

# France's richest facing higher tax calls

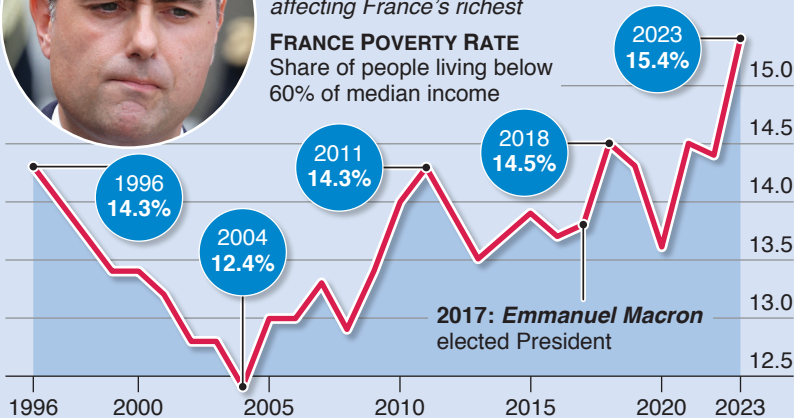
Debate is raging in France on whether the wealthy should shoulder a bigger role in filling government coffers, as the country grapples with the largest budget deficit in the euro area



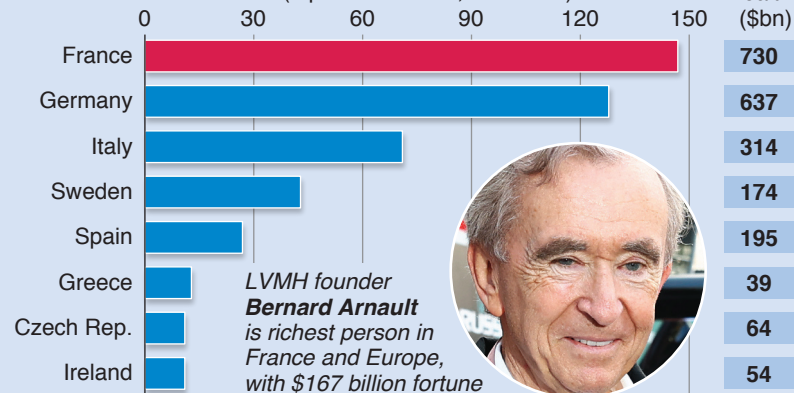
Prime Minister **Sebastian Lecornu** (left) is critical of broad-based wealth tax – including proposed “Zucman tax” of 2% on fortunes exceeding €100 million – but has not ruled out measures affecting France’s richest

## FRANCE POVERTY RATE

Share of people living below 60% of median income



## NUMBER OF BILLIONAIRES (top EU countries, Mar 2025)



LVMH founder **Bernard Arnault** is richest person in France and Europe, with \$167 billion fortune

