

**Immigration policies in France to cancel inequalities between the Paris region and the rest of the country**

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France is a country which tries to attract an increasing number of highly skilled migrants. Paris-the capital city-has the status of a world-city, comparatively to New York, London or Tokyo. Paris has concentrated many multinational companies, so much so that many of the high-skilled jobs in France are solely present in Paris and nowhere else in the country (trader, financial structurer, big data engineer...). As many studies have shown that skilled migrants have a higher propensity to create new, innovative businesses (even compared to the native population, let alone the low-skilled migrants), it could be a great investment for France to attract skilled migrants in regions outside of Paris in particular. The latter could help decrease regional disparities in the country, hoping for better public infrastructure to develop outside of the capital city.

	Dpt with highest incomes	Dpt with most public middle schools	Dpt with most public professional high schools	Dpt with most public general high schools	Dpt with most private middle schools	Dpt with most private professional high schools	Dpt with most private general high schools	Dpt with most expensive houses	Dpt with most expensive apartments
0	Paris	Nord	Nord	Paris	Nord	Rhône	Paris	Savoie	Rhône
1	Hauts-de-Seine	Bouches-du-Rhône	Paris	Nord	Paris	Bouches-du-Rhône	Bouches-du-Rhône	Loire-Atlantique	Bas-Rhin
2	Yvelines	Seine-Saint-Denis	Pas-de-Calais	Seine-Saint-Denis	Rhône	Loire	Nord	Haute-Garonne	Aveyron
3	Val-de-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	Bouches-du-Rhône	Seine-et-Marne	Loire-Atlantique	Gironde	Rhône	Charente	Haute-Marne
4	Essonne	Pas-de-Calais	Rhône	Yvelines	Bouches-du-Rhône	Haute-Garonne	Loire-Atlantique	Val-d'Oise	Landes

- Real estate valuation is not a determining factor for high-skilled migrants, as they usually are not immediately available to own property. They rent a place until they become eligible.
- The presence of private schools is crucial. Private schools guarantee access to better universities; they also provide children of immigrants with extra classes in French, so students can better integrate.
- Income is a crucial parameter. There, Paris and the Paris region (Hauts-de-Seine, Yvelines, Val-de-Marne, Essonne) are extremely competitive, representing the main burden to bringing skilled migrants to other parts of the country.

	Department	Net income (monthly, EUR)	Longitude	Latitude
0	Paris	3683	2.341400	48.857170
1	Hauts-de-Seine	3585	2.241225	48.806163
2	Yvelines	3268	1.841223	48.815273
3	Val-de-Marne	2666	2.469195	48.777422
4	Essonne	2601	2.243431	48.522547
5	Rhône	2487	4.640873	45.871030
6	Val-d'Oise	2467	2.130822	49.082732
7	Haute-Garonne	2466	1.174886	43.358858
8	Seine-et-Marne	2430	2.934009	48.627462
9	Isère	2373	5.574199	45.263864
10	Bouches-du-Rhône	2335	5.085355	43.545473
11	Oise	2322	2.424938	49.409954
12	Alpes-Maritimes	2313	7.116190	43.938015
13	Guyane	2310	-53.233122	3.921724
14	Territoire de Belfort	2284	6.928577	47.631736
15	Gironde	2266	-0.575848	44.823894

Paris area

- Besides the Paris region, the Rhône region is extremely attractive in terms of income.
- Val-d'Oise, Haute-Garonne and Seine-et-Marne are also attractive places.

**Table - French departments ranked based on average net income levels**

	Department	Public middle school	Public professional high school	Public general high school	Private middle school	Private professional high school	Private general high school	House price (EUR/m2)	Apartment price (EUR/m2)
74	Paris	114	29	71	78	12	103	1767	2043
12	Bouches-du-Rhône	136	26	39	65	27	53	2425	2107
58	Nord	203	44	56	84	16	48	1743	2499
68	Rhône	113	24	37	72	31	43	1874	1500
43	Loire-Atlantique	83	15	25	68	14	29	1518	2129
77	Yvelines	116	7	42	37	9	27	1658	2489
91	Hauts-de-Seine	99	13	40	42	6	26	2192	1606
5	Alpes-Maritimes	73	13	22	21	9	24	1792	2224
93	Val-de-Marne	105	10	37	38	9	23	2206	2307
92	Seine-Saint-Denis	130	16	51	35	8	22	1677	1869
66	Bas-Rhin	90	9	31	25	9	21	1598	1503
32	Gironde	105	23	32	33	17	21	1856	1717
28	Finistère	61	7	20	50	12	21	2220	2335
94	Val-d'Oise	111	9	36	38	3	19	1530	1729

**Table - French departments ranked based on the supply of private general high schools**

- Selection at university is solely based on a high school transcript, and the type of high school a pupil attended.
- General high schools prepare for intellectual careers, which call for a minimum of three years of higher studies (Bachelor's degree), even though five years if the most common length people engage in a university course for (Master's degree).
- Private schools guarantee access to better colleges and universities, along with extra language classes and personalized follow-up from professors. This might prove crucial for second generation immigrants.
- Rhône, Nord and Loire-Atlantique have the highest supply of general private high schools, guaranteeing a higher chance of accessing one of those prestigious establishments for sons and daughters of immigrants.

# CONCLUSION: RHÔNE WINS

- Rhône is the best region outside of Paris when it comes to the combination of both metrics. Schools in particular are of crucial importance, since good education promises for the best integration of second generation immigrants into the host society.
- Investigating further the possibility of Rhône to implement efficient pro-immigration programmes—such as language programmes, along with other type of assistance—could be incredibly rewarding for the region.
- High-skilled migrants prove high integration capacity, with incredible success on the part of second and third generations. Investing in their well-being is net benefit for rich countries. It could allow a country like France to rebalance the inequalities between the Paris region and the rest of the country effectively.

