



Summary general questions

France

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Country description

The population in France is estimated at 67 million, with 760,000 births each year. The average life expectancy is estimated at 80 for men and 86 for women (2016). The gross national income per capita (PPP int. \$) is 42,779 (2017). The estimated total expenditure on health per capita (Intl \$, 2014) is 4,508 and the total current expenditure on health as percentage of GDP (2014) is 11.5%.

General health and school systems

More than 99% of children are born in the hospital and 97.4% of the births are attended by skilled personnel. The average stay in the hospital is 4 days. The birth registration coverage is 100%. The infant mortality under the age of 5 per 1000 live births per year is 3.

The primary school starts at age 6, but children can already attend from age 3.

Existing prevention programs and coverage

General Preventive Child Health Care programs are nationally organized, however, there are differences between the regions. The screening is performed by pediatricians, nurses, orthoptists and general physicians and takes place at the hospital, Kindergarten and child health care centers. The care is funded by health insurance, the Council and the municipalities and free of charge for the parents.

Health care contact moments in the first weeks and at 4-6 year

	Vaccination or tests	Coverage
First weeks		
after birth	General examination	
first weeks	visual screening	
2 months	General examination, visual screening	
2 months	Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Hib, HepB, Pneu	about 90%
4 months	Visual screening	
9 months	Visual screening	
24 months	Visual screening	
3 years	Visual screening at school	incomplete
4-6 year		
4 years	General examination	
6 years	Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus	about 90%

All children are invited for screening by birth registration or at schools. The attendance to screening is unknown, since there is no central documentation of non-compliance. No information is provided about monitoring of the quality or cost-effectiveness.

From April 2018 onwards 11 vaccinations (diphtheria, tetanus, polio, pertussis, haemophilus influenzae b, HepB, Pneumococque, meningococcus C, measles, mumps, rubella) are obligatory. Parents can get a fine when not having vaccinated their children. About 88%-97% of the children are vaccinated.

The total costs of general screening are 700 million euros per year. The average salary costs for screening professional are 60,000 euros per year (30 euros per hour).

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