



GERMANY



INTRODUCTION

As Europe's largest economy and second most-populous nation (after Russia), Germany is a key member of the continent's economic, political, and defense organizations. Divided after World War II, the decline of the USSR and the end of the Cold War allowed for German reunification in 1990.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Frank-Walter STEINMEIER

Head of Government

Chancellor Olaf SCHOLZ

Government Type

federal parliamentary republic

Capital

Berlin

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parliament consists of the Federal Council or Bundesrat (69 seats) and the Federal Diet or Bundestag (736 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Andreas MICHAELIS

US Ambassador

Ambassador Amy GUTMANN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 357,022 sq km

Land: 348,672 sq km

Water: 8,350 sq km

Climate

temperate and marine; cool, cloudy, wet winters and summers; occasional warm mountain (foehn) wind

Natural Resources

coal, lignite, natural gas, iron ore, copper, nickel, uranium, potash, salt, construction materials, timber, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

leading EU service-based export-driven economy; highly skilled and educated labor force; fairly fiscally conservative; energy-related economic disruptions due to Russian gas cessations; increased defense spending and rising debts.

GDP Purchasing Power Parity \$4.523 trillion (2022 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$54,000 (2022 est.)

Industries - iron, steel, coal, cement, chemicals, machinery, vehicles, machine tools, electronics, automobiles, food and beverages, shipbuilding, textiles

Agricultural products - milk, pork, wheat, beef, potatoes, barley, rapeseeds, chicken, eggs, sugar beets

Exports \$2.079 trillion (2022)

cars and vehicle parts, packaged medicines, medical cultures and vaccines, aircraft, industrial machinery, medical instruments (2021)

partners: US 9%, China 8%, France 8%, Netherlands 6%, UK 6% (2021)

Imports \$1.999 trillion (2022)

cars and vehicle parts, packaged medicines, broadcasting equipment, medical cultures/vaccines, computers (2021)

partners: China 10%, Netherlands 10%, Poland 7%, France 6%, Italy 6% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

84.3 million (July 2022 est.)

Population Growth

-0.11% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity

German 85.4%, Turkish 1.8%, Ukrainian 1.4%, Syrian 1.1%, Romanian 1%, Polish 1%, other/stateless/unspecified 8.3% (2022 est.)

Language

German (official)

Religion

Roman Catholic 24.8%, Protestant 22.6%, Muslim 3.7%, other 5.1%, none 43.8% (2022 est.)