

# The Era of Play

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## Economics

At this time there are around 23 million people in France. The main tax to the crown is called the *Taille* and is calculated as either a *personnelle* which is based on the estimated income of the noble, or a *taille* which is based on the amount of land they hold. There are a number of direct taxes as well that irritate the general populace, including *capitation*, *vingtième* (which is a 5% of income tax and has occasionally be levied more than once on a person), *gabelle* (salt tax) and *aides* for excise duties.

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