## France pensions row

Nicolas Sarkozy wants to bring "special regime" pensions, enjoyed by a minority of state workers, into line with other pensions



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System benefits around 500,000 workers plus further 1.1m retirees
Accounts for 6 percent of total state

pension payments

Applies in 16 sectors – rail and utilities employees account for 360,000 people

Some workers can retire on full

pensions aged 50

"Special regime" pensions cost state 5 billion euros a year

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