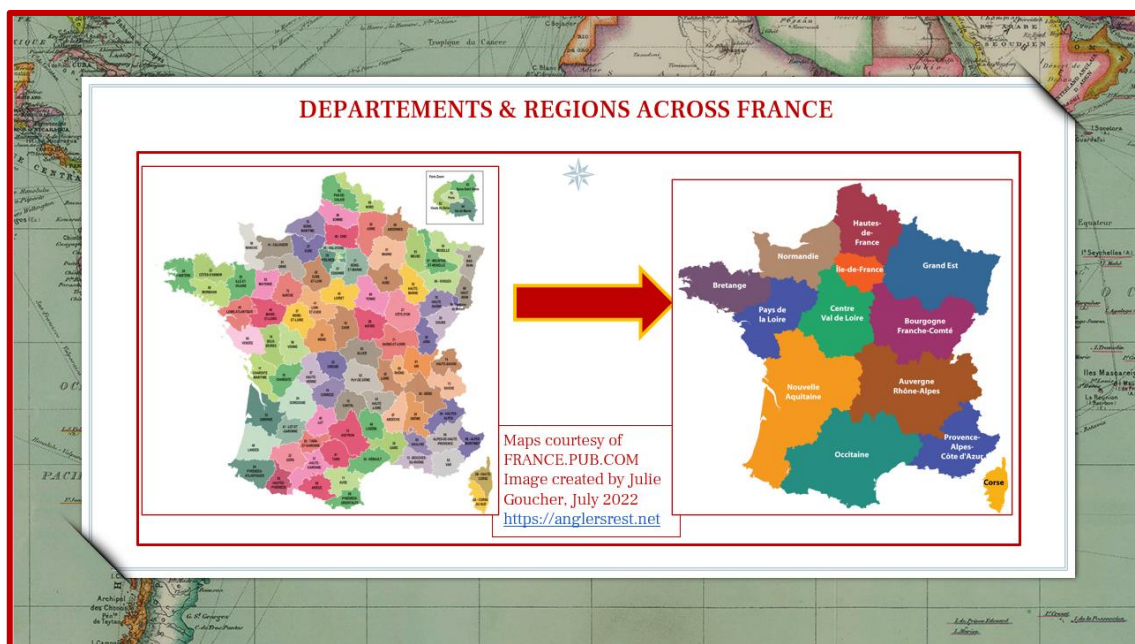


Departments of France, and Department Archives

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The structure of administration after the Revolution across France changed, and was divided into **Departments, Districts or Regions, Cantons and Communes**. This is important for those undertaking genealogy research in France, as where you look for information will depend on what you are looking for. Some is held at local level, in the Communes, whilst other material is potentially held at Departmental, Region, or Canton level.

Departments - initially there were 82, but this was expanded as the population grew, especially near the capital. There are now **96** of these excluding the overseas territories. Each Department has a unique number which is used for a variety of administrative reasons - vehicle registration, postcodes for examples.



Districts or Regions - Until the end of 2015 there were 22 regions, with 5 overseas regions. Following government discussions there was a change from January 2016, there are now **13 + 5** overseas regions

Districts (arrondissements) - of these there are **342** which breaks down into

Cantons - of these there are **2,054** and that further breaks down into

Communes - there are **36,529** and this is the lowest level of administration across France.

Departmental Map of the Republic of France

The Map below is from the website France-Pub.com. If you wish to see a larger image, please click the link below:

<https://www.france-pub.com/maps/departments-names-1000.jpg.webp>



Listed on the following pages is the Departmental Archives for France, including the Overseas Territories. Mostly these indicate material that is available online, but there is so much more available at the actual archives themselves. The online offerings are constantly being updated, so do visit the websites often, otherwise you may miss some fascinating gems! At the end of the document is a list of some generic French research sites.

Websites of the Departmental Archives

Department Number (01) Ain	URL: https://www.archives.ain.fr/
	Capital: Bourg-en-Bresse
	Information: Online: parish registers, civil registers, censuses. Tables de Succession, (lists of those who died and if they left a will) and the Matricules, which are military recruitment documents is available for some communes. The notarial document registers are being added in stages.
Department Number (02) Aisne	URL: https://archives.aisne.fr/
	Capital: Laon
	Information: Site contains parish and civil registrations, land records and maps, census returns, military conscription lists, municipal deliberations, and has a huge amount image of historical and genealogical value. There is a section on genealogy providing guidance as you begin research. it is possible via a different search page to see all documentation relating to a particular commune.
Department Number (03) Allier	URL: https://archives.allier.fr/
	Capital: Moulins
	Information: The parish and civil registrations for over 300 communes are now online and free. One must click an agreement form before access is allowed. A lovely site to explore.
Department Number (04) Alpes-de-Haute-Provence	URL: http://www.archives04.fr/r/68/archives-en-ligne/
	Capital: Digne-les-Bains
	Information: Available online is parish and civil registers, annual indices, ten-year indices, censuses, land records.
Department Number (05) Hautes-Alpes	URL: https://archives.hautes-alpes.fr/n/archives-numerisees/n:95
	Capital: Gap
	Information: Online: parish and civil registers through 1916, marriage bans, ten-year indices. Incredibly helpful people when contacted by e-mail; they really go out of their way to help further one's research.
Department Number (06) Alpes-Maritimes	URL: https://www.departement06.fr/archives-departementales/outils-de-recherche-et-archives-numerisees-2895.html
	Capital: Nice
	Information: Parish & civil registrations from the 16th century to 1914. Alphabetic indices to conscription lists, from 1870 to 1928. Land registry maps

Department Number (07) Ardèche	URL: https://archives.ardeche.fr/n/archives-numerisees/n:1
	Capital: Privas
	Information: Online: parish and civil registers, ten-year indices, land records, Protestant registrations, military registers, and censuses from 1791 to 1911
Department Number (08) Ardennes	URL: https://archives.cd08.fr/
	Capital: Charleville-Mézières
	Information: Ten-year indices with a list of all communes, land records, parish registers and civil registers from the 16th century to 1890. Military conscription lists from 1867 to 1921, with a new index that can be searched by the conscript's name.
Department Number (09) Ariège	URL: http://archives.ariège.fr/
	Capital: Foix
	Information: Parish and civil registrations from 1551 to 1892, with ten-year indices up to 1902, and military conscription lists from 1884 to 1918.
Department Number (10) Aube	URL: http://www.archives-aube.fr/r/10/vos-recherches/
	Capital: Troyes
	Information: Ten-year indices, post cards of various towns and villages, land records, parish, and civil registrations from 1552 to 1919, military enlistment records, probate indices (tables des successions), census returns from 1820 to 1931. In addition, the Fichier Chandon has about 8000 names and biographical notes on families of the region. There is further work in progress: 1) a collaborative index to the names on the census returns; 2) a surname index to the registrations – approximately 600,000 names. NEW: prison registers that are more than 100 years old for some towns.
Department Number (11) Aude	URL: https://www.audealaculture.fr/archives
	Capital: Carcassonne.
	Information: Parish and civil registrations from 1547 to 1872 and some ten-year indices. Just up: military conscription lists.
Department Number (12) Aveyron	URL: https://archives.aveyron.fr/
	Capital: Rodez
	Information: Online there is parish and civil registrations from the 16th to the end of the 19th century. Military recruitment lists from 1887 – 1921 are also available. There is a plan to add notarial records online.
Department Number (13) Bouches-du-Rhône	URL: https://www.archives13.fr/
	Capital: Marseille.
	Information: Containing parish and civil registers, land records, censuses from 1836-1931, old post cards, military recruitment registers from 1872 to 1912.

Department Number (14) Calvados	URL: https://archives.calvados.fr/
	Capital: Caen
	Information: Parish and civil records and the ten-year indices and annual indices, military conscription lists, census returns, naval and merchant marine conscription lists, maps, and some notarial records site includes some interesting pictures of the Normandy invasion.
Department Number (15) Cantal	URL: https://archives.cantal.fr/
	Capital: Aurillac
	Information: Parish and civil registers, ten-year indices, censuses, alphabetic indices to military recruitment lists and the lists as well, photographs, and notarial records and Holocaust records that relate to Cantal.
Department Number (16) Charente	URL: https://archives.lacharente.fr/a/1/
	Capital: Angoulême
	Information: Census records for 1842 to 1872, land records, teachers' notebooks, church inventories, old post cards of local towns, villages, and sites. Parish and civil registrations are also online.
Department Number (17) Charente-Maritime	URL: https://archives.charente-maritime.fr/
	Capital: La Rochelle
	Information: Parish, Protestant and civil registers, post cards, photographs of the Second World War, notarial records, and entry lists (répertoires), military recruitment lists from 1859 to 1921, admiralty records, employment contracts for those sent to America (engagés) from 1606 to 1758, and much more.
Department Number (18) Cher	URL: https://www.archives18.fr/
	Capital: Bourges
	Information: To use this site you must create an account. This is free of charge and enables you to access parish and civil registrations, censuses, maps, military enlistment registers and the indexes to them.
Department Number (19) Corrèze	URL: https://www.archives.correze.fr/ Brive-la-Gaillarde which has its own website: http://archives.brive.fr
	Capital: Tulle
	Information: Ten-year indices from 1802 to 1902, parish and civil registrations for all communes from their beginnings to 1902, EXCEPT for Brive-la-Gaillarde (see their own website: http://archives.brive.fr), census returns from 1906 to 1936, military recruitment lists, alphabetic death and will registrations to 1940, maps.
Department Number (2A) Corse-du-Sud (CORSICA)	URL: https://archives.isula.corsica/
	Capital: Ajaccio
	Information: Parish and civil registrations from 1548 to 1914, probate tables, land records and census returns.

Department Number (2B) Haute-Corse (CORSICA)	URL: https://archives.isula.corsica/
	Capital: Bastia
	Information: Maps, civil registrations from 1793 to 1902. NOTE: Since 2020 the two administrations for 2A and 2B have been merged and are available at the one site.
Department Number (21) Côte-d'Or	URL: https://archives.cotedor.fr/
	Capital: Dijon
	Information: Online: parish and civil registers, ten-year indices, censuses 1800 to 1936, indices to the military recruitment lists and the lists themselves from 1867 to 1921, court and judicial records, administrative records, maps, tables to notarial records, succession tables. Scans of registers for notarial records dating.
Department Number (22) Côtes-d'Armor	URL: https://www.genealogie22.org/fr/
	Capital: Saint-Brieuc
	Information: To use the site you must register, which is free of charge. Site contains land records, parish and civil registrations, census records to 1906, will indices, post cards, posters, photograph collections, military recruitment lists from 1867 to 1909, scans of old newspapers, répertoires (chronological indices) to notarial records.
Department Number (23) Creuse	URL: https://archives.creuse.fr/
	Capital: Guéret.
	Information: Parish and civil registrations, maps, posters from the Second World War, census returns, military recruitment lists, and alphabetic indices to inheritances.
Department Number (24) Dordogne	URL: https://archives.dordogne.fr/
	Capital: Périgueux
	Information: Historic maps, ten-year indices, parish and civil registrations, census returns through 1896, military conscription lists from 1887 through 1921. Newspapers from the World War Two era.
Department Number (25) Doubs	URL: https://portail-archives.doubs.fr/
	Capital: Besançon
	Information: Ten-year indices, civil and parish registrations, finding aids.
Department Number (26) Drôme	URL: https://archives.ladrome.fr/
	Capital: Valence
	Information: Parish registers, ten-year indices, civil registers up to 1852, with some up to 1916, notarial archives, land records, military recruitment lists from 1865 to 1921, census returns from 1790 to 1911; Protestant registers with indices. A selection of finding aids available.

Department Number (27) Eure	URL: https://archives.eure.fr/
	Capital: Évreux.
	Information: Parish and civil registers, military recruitment lists, censuses, old postcards.
Department Number (28) Eure-et-Loir	URL: https://archives28.fr/
	Capital: Chartres
	Information: Parish and civil registers, military conscription lists, censuses, probate lists, land registry records, electoral rolls, church plans.
Department Number (29) Finistère	URL: https://archives.finistere.fr/
	Capital: Quimper
	Information: Maps, parish and civil registrations census returns, military recruitment lists from 1860-1913, local maps with place names in Breton. Parish registrations from 1772 to 1909 have been indexed on FamilySearch. Great finding aids to help with research.
Department Number (30) Gard	URL: https://archives.gard.fr/accueil.html
	Capital: Nîmes
	Information: Gard now has its own website, having previously relied heavily at http://www.brozer.fr/telearchives/#depot_select.php which have the municipal archives of Nîmes and many archives for Gard. The site has military recruitment lists from 1887 to 1915 and now parish and civil registrations, research aids, a rather useful Republican calendar https://archives.gard.fr/rechercher/boite-a-outils.html and a listing of the Communes HERE and much more.
Department Number (31) Haute-Garonne	URL: https://archives.haute-garonne.fr/
	Capital: Toulouse
	Information: Land records, parish and civil registers, military recruitment lists, marriage contracts from Toulouse from 1501 to 1739, census returns from as early as 1795 through 1936, insinuations from 1693 to 1790. The 1872 and 1886 census returns for Toulouse are being indexed by FamilySearch
Department Number (32) Gers	URL: http://www.archives32.fr/
	Capital: Auch
	Information: Finding aids, historic maps, military conscription lists and census returns. Parish and civil registrations
Department Number (33) Gironde	URL: https://archives.gironde.fr/
	Capital: Bordeaux
	Information: Transcriptions of some parish registers, parish and civil registers and ten-year indices, maps, passport applications from 1800 to 1889, military recruitment lists from 1867 to 1921, register of deeds, wills, etc., 182 registers of the Admiralty of Guyenne, crew, and passenger lists of departing vessels from 1683 to 1778. Click on GAEL to search. While there

	are some civil registrations for Bordeaux, most are on the website of the Bordeaux municipal archives.
Department Number	URL: https://archives-pierresvives.herault.fr/archive/recherche/numerise/n:3
(34) Hérault	Capital: Montpellier
	Information: Military recruitment registers, parish and civil registers, censuses, land records, notarial records, post cards, maps, municipal meeting minutes. Copies of the Land Registry records, showing transfers of ownership and the Table des hypothèques are now online.
Department Number	URL: https://archives.ille-et-vilaine.fr/fr
(35) Ille-et-Vilaine	Capital: Rennes
	Information: Land records, parish, and civil registrations for most but not quite yet all locations. For Rennes see the Archives municipales de Rennes. Includes material relating to French Algiers.
Department Number	URL: https://www.archives36.fr/
(36) Indre	Capital: Châteauroux.
	Information: Finding aids, maps, parish, and civil registrations to 1902, ten-year indices, census returns to 1901. NEW: Complete military recruitment records from 1859 to 1921.
Department Number	URL: https://archives.touraine.fr/
(37) Indre-et-Loire	Capital: Tours
	Information: Parish registers, ten-year indices, land records, old post cards and records of wills filed, military conscription lists. Land registers for Chinon, Loches and Tours from 1800 to 1955. Registers of wartime bomb damage (inventaires des dommages de guerre).
Department Number	URL: http://www.archives-isere.fr/
(38) Isère	Capital: Grenoble
	Information: Ten-year indices, parish, and civil registrations to 1892, census returns to 1906, military conscription lists from 1856 to 1921, scans of WWI family records, treasury records from the 13th to the 15th centuries
Department Number	URL: http://archives39.fr/
(39) Jura	Capital: Lons-le-Saunier
	Information: Maps, postcards, historic photographs, parish, and civil registrations from the 16th century through 1892, ten-year indices from 1802-1932, marriage banns and dispensation requests from the 18th century, military conscription lists from 1867-1921, registers of notarial records from 1694-1791, census returns from 1800 to 1911.
Department Number	URL: https://archives.landes.fr/article.php?laref=1
(40) Landes	Capital: Mont-de-Marsan
	Information: Parish and civil registrations, military recruitment lists, maps, town meeting minute books.

Department Number	URL: http://www.culture41.fr/Archives-departementales
	Capital: Blois
(41) Loir-et-Cher	Information: Parish and civil registrations, census returns, indices to military recruitment lists, maps.
Department Number	URL: https://www.loire.fr/jcms/c_825883/les-archives-en-ligne
	Capital: Saint-Étienne
(42) Loire	Information: Ten-year indices, parish, and civil registers from 1469 to 1909, some as recent as 1965. Census returns from 1810 to 1911, maps, 1906 inventories of church properties, postcards, military recruitment lists from 1865 to 1921, newspapers from 1873
Department Number	URL: https://www.archives43.fr/
	Capital: Le Puy-en-Velay
(43) Haute-Loire	Information: Parish and civil registrations, ten-year indices to same, military conscription lists, census returns through 1936, registers of notarial records. There is much, much more than can be listed, so explore this site, as it continues to add digitized archives by the hundreds.
Department Number	URL: https://archives.loire-atlantique.fr/44/accueil-archives/j_6
	Capital: Nantes
(44) Loire-Atlantique	Information: Parish registers, civil registers, censuses, land records, maps, old post cards, notarial records, military enlistment registers, complete with a surname index to them. Archives do not respond to request for help if you contact them 😞
Department Number	URL: https://www.archives-loiret.fr/
	Capital: Orléans
(45) Loiret	Information: Civil registrations from 1833 to 1902 are gradually being put online. About one third of all communes have been added. However, there are some that will never be online, for they were destroyed during the Second World War. Many communes have their own websites with their parish and civil registrations found online there
Department Number	URL: https://archives.lot.fr/a/7/
	Capital: Cahors
(46) Lot	Information: Parish and civil registrations to 1912, including clerk's copies, census records, succession tables, military registers.
Department Number	URL: https://archivesdepartementales.lotetgaronne.fr/accueil
	Capital: Agen
(47) Lot-et-Garonne	Information: Civil registrations of the 19th century, census returns, many maps and land records, photographs, old post cards, unique funds of local history and customs, and the recordings of the accounts of some Spanish refugees

Department Number (48) Lozère	URL: https://archives.lozere.fr/
	Capital: Mende
	Information: Parish and civil registers from the 17th century to 1902, photographs, maps, post cards, town histories, insinuations. Unusually, the municipal archives of the capitol city are at the same site.
Department Number (49) Maine-et-Loire	URL: https://archives.maine-et-loire.fr/recherche-et-consulter/archives-consultables-en-ligne
	Capital: Angers
	Information: Despite earlier online issues the site appears to have a host of material available to researcher
Department Number (50) Manche	URL: https://www.manche.fr/archivesDepartementales/default.asp
	Capital: Saint-Lô
	Information: Historic maps, parish and civil registrations and ten-year indices, military conscription lists. Click on moteur de recherche, then on état civil. There is a video explaining how to use the search engine. Paris registrations from 1533 to 1906 for some towns have been indexed on FamilySearch
Department Number (51) Marne	URL: https://archives.marne.fr/?id=recherche_guidee
	Capital: Châlons-en-Champagne
	Information: Parish and civil registrations, maps, censuses, and land records. Military recruitment lists from 1887 to 1896
Department Number (52) Haute-Marne	URL: https://archives.haute-marne.fr/archives/search
	Capital: Chaumont
	Information: Finding aids and land records are online. Gradually being added are parish and civil registers, ten-year indices, and notarial records. Here, you can also read the interesting "Notes généalogiques du Baron de l'Horre".
Department Number (53) Mayenne	URL: https://archives.lamayenne.fr/
	Capital: Laval
	Information: Parish and civil registers from the 16th century to 1882, ten-year indices, a data base created by volunteers of the details from the marriages of the 19th century, military registers, census lists from 1836 to 1906, land records, transcriptions of marginal notes from the parish registers. Mayenne is acknowledged as an exceptional archive with digitised provisions. Departmental Library is http://bdm.lamayenne.fr/
Department Number (54) Meurthe-et-Moselle	URL: https://archives.meurthe-et-moselle.fr/
	Capital: Nancy
	Information: Parish and civil registers up to 1882, land records, military recruitment lists from 1887-1921, census returns from 1872 to 1936, probate indices from 1849 to 1945, and letters patent from 1473-1508.

Department Number (55) Meuse	URL: https://archives.meuse.fr/search/home
	Capital: Bar-le-Duc
	Information: Parish and civil registers, military conscription lists, census returns, land registry maps, old newspapers, illuminated manuscripts – Excellent provisions on the website!
Department Number (56) Morbihan	URL: https://patrimoines-archives.morbihan.fr/
	Capital: Vannes
	Information: Parish and civil registers, ten-year indices, military conscription lists from 1867 to 1921, maps, photos, 19th century local newspapers
Department Number (57) Moselle	URL: http://www.archives57.com/
	Capital: Metz
	Information: Parish registrations, tables to civil registrations, photographs, maps, military recruitment lists. Work is underway to get the civil registrations online.
Department Number (58) Nièvre	URL: https://archives.nievre.fr/
	Capital: Nevers
	Information: Finding aids, list of communes, old post cards, cahiers de doléances, pregnancy declarations, censuses, military conscription lists include the soldiers of WWI, parish registrations and civil registrations are completed.
Department Number (59) Nord	URL: https://archivesdepartementales.lenord.fr/?id=archives_online
	Capital: Lille
	Information: Ten-year indices, parish and civil registrations, military recruitment lists, land records, 1906 census. If you are researching people from the capital, check the website of the Archives municipales de Lille archives.lille.fr
Department Number (60) Oise	URL: https://archives.oise.fr/
	Capital: Beauvais
	Information: Old post cards, parish maps, parish and civil registers, censuses, military registers. NEW: marriage dispensations, seals, maps, hypothèque records, succession tables.
Department Number (61) Orne	URL: https://archives.orne.fr/
	Capital: Alençon
	Information: Parish and civil registers to 1902, ten-year indices
Department Number (62) Pas-de-Calais	URL: https://www.archivespasdecalais.fr/
	Capital: Arras
	Information: Lots of advice, plus ten-year indices to parish and civil registrations up to 1912, census records from 1820 to 1886, military recruitment records through 1921, land records.

Department Number (63) Puy-de-Dôme	URL: https://www.archivesdepartementales.puy-de-dome.fr/
	Capital: Clermont-Ferrand
	Information: All parish and civil records, a fantastic collection of land registry files, images of clerical seals and finding aids, census returns, maps, military conscription lists from 1859 through 1921
Department Number (64) Pyrénées-Atlantiques	URL: http://earchives.le64.fr/
	Capital: Pau
	Information: Land records, finding aids, parish and civil registrations, Jewish registers, some notarial records, military recruitment lists from 1878 to 1921.
Department Number (65) Haute-Pyrénées	URL: https://www.archivesenligne65.fr/
	Capital: Tarbes
	Information: Cahiers de doléances, census returns, military recruitment lists, maps, affidavits. The city of Tarbes has put up its parish and civil registers from 1611 to 1909 on www.archives.tarbes.fr . Parish registers from 1620 to 1792. Collaborative indexing. - Civil registrations from 1792 to 1915
Department Number (66) Pyrénées-Orientales	URL: https://www.ledepartement66.fr/dossier/lesarchivesdepartementales/
	Capital: Perpignan
	Information: Finding aids, civil registrations, military conscription lists through 1921 with alphabetic indices through 1935, census returns through 1975, hypothèque records, maps, and registers of internment camps of WWII. NOTE: There is some limited access if you are outside France, caused by cyber attacks.
Department Number (67) Bas-Rhin	URL: https://archives.bas-rhin.fr/rechercher/documents-numerises/
	Capital: Strasbourg
	Information: Parish and civil registrations, and census records, now up to 1912. Also, a very interesting discussion of an early 19th century manuscript of a history of Jewish people in Alsace, by Jacob Meyer
Department Number (68) Haut-Rhin	URL: https://archives.haut-rhin.fr/search/home
	Capital: Colmar
	Information: Heraldic devices for each commune, a list of those who died in the two World Wars, a list of all the mairies (town halls), civil registrations from 1793 to 1892, ten-year indices and lists of Jewish names, and the census of 1866. Répertoires (indices) to notarial records from 1791. The archives are not good at responding to record requests.

Department Number (69) Rhône	URL: https://archives.rhone.fr/
	Capital: Lyon
	Information: Censuses from 1836, parish and civil registrations from 1527, military recruitment registers, maps, indices to notarial records, a very large collection on orphans, prison records, hypothèque records, business registrations. Collaborative indexing of both registrations and censuses is making this site incredibly useful. Rhône is the first department to allow the images of their ten-year indices and of their parish and civil registrations to appear on www.genealogie.com , though why you would pay there when you can get it free here is a mystery. For researching your ancestors from Lyon, see also http://www.archives-lyon.fr/archives/
Department Number (70) Haute-Saône	URL: https://archives.haute-saone.fr/
	Capital: Vesoul
	Information: Land records, census records, civil and parish registrations, conscription registers, bureaux de succession registers. Exceedingly helpful staff. Ten-year indices for many communes can be found on the website of the local genealogy group, www.servancnaute.fr
Department Number (71) Saône-et-Loire	URL: https://www.archives71.fr/
	Capital: Mâcon
	Information: Land records, ten-year indices, parish, and civil registers to 1902, censuses from 1836 to 1901, cahiers de doléances, succession tables, post cards, and a nice facility to see all that is available for each town. Indices to notarial records from 1790 to 1958.
Department Number (72) Sarthe	URL: http://archives.sarthe.fr/
	Capital: Le Mans
	Information: Land records, parish, and civil records from 1515 to 1892, military conscription registers from 1878 to 1922, manuscripts from private collections, a spoken dictionary, census records from 1906 to 1936 (earlier census returns were destroyed), property records, historic maps, and town council minute books from 1787.
Department Number (73) Savoie	URL: https://patrimoines.savoie.fr/web/dsp_6165/accueil
	Capital: Chambéry
	Information: Maps, some ten-year indices, census records from the 16th to 20th centuries, parish, and civil registers from 1501 to 1793 and from 1815 to 1860. Also: some old newspapers, indices to maps, posters, etc.

Department Number (74) Haute-Savoie	URL: https://archives.hautesavoie.fr/
	Capital: Annecy
	Information: Parish and civil registrations, censuses, and military conscriptions from 1860 to 1940, and maps
Department Number (75) Paris	URL: https://archives.paris.fr/
	Capital:
	<p>Information: Index cards to the surviving and reconstructed parish and civil registers to 1860 (the microfilm of these "reconstituted" parish and civil registrations prior to 1860 are on FamilySearch, though not easy to view.),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • birth registrations from 1860 to 1912, • marriage registrations from 1860 to 1940, • death registrations from 1860 to 1986, • military recruitment registers from 1875-1909 • Lists of the first names of children accepted into care from 1742-1909, • ten-year indices for the civil registrations from 1860 to 1984, • Interment lists for Paris cemeteries. <p>Digitized images of the reconstituted acts are now on this website and are much easier to use than those on FamilySearch.</p>
Department Number (76) Seine-Maritime	URL: https://www.archivesdepartementales76.net/
	Capital: Rouen
	Information: Parish and civil registrations up to 1912 and in some cases up to 1935. Promised soon are maps. Passenger lists of French ships sailing from Le Havre are now online.
Department Number (77) Seine-et-Marne	URL: https://archives.seine-et-marne.fr/fr
	Capital: Melun
	Information: Censuses, ten-year indices up to 1916, notarial records, parish and civil registrations, marriage banns, military conscription lists, World War One photographs.
Department Number (78) Yvelines and the old Seine et Oise	URL: https://archives.yvelines.fr/
	Capital: Versailles
	Information: Ten-year indices, parish, and civil registrations to 1912 (to 1937 for some towns), military recruitment lists, censuses, land records, cahiers de doléances, community monographs (histories), remarkable indices to 114 towns in the arrondissement of Versailles civil registrations covering the years from 1843 to 1912. Indices to notarial records dating from 1575 to 1899. Land ownership records -- matrices cadastrale

Department Number	URL: https://archives-deux-sevres-vienne.fr/
(79) Deux-Sèvres	Capital: Niort Information: Parish and civil registers, land records and census records, military conscription registers. Deux-Sèvres have merged their website with that of Vienne, making for a much-improved service.
Department Number	URL: https://archives.somme.fr/
(80) Somme	Capital: Amiens Information: Some old post cards, seals, parish and civil registrations, censuses, historic maps, local histories, seals, photographs of WWI, and an user's guide in English, also some military conscription lists.
Department Number	URL: http://archives.tarn.fr/
(81) Tarn	Capital: Albi Information: Some parish registers, civil registers, ten-year indices, land records. It is necessary to register to use the site
Department Number	URL: http://www.archives82.fr/
(82) Tarn-et-Garonne	Capital: Montauban Information: Ten-year indices, civil and parish registrations dating back to 1590; military recruitment lists, with alphabetic indices for some years.
Department Number	URL: https://archives.var.fr/
(83) Var	Capital: Toulon Information: Land records, census returns, parish and civil registrations, ten-year indices, medieval notarial records, architectural records, cahiers de doléances, records about the liberation of Var during WWII, finding aids, a "genealogy database", an index to military recruitment lists from 1887 to 1921 and transcriptions of more than a million pages from the register of land sales. Constantly being updated
Department Number	URL: https://archives.vaucluse.fr/
(84) Vaucluse	Capital: Avignon Information: Online: Parish and civil registrations, ten-year indices, finding aids, maps, census records from 1836 to 1906, military conscription registers, succession tables, hypothèque records, photographs, postcards, a nice collection of World War I records
Department Number	URL: https://www.archives.vendee.fr/
(85) Vendée	Capital: La-Roche-sur-Yon Information: Parish and civil registers, censuses, notarial records, land records, old post cards, faire parts, notarial minutes and délibérations municipales, the World War I soldiers from the Vendée. a database of

	13,700 names of members of religious houses from the 18th century to 1903. Sadly, these archives have suffered two floods in 2016, and the website explains the consequences in detail.
Department Number	URL: https://archives-deux-sevres-vienne.fr/
(86) Vienne	Capital: Poitiers Information: Online: parish and civil registers (now up to 1912), land records, the military registrations from 1867-1908, census lists (collaborative indexing in progress), tables of inheritance and probate records, notarial records. Interesting: A collection of notes on cards made during the 1950s extracting further information on Protestants, abandoned children and more. Vienne has merged its website with that of Deux-Sèvres
Department Number	URL: https://archives.haute-vienne.fr/
(87) Haute-Vienne	Capital: Limoges Information: Maps, finding aids, parish, and civil registrations from 1737 to 1912, photographs, a medieval manuscript from Limoges, military recruitment lists from 1878 to 1921, inventories of parish properties from 1905. Also, Census Returns from 1836.
Department Number	URL: https://archives.vosges.fr/
(88) Vosges	Capital: Épinal. Information: Parish registers from 1526, civil registers to 1905, ten-year indices, censuses for the years from 1886 to 1906. NEW: military recruitment lists, land records from 1807 to 1913, and town histories (monographs des communes).
Department Number	URL: https://archives.yonne.fr/ (frequently offline)
(89) Yonne	Capital: Auxerre Information: Parish and civil registers. Census records, and now military lists from 1867 through the First World War. Limited opening hours.
Department Number	URL: https://archives.territoiredebelfort.fr/
(90) Territoire de Belfort	Capital: Belfort Information: Parish and civil registrations, censuses, military registrations, and historic maps. Additionally, local archivists have created an excellent site of indexed data from the parish and civil registrations. The site is bilingual site: http://lisa90.org
Department Number	URL: https://www.essonne.fr/culture-loisirs-tourisme/archives-departementales/rechercher-dans-les-archives/
(91) Essonne	Capital: Évry. Information: Parish and civil registers, censuses, historic maps, and 184 village and town histories written for the 1900 Paris Expo, indices to notaires' minutes, newspapers, census returns from 1817 to 1906.

Department Number	URL: https://archives.hauts-de-seine.fr/
(92) Hauts-de-Seine	Capital: Nanterre. Information: Maps (also for the old department of Seine from 1930 and for Seine-et-Oise from 1960); ten-year indices to the civil registrations through 1942; census records from 1891 to 1936, civil registrations for all towns from 1793 to 1918 and for some towns up to 1942; hypothèque records; tables de succession; electoral lists; school enrolment lists; cahiers de doléances; postcards; posters and public notices
Department Number	URL: https://archives.seinesaintdenis.fr/Archives-en-ligne/p220/Le-portail-de-l-Histoire-des-familles-et-des-populations
(93) Seine-Saint-Denis	Capital: Bobigny Information: Parish and civil registrations from 1523 to 1922, census returns from 1821 to 1936, electoral lists from 1839 to 1939, lots of postcards and photos. Also links to municipal archives websites and to various other websites that will be useful.
Department Number	URL: http://archives.valdemarne.fr/
(94) Val-de-Marne	Capital: Créteil Information: Parish and civil registers, ten-year indices, historic maps, finding aids, census records from 1795 to 1906. Helpful and knowledgeable and staff.
Department Number	URL: https://archives.valdoise.fr/
(95) Val-d'Oise	Capital: Cergy-Pontoise Information: Parish registrations from the 16th century to 1792, civil registrations from 1793-1900, ten-year indices, and census returns from 1817 to 1975, indices to probate records of Argenteuil from the 17th century to 1914, old newspapers.
Department Number	URL: https://www.archivesguadeloupe.fr/
(971) Guadeloupe	Capital: Basse-Terre Information: Civil registrations and military conscription lists. For earlier parish and civil registrations, see the website of the Archives nationales d'outre-mer
Department Number	URL: https://www.patrimoines-martinique.org/
(972) Martinique	Capital: Fort-de-France Information: This is the website of the Banque Numérique des Patrimoines Martiniquais. (BNPM) Online: the actes d'individualité of freed slaves, 1848-1851, military conscription lists from 1889 to 1921. There are many, many new registers concerning the slave populations from 1770 to 1899. For earlier parish and civil registrations, see the website of the Archives nationales d'outre-mer

<p>Department Number</p>	<p>URL: http://archives.ctguyane.fr/4DCGI/Web_Custompage/index.shtm/ILUMP1565</p>
<p>(973) Guyane</p>	<p>Capital: Cayenne</p> <p>Information: Finding aids only. For earlier parish and civil registrations, see the website of the Archives nationales d'outre-mer.</p>
<p>Department Number</p>	<p>URL: https://www.departement974.fr/sites-culturels/index.php/Archives/pr%C3%A9sentation-archives/archives-departementales.html</p>
<p>(974) La Réunion</p>	<p>Capital: Saint-Denis</p> <p>Information: Census returns from 1708 to 1779; civil registrations; land registry records from 1830 to 1955; emancipation registers; immigration records; World War one archives; military recruitment registers from 1919 to 1921; photographs. For earlier parish and civil registrations, see the website of the Archives nationales d'outre-mer.</p>
<p>Department Number</p>	<p>URL: http://www.arche-musee-et-archives.net/fr/</p>
<p>(975) Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon</p>	<p>Capital: Saint-Pierre</p> <p>Information: Census returns; passenger lists; seamen lost at sea.</p> <p>Click on "ARCHIVES/RECHERCHES" and select from the drop-down menu.</p> <p>For earlier parish and civil registrations, see the website of the Archives nationales d'outre-mer</p>
<p>Department Number</p>	<p>URL: https://www.cg976.fr/le-conseil-departemental/institution/services-administratifs/pssp/dadds</p>
<p>(976) Mayotte</p>	<p>Capital: Dzaoudzi and/or Mamoudzou</p> <p>Information: Currently there is nothing is online. Only the parish and civil registrations are on the website of the Archives nationales d'outre-mer, for the years 1844 to 1917, are available online.</p>
<p>Department Number</p>	<p>URL: https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/</p>
<p>(977) Saint-Barthélemy</p>	<p>Capital: Gustavia.</p> <p>Information: See the ANOM website https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/ .</p> <p>I also recommend the excellent website about slavery "Mémoire St. Barth" http://www.memoirestbarth.com</p> <p>Saint-Barthélemy was administratively united with Guadeloupe, so use Guadeloupe resources as well.</p>

Department Number (978) Saint-Martin	URL: https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/
	Capital: Marigot
	Information: As with Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Martin was administratively united with Guadeloupe, so use Guadeloupe resources as well. The link above is to the ANOM website (https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/), with parish and civil registrations
Department Number (986) Wallis-et-Futuna	URL: https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/
	Capital: Mata Utu
	Information: For digitized parish and civil registrations, see the website of the Archives nationales d'outre-mer (ANOM) - https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/
Department Number (987) Polynésie française	URL: https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/
	Capital: Papeete.
	Information: Newspapers and official publications. For digitized parish and civil registrations, see the website of the Archives nationales d'outre-mer (ANOM) - https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/
Department Number (988) Nouvelle-Calédonie	URL: https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/
	Capital: Nouméa.
	Information: Nothing online; for digitised parish and civil registrations see the website of the Archives nationales d'outre-mer (ANOM) https://recherche-anom.culture.gouv.fr/

Space For Your Notes

General Websites for Researching in France

Before researching in France, it is useful to obtain an understanding for the history and complexities of France. Some of the websites on this list will help you achieve this.

The second useful thing as you research is to obtain a good map of France, the following one comes from Map from the Nations Online Project website (<https://www.nationsonline.org/>)



National Archives of France, including access to **Museum of France** - <https://www.archives-nationales.culture.gouv.fr/en/web/guest/home>

Library of France - (Bibliothèque nationale de France or BnF) - <https://www.bnf.fr/en/francois-mitterrand>

Gallica Online Library - <https://gallica.bnf.fr/>

French History, University of Michigan - <https://guides.lib.umich.edu/c.php?g=282795&p=1884328>

France Collections - <https://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/France: Historical Collections>

Palace of Versailles - <https://en.chateauversailles.fr/discover/history#louis-xiii-and-versailles1607-1638>

French History Society - <http://frenchhistorysociety.co.uk/>

French History Collections - <https://www.history.ac.uk/library/collections/french-history>

History Today - <https://www.historytoday.com/location/france>

Revolutionary France - <https://www.marxists.org/history/france/index.htm>

Defence Historical Service - <https://www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr/>

Casualties of World Wars One and Two - <https://www.memoiredeshommes.sga.defense.gouv.fr/>

Surname Distribution Map, aligning to surnames and regions across the time specified period - <http://www.geopatryme.com/>

Huguenots of France (and elsewhere) - <http://huguenots-france.org/>

FrancoGene - <http://www.franco-gene.com/>

Italians in France Association - <http://www.geneaita.org/>

Immigration History Museum - <https://www.histoire-immigration.fr/programmation/expositions/ciao-italia>

History & Genealogy - <https://www.histoire-genealogie.com/> (worth browsing)

Gen-Web (France) - <http://www.francegenweb.org/fgwstart.htm>

French Word List (FamilySearch) - https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/French_Genealogical_Word_List

France Date converter: Revolutionary calendar / Gregorian - <https://www.napoleon-empire.net/en/republican-calendar.php>