



THE FRENCH DEPARTMENTS

LISTING & HISTORY

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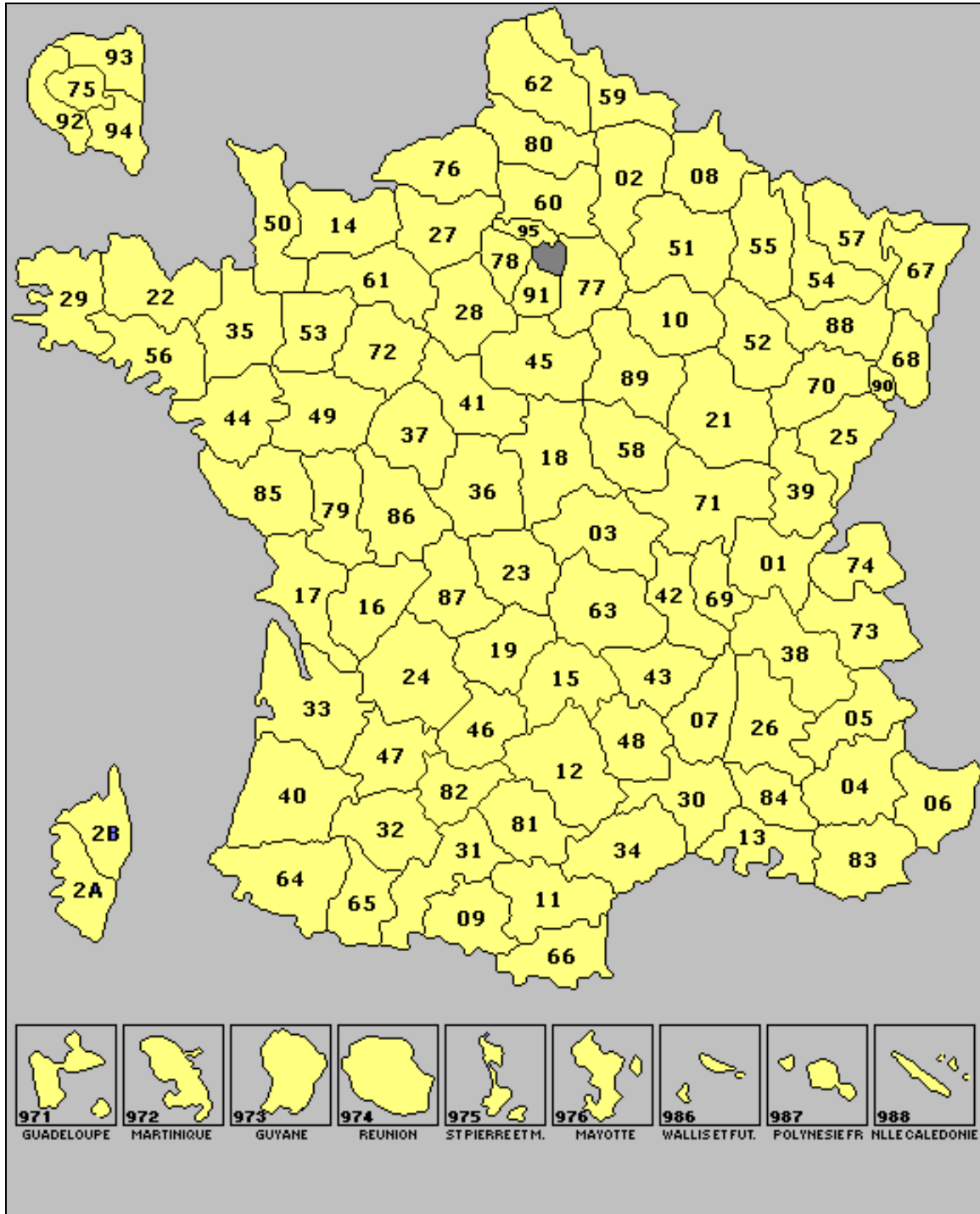


1- Alphabetic listing of the French departments.

The listing below includes the overseas departments.

Ain	01	Hérault	34
Aisne	02	Ille-et-Vilaine	35
Allier	03	Indre	36
Alpes de Haute-Provence	04	Indre-et-Loire	37
Alpes-Maritimes	06	Isère	38
Ardèche	07	Jura	39
Ardennes	08	La Réunion	974
Ariège	09	Landes	40
Aube	10	Loir-et-Cher	41
Aude	11	Loire	42
Aveyron	12	Loire-Atlantique	44
Bas-Rhin	67	Loiret	45
Bouches-du-Rhône	13	Lot	46
Calvados	14	Lot-et-Garonne	47
Cantal	15	Lozère	48
Charente	16	Maine-et-Loire	49
Charente-Maritime	17	Manche	50
Cher	18	Marne	51
Corrèze	19	Martinique	972
Corse-du-Sud	2A	Mayenne	53
Côte d'Or	21	Meurthe-et-Moselle	54
Côtes d'Armor	22	Meuse	55
Creuse	23	Morbihan	56
Deux-Sèvres	79	Moselle	57
Dordogne	24	Nièvre	58
Doubs	25	Nord	59
Drome	26	Oise	60
Essonne	91	Orne	61
Eure	27	Paris	75
Eure-et-Loir	28	Pas-de-Calais	62
Finistère	29	Puy-de-Dôme	63
Gard	30	Pyrénées-Atlantiques	64
Gers	32	Pyrénées-Orientales	66
Gironde	33	Réunion	974
Guadeloupe	971	Rhône	69
Guyane	973	Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon	975
Haut-Rhin	68	Saône-et-Loire	71
Haute-Corse	2B	Sarthe	72
Haute-Garonne	31	Savoie	73
Haute-Loire	43	Seine-Maritime	76
Haute-Marne	52	Seine-et-Marne	77
Haute-Saône	70	Seine-Saint-Denis	93
Haute-Savoie	74	Somme	80
Haute-Vienne	87	Tarn	81
Hauts-Alpes	05	Tarn-et-Garonne	82
Hauts-Pyrénées	65	Territoire de Belfort	90
Hauts-de-Seine	92	Val-de-Marne	94

Val-d'Oise	95	Vienne	86
Var	83	Vosges	88
Vaucluse	84	Yonne	89
Vendée	85	Yvelines	78



2- Correpondances between Regions ↔ Departments

CONTEMPORARY REGIONS

Alsace	Bas-Rhin (67) Haut-Rhin (68)
Aquitania	Dordogne (24) Gironde (33) Landes (40) Lot-et-Garonne (47) Pyrénées-Atlantiques (64)
Auvergne	Allier (03) Cantal (15) Haute-Loire (43) Puy-de-Dôme (63)
Low-Normandy	Calvados (14) Manche (50) Orne (61)
Burgundy	Côte d'Or (21) Nièvre (58) Saône-et-Loire (71) Yonne (89)
Brittany	Côtes-d'Armor (22) Finistère (29) Ille-et-Vilaine (35) Morbihan (56)
Center	Cher (18) Eure-et-Loir (28) Indre (36) Indre-et-Loire (37) Loir-et-Cher (41) Loiret (45)
Champaign	Ardennes (08) Aube (10) Marne (51) Haute-Marne (52)
Corsica	Corse-du-Sud (2A) Haute-Corse (2B)
Franche-Comté	Doubs (25) Jura (39) Haute-Saône (70) Territoire de Belfort (90)

High-Normandy	Eure (28) Seine-Maritime (76)
Île-de-France	Essonne (91) Hauts-de-Seine (92) Paris (75) Seine-et-Marne (77) Seine-Saint-Denis (93) Val-de-Marne (94) Val-d'Oise (95) Yvelines (78)
Languedoc-Roussillon	Aude (11) Gard (30) Hérault (34) Lozère (48) Pyrénées-Orientales (66)
Limousin	Corrèze (19) Creuse (23) Haute-Vienne (87)
Lorraine	Meurthe-et-Moselle (54) Meuse (55) Moselle (57) Vosges (88)
Midi-Pyrénées	Ariège (09) Aveyron (12) Haute-Garonne (31) Gers (32) Lot (46) Hautes-Pyrénées (65) Tarn (81) Tarn-et-Garonne (82)
Nord	Nord (59) Pas-de-Calais (62)
Loire countries	Loire-Atlantique (44) Maine-et-Loire (42) Mayenne (53) Sarthe (72) Vendée (85)
Picardy	Aisne (02) Oise (60) Somme (80)

Poitou-Charentes Charente
Charente-Maritime
Deux-Sèvres
Vienne

Provence-Côte d'Azur Alpes de Haute-Provence
Hautes-Alpes
Alpes-Maritimes
Bouches-du-Rhône
Var
Vaucluse

Rhône-Alpes Ain
Ardèche
Drôme
Isère
Loire
Rhône
Savoie
Haute-Savoie



OLD FRENCH PROVINCES

Between parentheses, year of reunion to France.

In column 2, the identification number of the equivalent contemporary department(s).

Agenois (1445)	47 + 82
Albigeois (1271)	81
Albret (1607)	40
Alsace (1648)	67 + 68 + 90
Amiénois (1482)	80
Angoumois (1515)	16 + 24
Anjou (1482)	37 + 49 + 53 + 72
Aquitaine	<i>Gascogne + Guyenne</i>
Armagnac (1607)	32
Artois (1659)	62
Auge, Pays d' (1468)	14
Aunis (1373)	17 + 79
Auvergne (1610)	15 + 43 + 63
Barrois (1766)	55
Barronies (1560)	26
Basque, Pays	<i>Basse-Navarre + Labourd + Soule</i>
Basse-Navarre (1620)	64
Béarn (1620)	64
Beaujolais (1527)	42 + 69
Beauvaisis (1452)	60
Berry (1101)	18 + 36
Bigorre (1607)	65
Blésois (1498)	41
Boulonnais (1477)	62
Bourbonnais (1527)	03
Bourgogne (1477)	21 + 71 + 89
Bray, Pays de (1468)	60 + 76
Bresse (1601)	01
Bretagne (1532)	22 + 29 + 35 + 44 + 56
Brie (1336)	02 + 51 + 77
Bugey (1601)	01
Cambrésis (1678)	59
Chablais (1860)	74
Chalonnais (1477)	71
Champagne (1361)	08 + 10 + 51 + 52
Charolais (1751)	71
Chartrain (1280)	28
Combrailles (1527)	23 + 87
Comminges, Comte (1453)	31
Comtat Vénaisin (1791)	84
Corbières (1270)	11
Cornouaille (1532)	29
Corse (1768)	20
Dauphiné (1560)	05 + 26 + 38 + 69
Diois (1560)	26
Dombes, Principauté (1793)	01
Drouais (1280)	28

Dunois (1280)	28
Étampuis (987)	91
Faucigny (1860)	74
Flandre (1668)	59
Foix, Comte (1607)	09
Forez (1527)	42
Franche-Comté (1678)	25 + 39 + 70
Franc-Lyonnais (1313)	01 + 69
Gapançais (1560)	05
Gasconne (1607)	31 + 32 + 40 + 65
Gâtinais (1090)	77 + 91 + 89
Genevois (1860)	74
Gévaudan (1161)	15 + 43 + 48
Gex, Pays de (1601)	01
Guyenne (1453)	24 + 33 + 47
Hainaut (1659)	59
Hurepoix (987)	77 + 78 + 91
Île-de-France (987)	60 + 75 + 77 + 78 + 89 + 91 + 92 + 93 + 94 + 95
Labourd (1453)	64
Languedoc (1270)	11 + 30 + 31 + 34 + 81
Laonnais (987)	02
Léon (1532)	29
Limousin (1589)	19 + 23 + 87
Lorraine (1766)	54 + 55 + 57 + 88
Lyonnais (1313)	42 + 69
Mâconnais (1477)	71
Maine (1584)	53 + 72
Mantois (987)	78
Marche (1527)	23 + 36 + 87
Maurienne (1860)	73
Minervois (1270)	11 + 34
Montbéliard, Comté (1793)	25
Nantais, Pays (1532)	44
Navarre, Royaume (1620)	64
Nice, Comté (1860)	06
Nivernais (1669)	58
Normandie (1549)	14 + 27 + 50 + 61 + 76
Noyonnais (987)	60
Orange, Principauté (1713)	84
Orléanais (1626)	28 + 41 + 45
Othe, Pays d' (1361)	10 + 89
Ouche, Pays d' (1468)	14 + 27
Penthièvre (1532)	22
Perche (1525)	28 + 61 + 72
Périgord (1607)	24
Perthois (1361)	51
Picardie (1482)	02 + 60 + 80
Poitou (1416)	79 + 85 + 86
Ponthieu (1472)	80
Provence (1482)	04 + 06 + 13 + 83 + 84
Quercy (1472)	12 + 46 + 82
Rennais (1532)	35

Retz, Pays de (1532)	44
Roannais (1531)	42
Rohan (1532)	22 + 56
Rouergue (1589)	12 + 82
Roussillon (1659)	66
Saintonge (1371)	17
Sancenais (1101)	18
Santerre (1477)	80
Savoie (1860)	73
Senlisis (987)	60
Sénonais (1361)	89
Soissonnais (1328)	02
Soule (1306)	64
Tarentaise (1860)	73
Toulousain (1271)	31 + 81 + 82
Touraine (1416)	37
Trégorois (1532)	22
Valentinois (1560)	26
Valois (1328)	02 + 60
Valromey (1601)	01
Vannetais (1532)	56
Velay (1270)	43
Vendômois (1498)	41
Vermandois (1186)	02
Vexin (987)	60 + 95
Vimeu (1271)	80
Vivarais (1477)	07 + 43



3- History of the French departments.

The French departments were created the 15th January 1790. They were 83. During the First Empire time (1793-1811), foreign territories were annexed to France in the following new departments :

<i>FOREIGN DEPARTEMENTS</i>	<i>PREFECTURES</i>	<i>COUNTRIES</i>
Apennins (1802)	Chiavari	Italy
Arno (1808)	Firenze	Italy
Bouches-de-l'Elbe (1811)	Hamburg	Germany
Bouches-de-l'Escaut (1811)	Middelburg	Netherlands
Bouches-de-la-Meuse (1811)	Die Haag	Netherlands
Bouches-du-Rhin (1811)	Bois-le-Duc	Netherlands
Bouches-du-Weser (1811)	Bremen	Germany
Bouches-de-l'Yssel (1811)	Zwolle	Netherlands
Deux-Nethes (1795)	Anvers	Belgium + Netherlands
Doire (1802)	Ivrea	Italy
Dyle (1795)	Bruxelles	Belgium
Ems-Occidental (1811)	Groningue	Netherlands
Ems-Oriental (1811)	Aurich	Germany
Ems-Supérieur (1811)	Osnabruck	Germany
Escaut (1795)	Gand	Belgium + Netherlands
Forêts (1795)	Luxembourg	Germany + Belgium + Luxemburg
Frise (1811)	Leuwarden	Netherlands
Gênes (1802)	Genova	Italy
Jemmapes (1795)	Mons	Belgium
Léman (1798)	Genève	France + Switzerland
Lippe (1811)	Munster	Germany
Lys (1795)	Bruges	Belgium
Marengo (1802)	Alessandria	Italy
Méditerranée (1808)	Livorno	Italy
Meuse-Inférieure (1795)	Maastrijkt	Belgium + Netherlands
Mont-Tonnerre (1798)	Mayence	Germany
Montenotte (1802)	Savona	Italy
Ombrone (1808)	Siena	Italy
Ourthe (1795)	Liège	Belgium
Pô (1802)	Torino	Italy
Rhin-et-Moselle (1798)	Koblentz	Germany
Roer (1798)	Aachen	Germany
Sambre-et-Meuse (1795)	Namur	Belgium
Sarre (1798)	Trier	Germany
Sesia (1802)	Vercelli	Italy
Simplon (1810)	Sion	Switzerland
Stura (1802)	Cuneo	Italy
Taro (1802)	Parma	Italy
Tibre (1810)	Roma	Italy
Trasimène (1810)	Spoleto	Italy
Yssel-Supérieur (1811)	Arnhem	Netherlands
Zuiderzee (1811)	Amsterdam	Netherlands

DEPARTMENTS OF THE FRENCH ALGERIA

The textual information below is mainly retrieved from the web site:

<http://splaf.free.fr/algerie.html>

In 1848, Algeria is believed as a territory completely integrated to France. On december 9th, the provinces of Alger, Oran and Constantine became French departments (respectively numbered 91, 92 and 93).

1848- Algeria is believed as a territory completely integrated to France. Its 3 provinces became departments (prefectures are the so-called towns):

- . Alger
- . Oran
- . Constantine

1902- The 6 saharian territories are grouped as Territoires du sud (Southern territories). They are under the administration of the 3 main others (each for 2 saharian territories). Their unique number is 9T.

1905- The Southern territories are reorganizes into 4 territories:

- . Aïn-Sefra
- . Ghardaïa
- . Oasis
- . Touggourt

1955- Creation of the Bône department, with a reduction of the Constantine one.

1957/8- Twelve subdivisions, created in 1956, became departments and replaced the old ones (prefectures are the so-called towns, except special cases). The Southern territories are divided into 2 departments. Three new departments are created in 1958: Aumale, Bougie and Saïda. Their creation reduced the limits of 7 departments: Batna, Bône, Constantine, Médéa, Oran, Sétif and Tiaret. At this time, Algeria counted 17 departments:

- . Alger (9A)
- . Batna (9B)
- . Bône (9C)
- . Constantine (9D)
- . Médéa (9E)
- . Mostaganem (9F)
- . Oran (9G)
- . Orléansville (9H)
- . Sétif (9J)
- . Tiaret (9K)
- . Tizi-Ouzou (9L)
- . Tlemcen (9M)
- . Aumale (9N)
- . Bougie (9P)
- . Saïda (9R)
- . Oasis (Ouargla, 8A)
- . Saoura (Colomb-Béchar, 8B)

1959- The departments of Aumale and Bougie are removed. This involved modifications on the limits of 7 other departments: Batna, Bône, Constantine, Médéa, Oran, Saïda and Sétif.

1961- The number of the Southern territories, 9T, is splitted into 8A and 8B.

1962- After independence of Algeria in 1962, the 15 departments (9A-9R, 8A, 8B) have still existed until 1978. Independant Algeria will use during several years the French mapping of its territory. The numbers of the old French departments will be use until 1964.



Map of the old French departments in Algeria (retrievable on several web sites).

HISTORY FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY TIMES

The borders and the names of the French departments have changed with times. Here are the details :

1791- Mayenne-et-Loire is called Maine-et-Loire (49).

1791- Annexation of Comtat Venaissin and Avignon and sharing between Drôme (26) and Bouches-du-Rhône (13).

1793- Splitting of Corsica between 2 departments:

- . Liamone (like Corse-du-Sud)
- . Golo (like Haute-Corse).

1793- Creation of Vaucluse (84).

1793- Annexation of Montbéliard and fusion into Doubs (25).

1793- Splitting of Rhône-et-Loire between 2 départements:

- . Loire (42)
- . Rhone (69).

1798- Annexation of Mulhouse and fusion into Haut-Rhin (68).

1801- Fusion of Mont-Terrible (almost Territoire de Belfort) into Haut-Rhin (68).

1808- Creation of Tarn-et-Garonne (82) from neighbouring territories.

1811- Fusion of Liamone and Golo into the Corsica (20) département.

1815- Changes of the borders of several French departments:

- . Ain (01)
- . Ardennes (08)
- . Bas-Rhin (67)
- . Haut-Rhin (68)
- . Moselle (57)
- . Nord (59)

1860- Creation of Alpes-Maritimes (06) during the reunion of the County of Nice to France, together with a little part of Var (83).

1860- Creation of Savoie (73) during its reunion to France. Almost the same borders like the revolutionary department of Mont-Blanc.

1860- Creation of Haute-Savoie (74) during its reunion to France. Almost the same borders like the revolutionary department of Léman.

1871- Creation of Territoire de Belfort (90) from the non-annexed part of Haut-Rhin (68) by Germany (1873 Germand-French war).

1871- Creation of Meurthe-et-Moselle (54) from the non-annexed parts of Meurthe and Moselle departments by Germany (1873 Germand-French war).

1919- Restitution of the territories from the old Moselle and old Meurthe by Germany, fusion into the "new" Moselle (57).

1941- Charente-Inférieure is called Charente-Maritime (17).

1947- Reunion to Alpes-Maritimes (06) of the Italian territories of Tende and La Brigue.

1955- Seine-Inférieure is called Seine-Maritime (76).

1957- Transfer of a part of Isère (38) to Rhône (69).

1957- Loire-Inférieure is called Loire-Atlantique (44).

1964- Splitting of Seine (75) into 4 new departments:

- . Hauts-de-Seine (92)
- . Paris (75)
- . Seine-Saint-Denis (93)
- . Val-de-Marne (94).

1964- Splitting of Seine-et-Oise into 3 new departments:

- . Essonne (91)
- . Val-d'Oise (95)
- . Yvelines (78).

1967- Reunion to Rhône (69) of 23 towns from Isère (38) and 6 ones from Ain (01).

1970- Basses-Alpes is called Alpes de Haute-Provence (04).

1970- Basses-Pyrénées is called Pyrénées-Atlantiques (64).

1975- Splitting of Corse (20) into 2 new departments:

- . Corse-du-Sud (2A)
- . Haute-Corse (2B).

1976- Creation of the Territorial Community of Mayotte (976), after the independance of the Comores (Indian Ocean).

1992- Côtes-du-Nord is now called Côtes-d'Armor (29).

