

SUMMARY REPORT

Survey of French nationals in the United Kingdom

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1. Executive Summary

This report presents the "raw" results of the survey addressed to French nationals residing in the United Kingdom. It covers four main themes: consular services, French education, recent legislative measures, and community priorities.

Key Findings

- ▶ Online voting is the most widely used service (60.6% of users), with exceptional awareness of 91.2%.
- ▶ Rights protection (settled status, health, pension, taxation) is ranked as the top priority — the most widely shared concern.
- ▶ More than half of respondents (53.9%) are not aware of any representative institution (Senate, National Assembly, AFE, Consular Council).
- ▶ The reopening of the Edinburgh consulate and the increase in consular tours remain largely unknown (36.5% and 24.6%).
- ▶ Among children in the English school system, 28% have no access to French language classes.
- ▶ The Save You platform, dedicated to victims of domestic violence, is unknown to 95.4% of respondents.

2. Respondent Profile

2.1 Gender

Participation is predominantly female, with 66.4% women, 32.0% men, and 1.6% preferring not to specify their gender.

Breakdown by gender

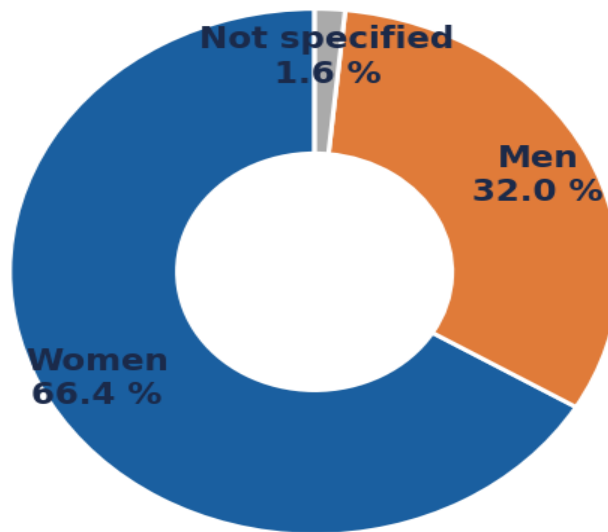


Figure 1 — Breakdown by gender

2.2 Age Distribution

The profile is predominantly senior: the 46–65 age group accounts for nearly half the sample (49.8%). Those under 35 are underrepresented (7.7%), suggesting the survey reached longer-established French nationals more than newer arrivals.

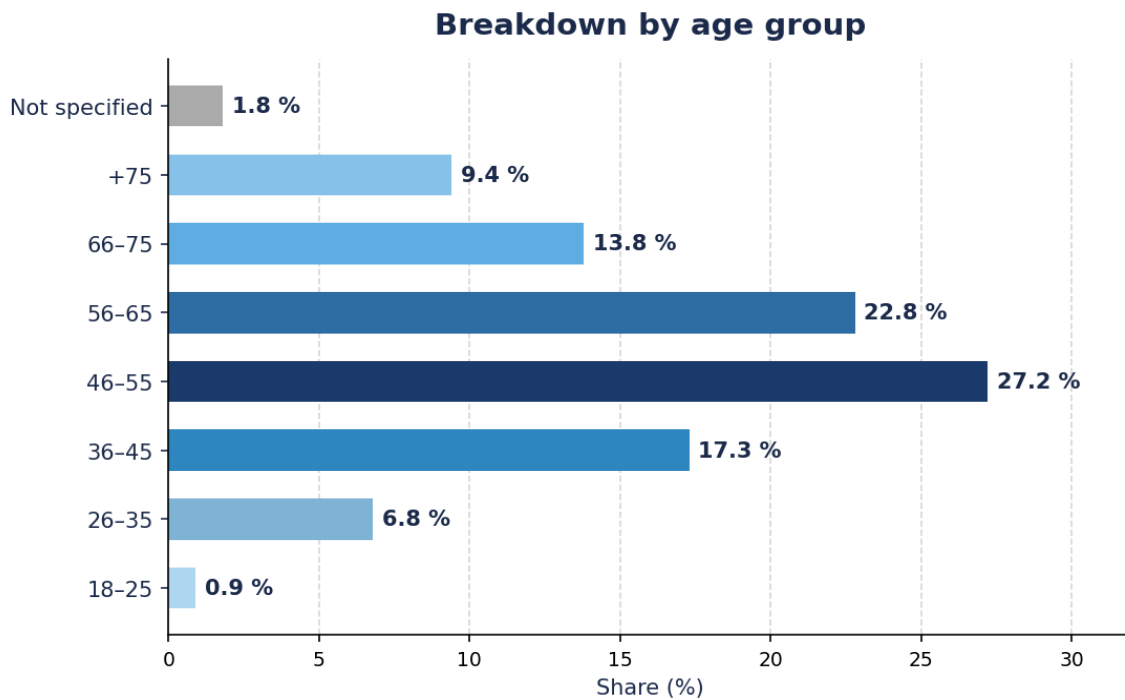


Figure 2 — Breakdown by age group

2.3 Length of Residence in the United Kingdom

The vast majority of respondents (85.5%) have lived in the United Kingdom for more than 10 years. This reflects a deeply established expatriate community with long-term concerns regarding rights, pensions, and integration.

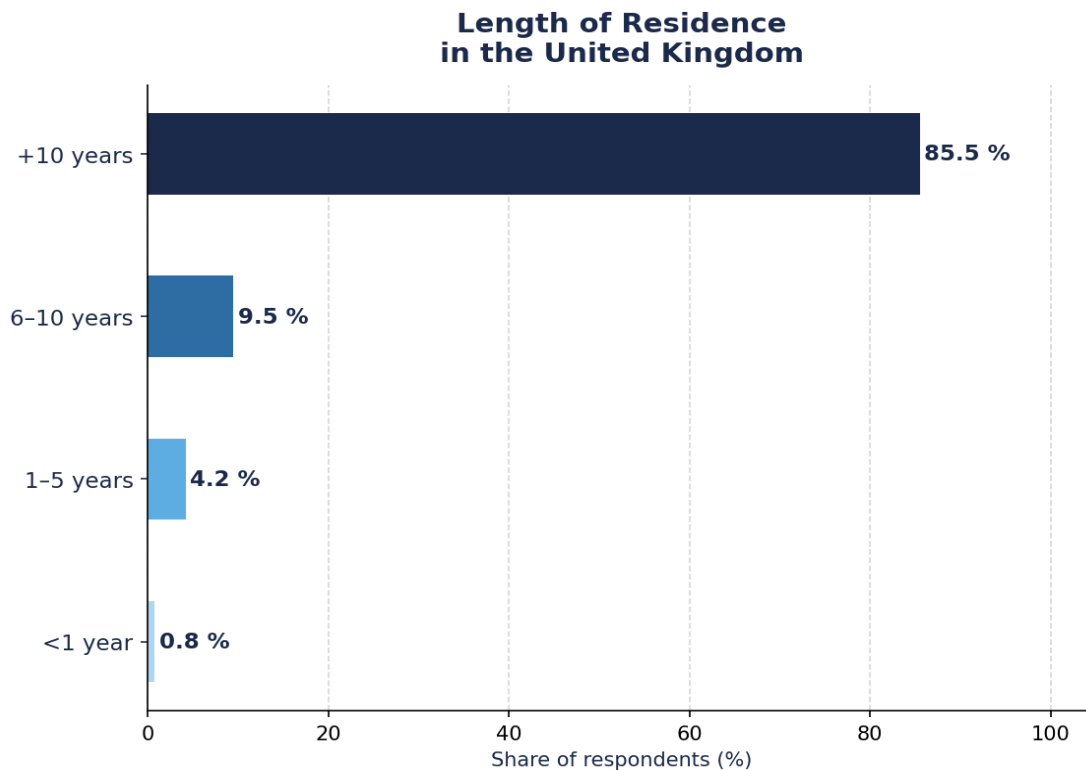


Figure 3 — Length of residence in the United Kingdom

2.4 Dual Nationality

29.7% report having acquired British nationality. This significant figure reflects the lasting impact of Brexit on the naturalisation choices of French expatriates.

2.5 Geographic Distribution (Main Cities)

Although the consulate is based in London, respondents are spread across the entire United Kingdom. The main cities represented are: London, Cambridge, Bristol, Manchester, Wandsworth, Birmingham, Oxford, Brighton, Hackney and Chiswick.

 *The geographic spread highlights the importance of consular tours and online services for French nationals living outside London.*

3. Consular Services — Awareness and Usage

The 13 services assessed fall into two categories: digital services (online voting, France Identité, pre-application, FranceConnect, Royal Mail, etc.) and organisational measures (opening hours, consular tours, Edinburgh consulate).

3.1 Digital Services — Usage Rate

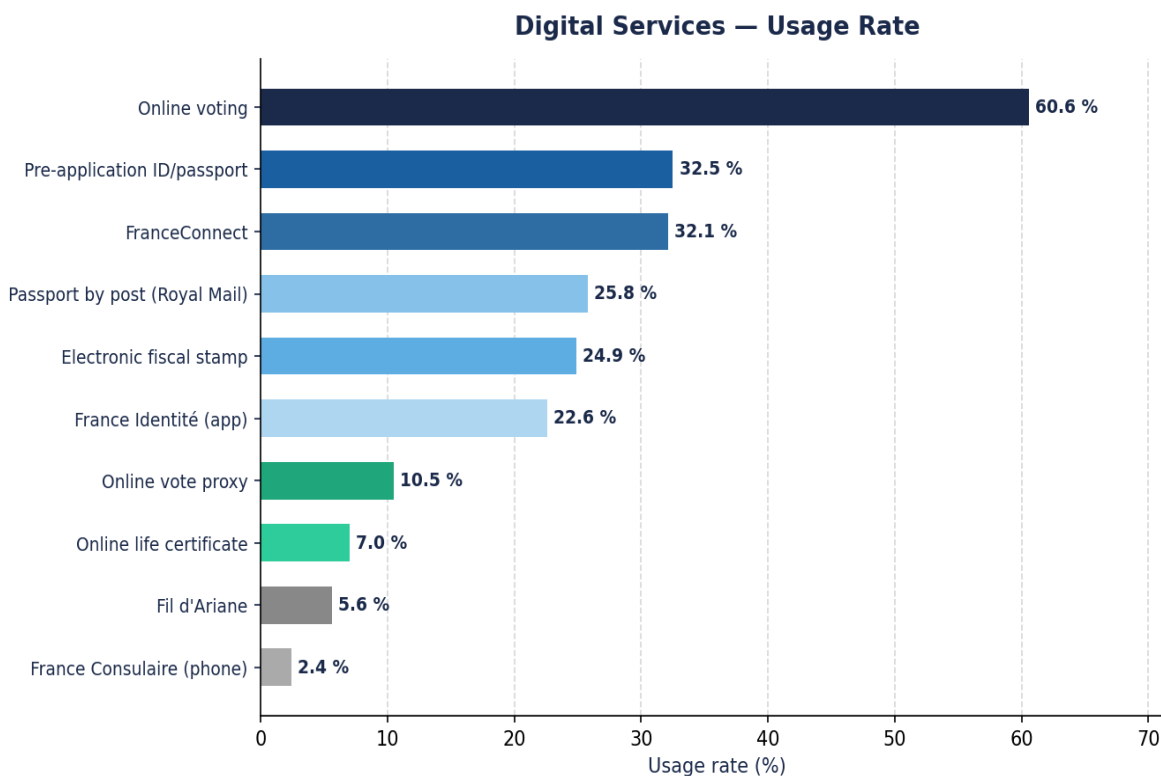


Figure 4 — Usage rate of digital services

3.2 Combined Awareness and Usage

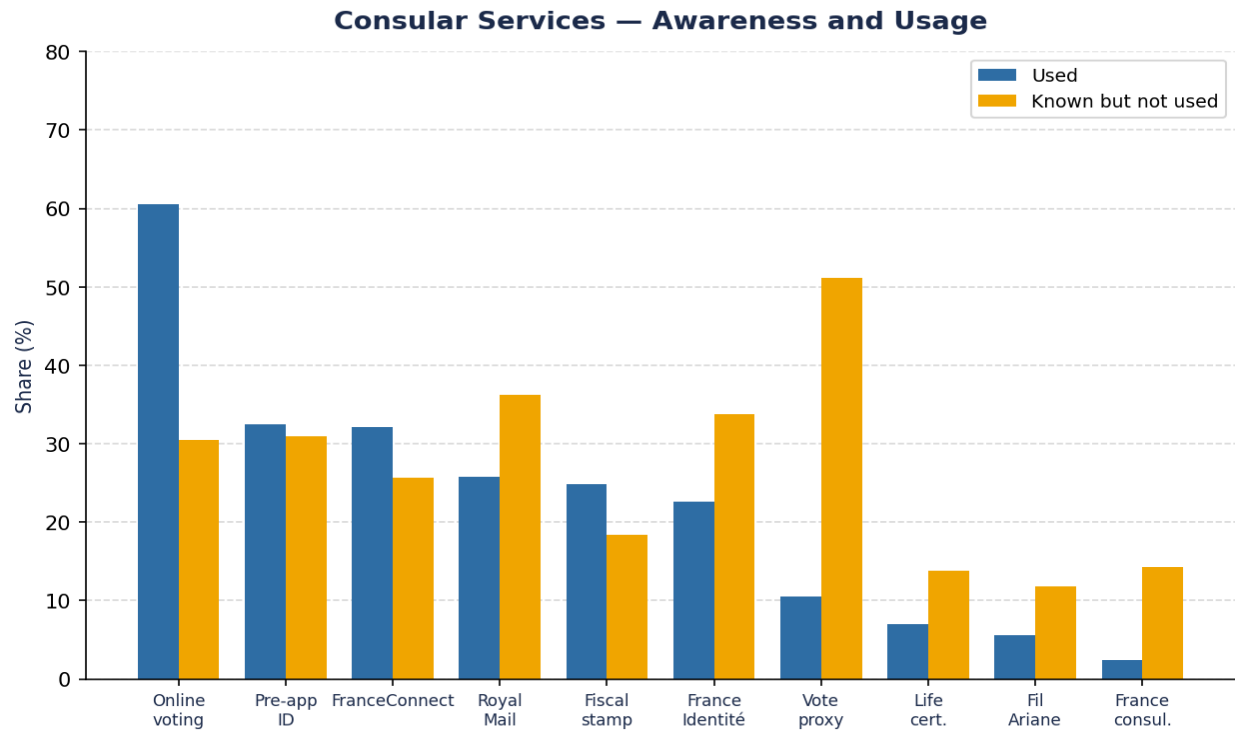


Figure 5 — Awareness and usage of consular services

3.3 Organisational Measures — Awareness

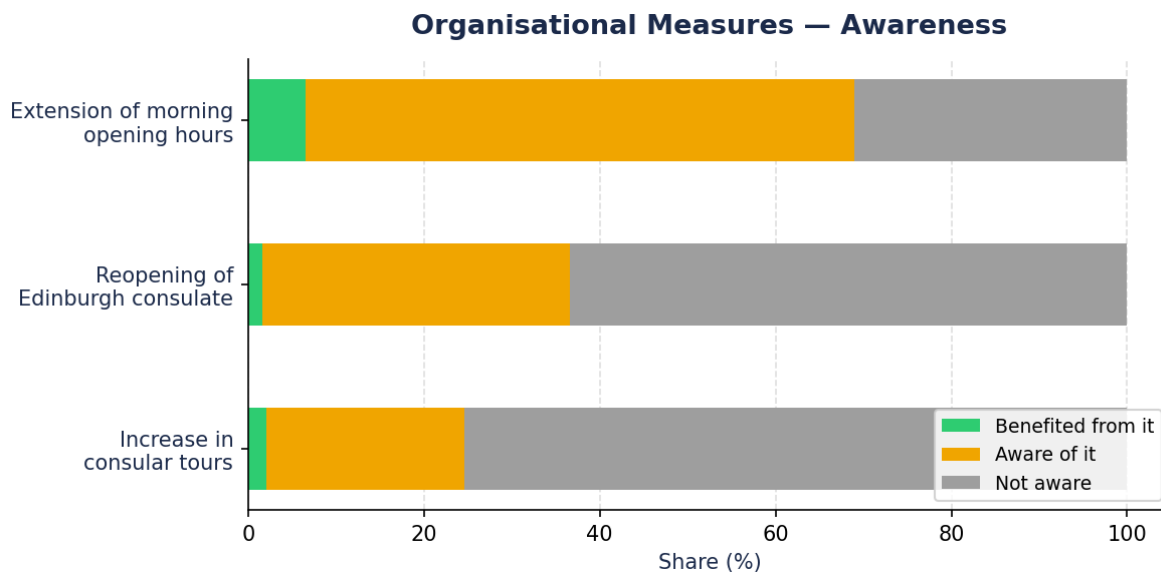


Figure 6 — Organisational measures

📌 Consular tours, which are essential for French nationals outside London, remain largely unknown (only 24.6% awareness). A targeted communication effort is needed.

4. French Education in the United Kingdom

4.1 Interest in French Education

39.4% say they are interested in French or Francophone education matters in the United Kingdom. Among them: 38.0% have children in school in the UK, 9.8% have no children / not concerned, 9.7% have children not in school in the UK, and 5.3% have grandchildren in school.

4.2 School System Attended

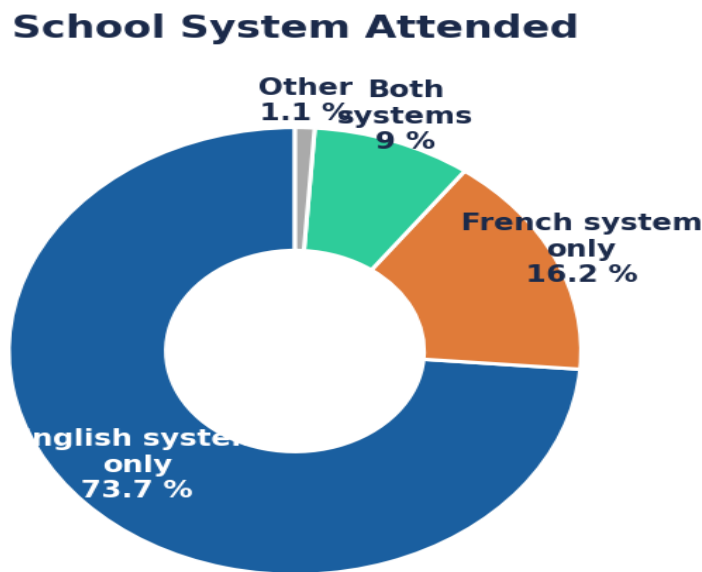


Figure 7 — School system attended

4.3 French Classes for Children in the English School System

Among families whose children are enrolled in the English school system, 28% have no access to any French classes. The majority rely on in-school teaching or FLAM schools.

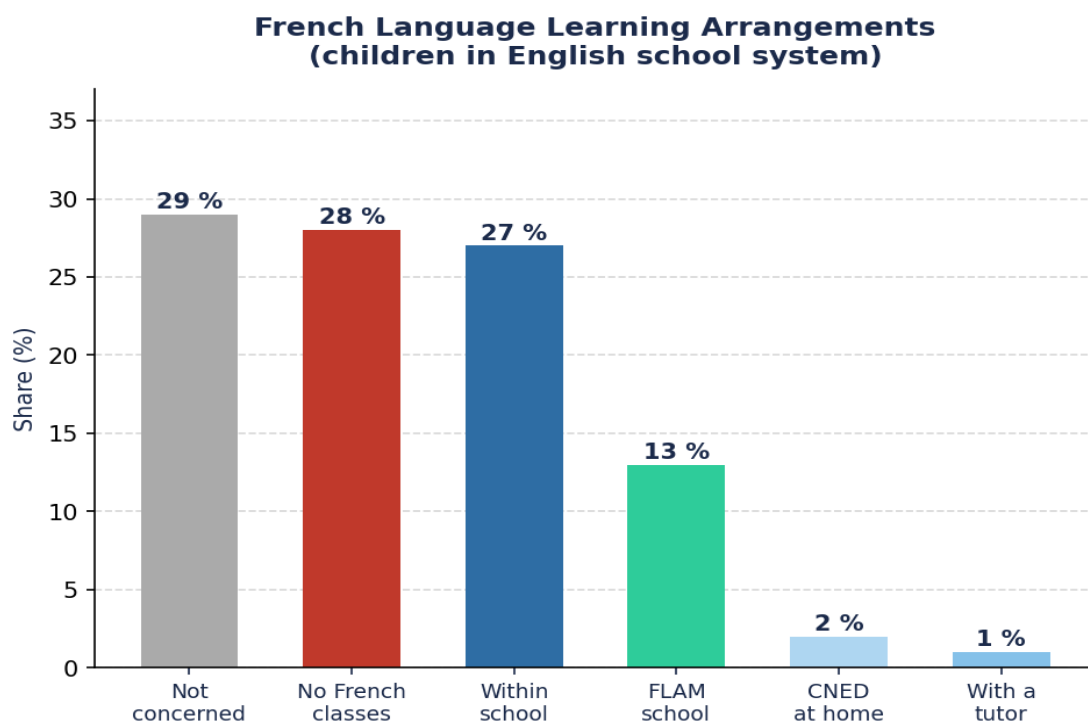


Figure 8 — French language learning arrangements

4.4 Awareness of School Bursaries

The procedure for accessing school bursaries is little known: only 26.0% of affected families are aware of it. The recent extension of eligibility criteria to pupils with disabilities (AESH) is even less widely known: only 13.9% of affected families have been informed.

5. Legislative Measures — Awareness

Three measures championed by consular and parliamentary representatives were put to respondents for their assessment.

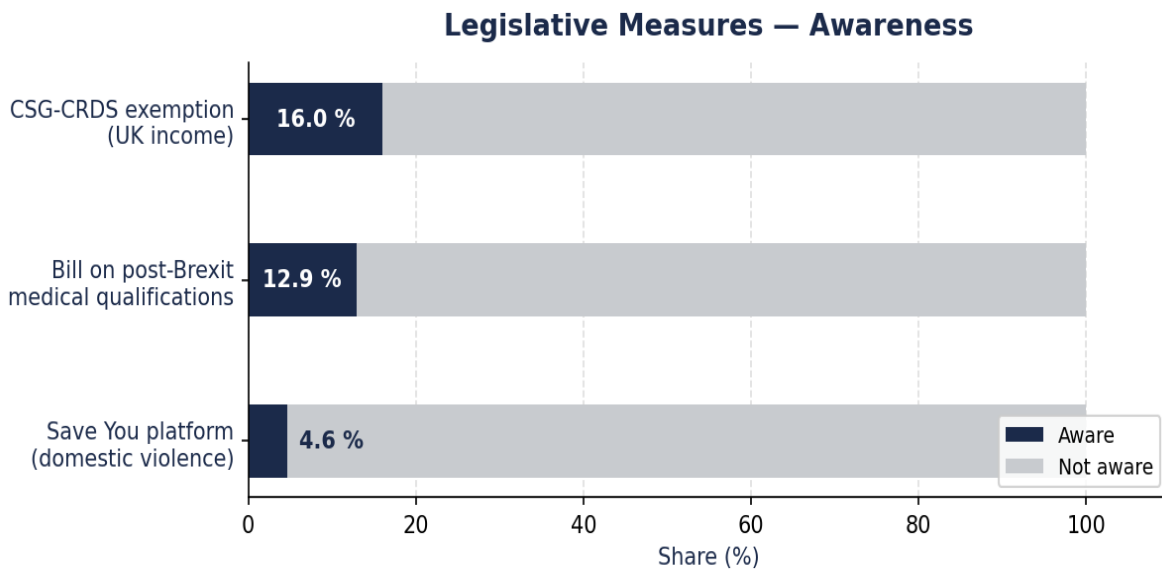


Figure 9 — Awareness of legislative measures

📌 These figures reveal a significant communication gap around measures that are nonetheless important. The Save You platform in particular is almost entirely unknown, despite its importance for victims of domestic and family violence.

6. Priorities of the French Community

Respondents ranked 7 priorities in order of importance (1 = highest priority, 7 = lowest priority). The chart below shows how many times each priority was ranked first, along with its average rank.

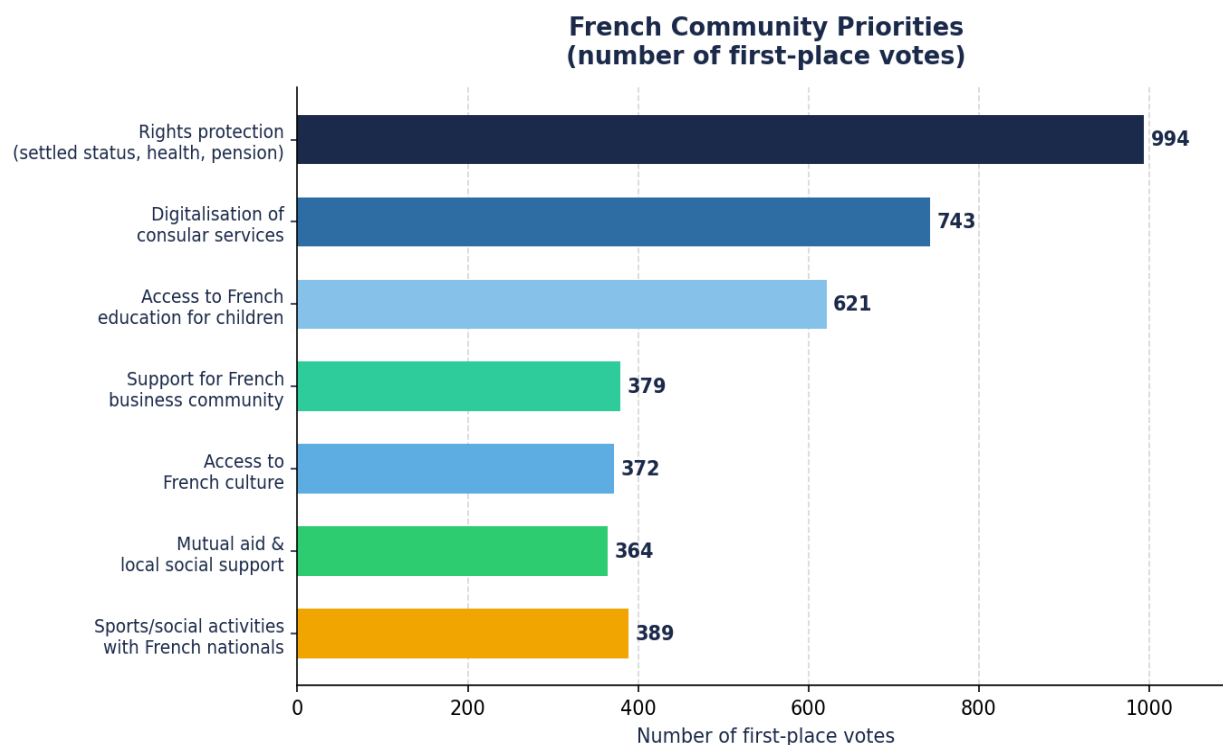


Figure 10 — Community priorities (votes ranked 1st)

🇫🇷 **Rights Protection** — 994 first-place votes 🇬🇧 **Digitalisation** — 743 first-place votes 🇫🇷 **French Education** — 621 first-place votes

📌 *Rights protection is the absolute top priority, driven by Brexit and ongoing uncertainty over the rights of French residents. Digitalisation comes second, confirming strong demand for more accessible online services.*

7. Awareness of Representative Institutions

Respondents indicated which representative institutions they are aware of. Each respondent could select multiple answers.

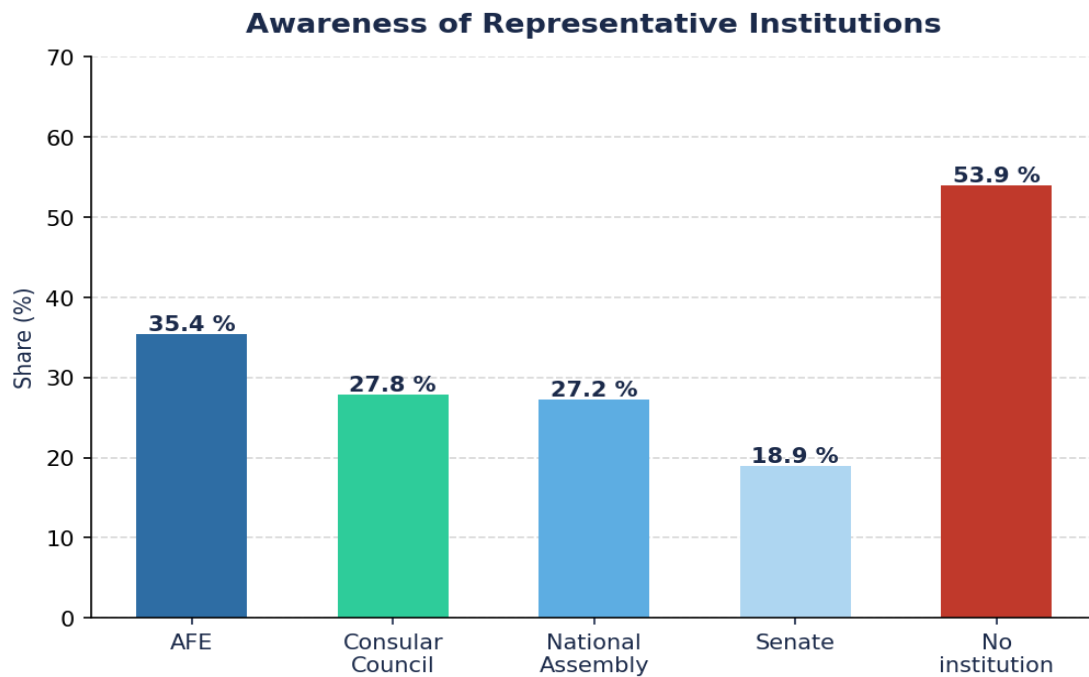


Figure 11 — Awareness of representative institutions

📌 This result is particularly concerning: 53.9% of respondents are not aware of any institution representing French nationals abroad. The AFE is the best-known, ahead of the Consular Council.