

# REGIONAL COMPARISON

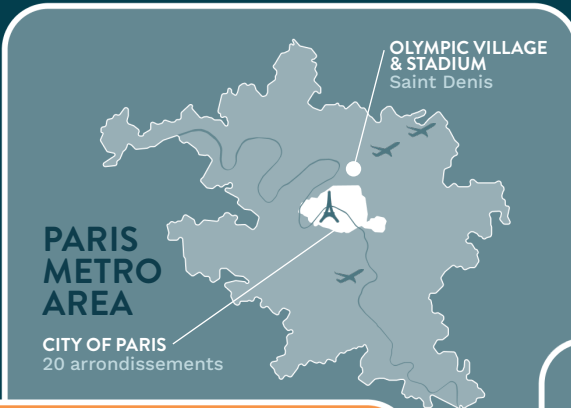
## • FRANCE

### PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

- President
- Prime Minister

**EXCHANGE RATE** €1 = \$1.17 USD

*as of September 4, 2025*



**13.2M**  
population <sup>1</sup>

**\$5.6B**  
venture capital <sup>2</sup>

**\$758B**  
GRP <sup>1</sup>

**\$57.2K**  
GRP per capita

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY

**3.2M**  
population <sup>3</sup>

**\$5.8B**  
venture capital <sup>2</sup>

**\$261.7B**  
GRP <sup>4</sup>

**\$80.8K**  
GRP per capita

### AIX-PROVENCE

●  
ITER  
International  
Thermonuclear  
Experimental  
Reactor

MARSEILLE-FOS  
PORT  
OLD PORT  
OLYMPIC  
MARINA

**1.9M**  
population <sup>5</sup>

**\$129M**  
venture capital <sup>2</sup>

**\$125B**  
GRP <sup>6</sup>

**\$66K**  
GRP per capita

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## AT A GLANCE SAN DIEGO



### LIFE SCIENCES

**\$24.3B** total investment (VC, greenfield, M&A) <sup>7</sup>

**2K+** establishments supporting **57K** jobs <sup>8</sup>

**100+** research institutions <sup>9</sup>

**20** IPOs since 2020 <sup>2</sup>

### DEFENSE & AEROSPACE

**179K** jobs tied to aerospace and defense <sup>8</sup>

**\$4B** regional economic impact of cybersecurity <sup>10</sup>

**\$20.6B** in defense contracts to **2K+** companies <sup>11</sup>

### CLEANTECH & GREENTECH

**#1** greenest U.S. city <sup>12</sup>

**\$9.4B** regional economic impact of cleantech <sup>10</sup>

**\$1.2B** U.S. investment in California as National Hydrogen Hub, creating **220K** new jobs <sup>13</sup>

## AT A GLANCE FRANCE

### LIFE SCIENCES

**#3** country in Europe for R&D spending <sup>14</sup>

**3.1K** establishments supporting **455K** jobs <sup>15</sup>

**PARIS** | **#1** in Europe for R&D workforce <sup>16</sup>

### DEFENSE & AEROSPACE

**1K** establishments supporting **210K** jobs <sup>17</sup>

**#3** largest global exporter of defense equipment <sup>18</sup>

**PARIS** | **41%** of French aerospace R&D spending <sup>16</sup>

**AIX-MARSEILLE** | **80+** public research units <sup>19</sup>

### CLEANTECH & GREENTECH

**#2** in Europe for carbon-free electricity production <sup>17</sup>

**3.7K** establishments supporting **42K** jobs <sup>20</sup>

**AIX-MARSEILLE** | **\$128M** clean energy investment, especially for hydrogen <sup>21</sup>

## POWERING THE FUTURE

**AIX-MARSEILLE, FRANCE**

A collaboration between 35 nations, **ITER** aims to create fusion energy at power plant scale.

San Diego-based **General Atomics** is one of the project's largest contributors, fabricating the world's most powerful pulsed superconducting electromagnet that was recently installed at the ITER facility.

**California's nuclear fusion energy industry has an annual economic output of \$1.4B.** <sup>22</sup>



<sup>1</sup> INSEE, 2021

<sup>2</sup> Pitchbook, 2024

<sup>3</sup> Lightcast, 2025

<sup>4</sup> BLS, 2025

<sup>5</sup> Régions & Départements Français, 2025

<sup>6</sup> Rising SUD, 2023

<sup>7</sup> Connect, Pitchbook, fDi Markets, 2024

<sup>8</sup> San Diego Regional EDC, 2024

<sup>9</sup> JLL, 2024

<sup>10</sup> San Diego Regional EDC, 2023

<sup>11</sup> SDMAC, 2024

<sup>12</sup> Wallethub, 2024

<sup>13</sup> GO-Biz, 2023

<sup>14</sup> OECD, 2024

<sup>15</sup> Business France, 2023

<sup>16</sup> Choose Paris, 2025

<sup>17</sup> Business France, 2024

<sup>18</sup> Business France, 2022

<sup>19</sup> Aix-Marseille Université, 2024

<sup>20</sup> risingSUD, 2023

<sup>21</sup> risingSUD, 2021

<sup>22</sup> San Diego Regional EDC, 2025