Modern slavery in France
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Country Snapshot

KEY STATS
Population (2021) 65,273,512
GDP per capita, PPP (Current Intl $) $46,991

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The scale of modern slavery
According to the Global Slavery Index 2023, an estimated 2.1 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in France at any point in 2021. In other words, 135,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in France in 2021. France ranks 139th globally and 36th within Europe and Central Asia.
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Vulnerability to modern slavery
How vulnerable a country’s people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, the level of inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, France is rated as 13 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of effects of conflict.

Figure 3. Vulnerability of France to modern slavery by dimension of vulnerability, compared to the regional average

Graph showing the vulnerability of France compared to the regional average in different dimensions:
- Governance Issues
- Lack of basic needs
- Inequality
- Disenfranchised Groups
- Effects of Conflict

Government response to modern slavery
The government of France scored 62 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government’s response above the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on national and regional coordination of the response to modern slavery and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4. Response of the government of France to modern slavery by government response milestone, compared with the regional average

Importing risk of modern slavery
France imported US $11.8 billion worth of goods at-risk of modern slavery. This includes:
- Textiles: US$400 million
- Garments: US$7.7 billion
- Solar panels: US$400 million
- Electronics: US$2.6 billion
- Cocoa: US$600 million

Priority Recommendations for the government of France:
1. Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.
2. Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.
3. Enact legislation recognising that victims should not be treated as criminals for conduct that occurred while under control of their exploiter and ensure the law is enforced.

For more information on modern slavery, visit the Global Slavery Index 2023 website.