

## **Introduction**

### **Background**

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, Germany reunified in 1990 when the USSR collapsed and the Cold War ended.

### **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

### **People and Society**

#### **Population**

**total**: 84,119,100

#### **Ethnic groups**

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

#### **Languages**

German (official); note - Danish, Frisian, Sorbian, and Romani are official minority languages; Low German, Danish, North Frisian, Sater Frisian, Lower Sorbian, Upper Sorbian, and Romani are recognized as regional languages

#### **Religions**

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

#### **Population growth rate**

-0.12% (2024 est.)

### **Government**

#### **Government type**

federal parliamentary republic

## **Capital**

**name:** Berlin

## **Executive branch**

**chief of state:** President Frank-Walter STEINMEIER (since 19 March 2017)

**head of government:** Chancellor Olaf SCHOLZ (since 8 December 2021)

## **Legislative branch**

**summary:** bicameral Parliament consists of the Federal Council (69 seats) and the Federal Diet (736 seats)

## **Diplomatic representation in the US**

**chief of mission:** Ambassador Andreas MICHAELIS (since 15 September 2023)

## **Diplomatic representation from the US**

**chief of mission:** Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d’Affaires Alan MELTZER (since July 2024)

## **Economy**

### **Economic overview**

leading diversified, export-driven, core EU and eurozone economy; key automotive, chemical, engineering, finance, and green energy industries; growth stalled by energy crisis; tight labor market with falling working-age population; fiscal rebalancing with phaseout of energy price supports

### **Real GDP (purchasing power parity)**

\$5.23 trillion (2023 est.)

\$5.246 trillion (2022 est.)

\$5.153 trillion (2021 est.)

### **Real GDP per capita**

\$61,900 (2023 est.)

\$62,600 (2022 est.)

\$61,900 (2021 est.)

## **Exports**

\$2.104 trillion (2023 est.)

\$2.092 trillion (2022 est.)

\$2.034 trillion (2021 est.)

## **Exports - partners**

US 10%, France 7%, China 7%, Netherlands 7%, Italy 6% (2022)

## **Exports - commodities**

cars, packaged medicine, vehicle parts/accessories, vaccines, plastic products (2022)

## **Imports**

\$1.927 trillion (2023 est.)

\$1.997 trillion (2022 est.)

\$1.798 trillion (2021 est.)

**Imports - partners**

China 10%, Netherlands 9%, Poland 6%, Belgium 6%, Italy 5% (2022)

**Imports - commodities**

natural gas, cars, garments, vehicle parts/accessories, crude petroleum (2022)

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