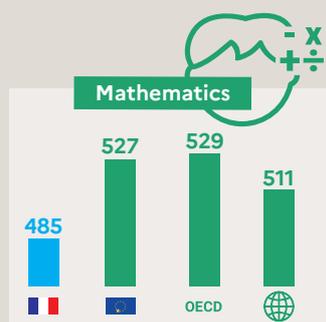
according to the type of text



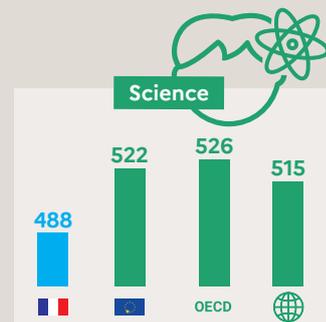
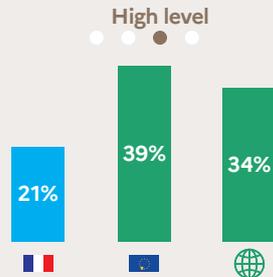
## TIMSS 2019

Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study

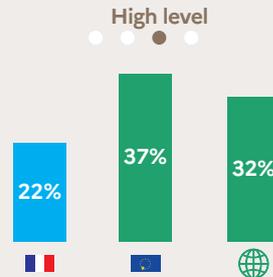
France's performance lags behind the EU and OECD averages



In France in mathematics, only **21 % of the fourth grade students (CITE 1)** reach a high level



In France in science, only **22 % of the fourth grade students (CITE 1)** reach a high level



# secondary education

Start of the school year 2020



**5,657,100**  
students in secondary education  
of which 4,473,600 students  
enrolled in the public sector

in other words 79%  
of students  
in the public sector

**3,414,350**  
lower secondary education  
students



**1,604,400**  
general upper  
secondary  
education  
students

**638,350**  
vocational  
upper secondary  
education  
students

**191,000 secondary  
education students  
with disabilities\***



**489,600**  
secondary education teachers  
of which 392,550  
public teachers

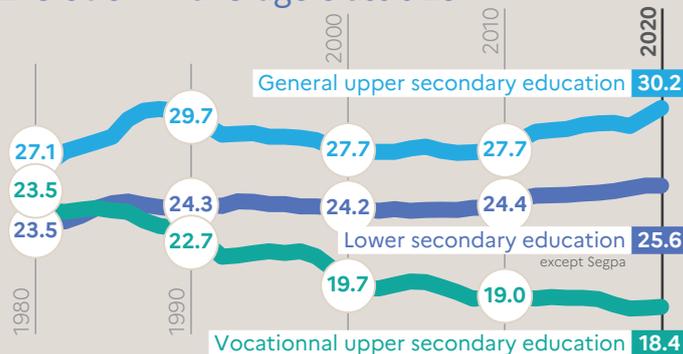


of which **183,600**  
in mainstream  
education



and **7,400** in health  
and social institutions

## Evolution in average class size



**574,300 lower secondary education students**  
in schools of priority areas (REP and REP+)



in other words **1 out of 5** lower secondary  
student in the public school system



in **1,100 lower  
secondary schools**

**1 teacher in secondary education  
for 13 students**

in France in 2017-2018



Source: OECD, Education at a glance 2020.

! This indicator is different  
from the average class size.

\* Public and government-dependent private schools

# the *baccalauréat*

(upper secondary school leaving certificate)

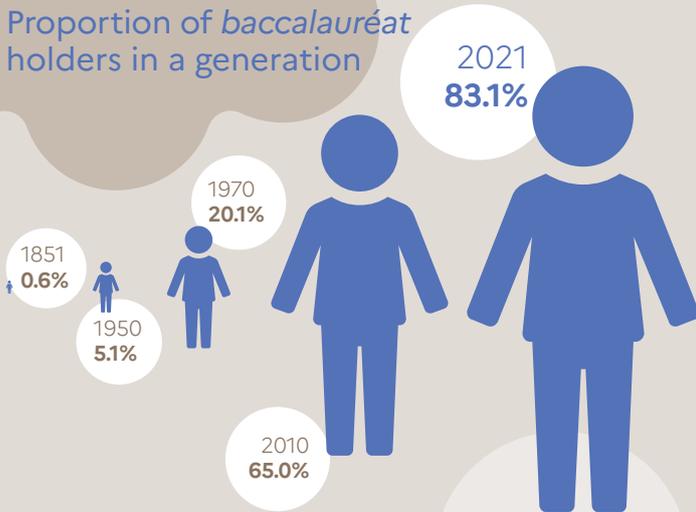


In 2021, the *baccalauréat* success rate is **93.8%**

! 2021 provisional data

General <i>baccalauréat</i>	<b>97.6%</b>
Technological <i>baccalauréat</i>	<b>94.0%</b>
Vocational <i>baccalauréat</i>	<b>86.7%</b>

Proportion of *baccalauréat* holders in a generation



At the 2021 session, **83.1%** of youth in a generation obtained the *baccalauréat*

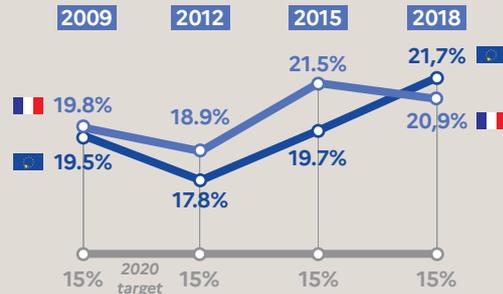
General <i>baccalauréat</i>	<b>44.8%</b>
Technological <i>baccalauréat</i>	<b>16.4%</b>
Vocational <i>baccalauréat</i>	<b>21.9%</b>

# international student assessments

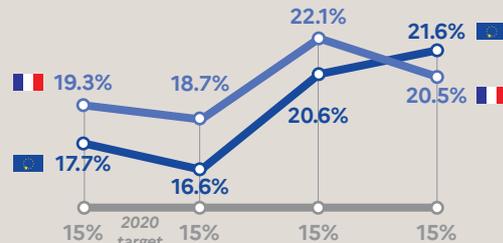
## PISA 2018

Programme for International Student Assessment

Insufficient proficiency in reading, mathematics and science



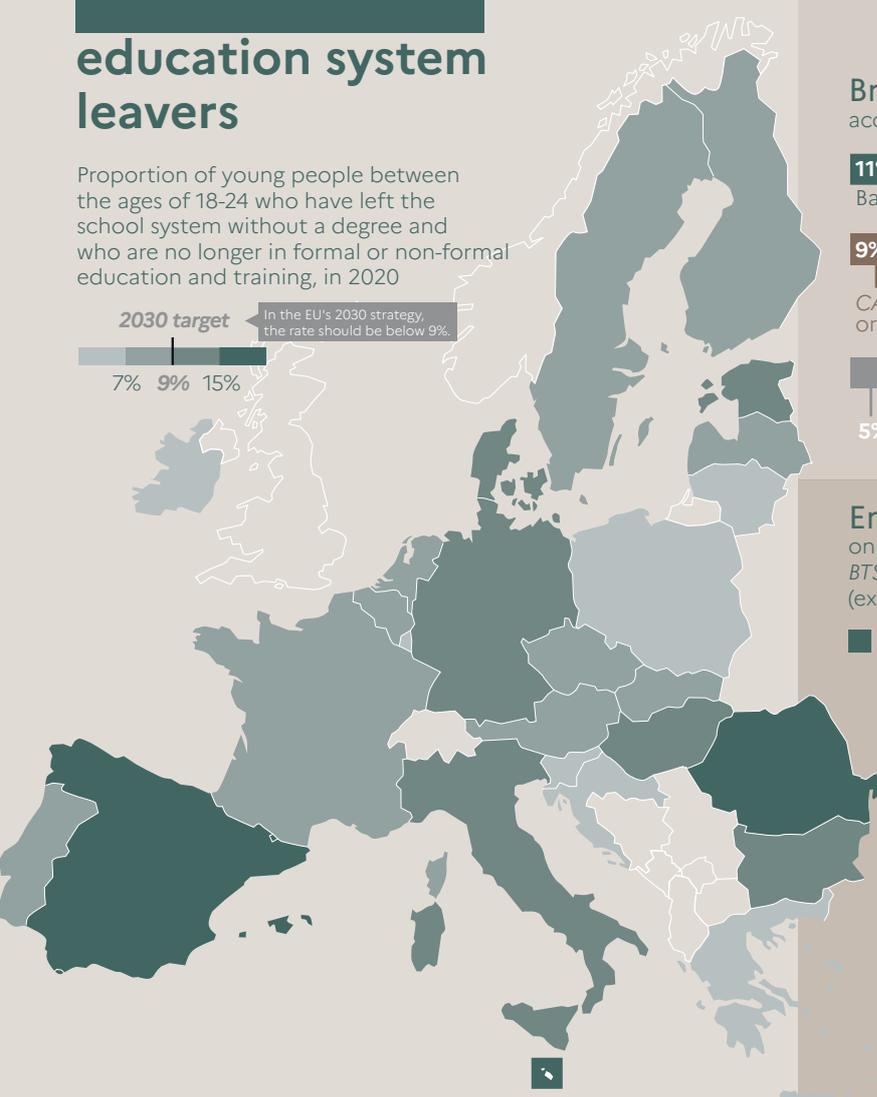
In the EU's 2020 strategy, the rate should be below 15%.



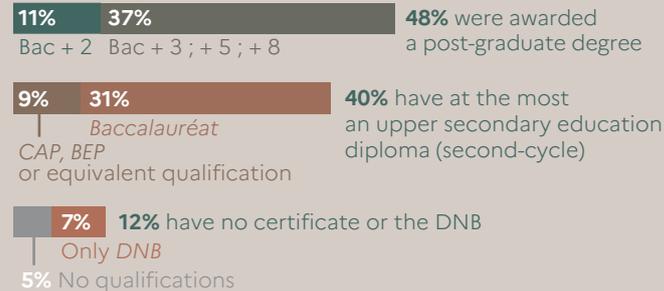
Purview: Metropolitan France + Overseas departments

# education system leavers

Proportion of young people between the ages of 18-24 who have left the school system without a degree and who are no longer in formal or non-formal education and training, in 2020

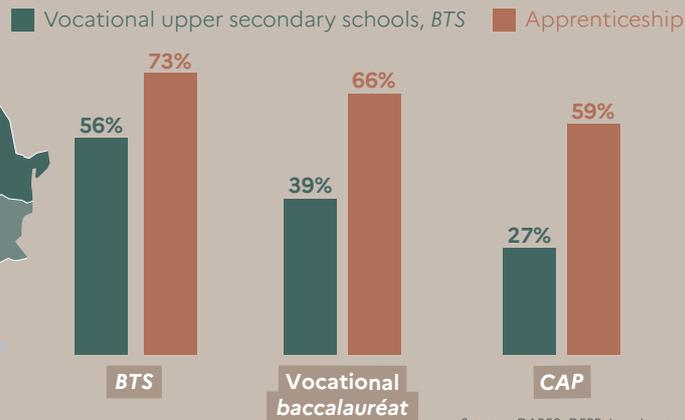


## Breakdown of initial education leavers according to their highest level of qualification, in 2020



## Employment rate of graduates on January 2020: vocational upper secondary school leavers, BTS school leavers and Apprentice training centres leavers (excluding Mayotte)

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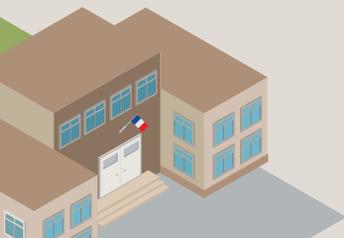


Source : DARES, DEPP, Inserjeunes.

# glossary

- BTS** Diploma of advanced technician  
**CAF** Family Allowance Fund  
**CAP** Certificate of vocational ability  
**CFA** Apprentice Training Centre  
**DARES** Directorate of Animation Research, Studies and Statistics  
**DEPP** Evaluation, Forward Planning and Performance Directorate  
**DNB** Certificate of lower secondary education  
**DROM** Overseas departments  
**DUT** Diploma in technological studies  
**EREA** Regional adapted teaching institutions  
**GDP** Gross domestic product  
**MENJS** Ministry of national Education, Youth and Sports  
**MESRI** Ministry of higher Education, Research and Innovation  
**OECD** Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development  
**PIRLS** Progress in International Reading Literacy Study  
**PISA** Programme for International Student Assessment  
**REP** Educational Priority Networks  
**REP +** Educational Priority Reinforced Networks  
**Segpa** General and Vocational Adapted Learning Section  
**TIMSS** Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study  
**EU** European Union  
**ULIS** Local Units for Educational Inclusion

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