



# Germany national football team

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The **Germany national football team** (German: *Die deutsche Fußballnationalmannschaft*) is the men's football team that has represented Germany in international competition since 1908.<sup>[4]</sup> It is governed by the German Football Association (*Deutscher Fußball-Bund*), founded in 1900.<sup>[8][9]</sup> Ever since the DFB was reinaugurated in 1949 the team has represented the Federal Republic of Germany. Under Allied occupation and division, two other separate national teams were also recognised by FIFA: the Saarland team representing the Saarland (1950–1956) and the East German team representing the German Democratic Republic (1952–1990). Both have been absorbed along with their records<sup>[10][11]</sup> by the current national team. The official name and code "Germany FR (FRG)" was shortened to "Germany (GER)" following the reunification in 1990.

Germany is one of the most successful national teams in international competitions, having won a total of four World Cups (1954, 1974, 1990, 2014) and three European Championships (1972, 1980, 1996).<sup>[8]</sup> They have also been runners-up three times in the European Championships, four times in the World Cup, and further four third World Cup places.<sup>[8]</sup> East Germany won Olympic Gold in 1976.<sup>[12]</sup> Germany is the only nation to have won both the men's and women's World Cups. At the end of the 2014 FIFA World Cup, Germany earned the highest Elo rating of any national football team in history, with a record 2200 points.<sup>[13]</sup> Germany is also the only European nation that has won a FIFA World Cup in the Americas. The current manager of the national team is Joachim Löw.

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## Germany



**Nickname(s)** *Nationalelf* (national eleven)  
*DFB-Elf* (DFB Eleven)  
*Die Mannschaft* (The Team)<sup>[1][2]</sup>

**Association** German Football Association  
(*Deutscher Fußball-Bund – DFB*)

**Confederation** UEFA (Europe)

**Head coach** Joachim Löw

**Captain** Bastian Schweinsteiger

**Most caps** Lothar Matthäus (150)

**Top scorer** Miroslav Klose (71)

**FIFA code** GER



First colours



Second colours

### FIFA ranking

**Current** 4 ▲ 1 (2 June 2016)

**Highest** 1<sup>[3]</sup> (December 1992, August 1993, December 1993, February 1994 – March 1994, June 1994, July 2014 – July 2015)

**Lowest** 22<sup>[3]</sup> (March 2006)

### Elo ranking

**Current** 2 (29 May 2016)

**Highest** 1 (1990–92, 1993–94, 1996–97, July 2014 – May 2016)

**Lowest** 17 (1923)

### First international

 Switzerland 5–3  Germany (Basel, Switzerland; 5 April 1908)<sup>[4]</sup>

### Biggest win

 Germany 16–0  Russian Empire (Stockholm, Sweden; 1 July 1912)<sup>[5]</sup>

### Biggest defeat

 England Amateurs 9–0  Germany (Oxford, England; 13 March 1909)<sup>[6][7]</sup>



The Federal Republic of Germany, which was referred to as West Germany, continued the DFB. With recognition by FIFA and UEFA, the DFB maintained and continued the record of the pre-war team. Switzerland was once again the first team that played West Germany in 1950.<sup>[18]</sup> West Germany qualified for the 1954 World Cup.

The Saarland, under French control between 1947 and 1956, did not join French organisations, and was barred from participating in pan-German ones. It sent their own team to the 1952 Summer Olympics and to the 1954 World Cup qualifiers. In 1957, Saarland acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany.

In 1949, the communist German Democratic Republic (East Germany) was founded. In 1952 the Deutscher Fußball-Verband der DDR (DFV) was established and the East Germany national football team took to the field. They were the only team to beat the 1974 FIFA World Cup winning West Germans in the only meeting of the two sides of the divided nation. East Germany won the gold medal at the 1976 Olympics. After German reunification in 1990, the eastern football competition was reintegrated into the DFB.

## 1954 World Cup victory

West Germany, captained by Fritz Walter, met in the 1954 World Cup Turkey, Yugoslavia and Austria. When playing favourites Hungary in the group stage, Germany lost 3–8. West Germany met the Hungary Mighty Magyars again in the final. Hungary had gone unbeaten for 32 consecutive matches. In an upset, West Germany won 3–2, with Helmut Rahn scoring the winning goal.<sup>[19]</sup> The success is called "The Miracle of Bern" (*Das Wunder von Bern*).<sup>[20]</sup>

## Memorable losses: Wembley goal and game of the century (1958–1970)

After finishing fourth in the 1958 World Cup and reaching only the quarter-finals in the 1962 World Cup, the DFB made changes. Professionalism was introduced, and the best clubs from the various Regionalligas were assembled into the new Bundesliga. In 1964, Helmut Schön took over as coach, replacing Herberger who had been in office for 28 years.

In the 1966 World Cup, West Germany reached the final after beating the USSR in the semifinal, facing hosts England. In extra time, the first goal by Geoff Hurst was one of the most contentious goals in the history of the World Cup: the linesman signalled the ball had crossed the line for a goal, after bouncing down from the crossbar, when replays showed it did not appear to have fully crossed the line. Hurst then scored another goal giving England a 4–2 win.<sup>[21][22]</sup>

West Germany in the 1970 World Cup knocked England out in the quarter-finals 3–2, before they suffered a 4–3 extra time loss in the semi-final against Italy. This match with five goals in extra time is one of the most dramatic in World Cup history, and is called the "Game of the Century" in both Italy and Germany.<sup>[23][24]</sup> West Germany claimed third by beating Uruguay 1–0. Gerd Müller finished as the tournament's top scorer with 10 goals.

## 1974 World Cup title on home soil

In 1971, Franz Beckenbauer became captain of the national team, and he led West Germany to victory at the European Championship at Euro 1972, defeating the Soviet Union 3–0 in the final.<sup>[25][26]</sup>

As hosts of the 1974 World Cup, they won their second World Cup, defeating the Netherlands 2–1 in the final in Munich.<sup>[27]</sup> Two matches in the 1974 World Cup stood out for West Germany. The first group stage saw a politically charged match as West Germany played a game against East Germany. The East Germans won 1–0.<sup>[28]</sup> The West Germans advanced to the final against the Johan Cruyff-led Dutch team and their brand of "Total Football". The Dutch took the lead from a penalty. However, West Germany tied the match on a penalty by Paul Breitner, and won it with Gerd Müller's fine finish soon after.<sup>[29][30]</sup>

## Late 1970s and early 1980s

West Germany failed to defend their titles in the next two major international tournaments. They lost to Czechoslovakia in the final of Euro 1976 in a penalty shootout 5–3.<sup>[31]</sup> Since that loss, Germany has not lost a penalty shootout in major international tournaments.

In the 1978 World Cup, Germany was eliminated in the second group stage after losing 2–3 to Austria. Schön retired as coach afterward, and the post was taken over by his assistant, Jupp Derwall.

West Germany's first tournament under Derwall was successful, as they earned their second European title at Euro 1980 after defeating Belgium 2–1 in the final.<sup>[32]</sup> West Germany reached the final of the 1982 World Cup, though not without difficulties. They were upset 1–2 by Algeria in their first match,<sup>[33]</sup> but advanced to the second round with a controversial 1–0 win over Austria. In the semifinal against France, they tied the match 3–3 and won the penalty shootout 5–4.<sup>[34][35]</sup> In the final, they were defeated by Italy 1–3.<sup>[36]</sup>

During this period, West Germany's Gerd Müller racked up fourteen goals in two World Cups (1970 and 1974). His ten goals in 1970 are the third-most ever in a tournament. (Müller's all-time World Cup record of 14 goals was broken by Ronaldo in 2006 which has been further broken by Miroslav Klose in 2014 with 16 goals<sup>[37]</sup>).

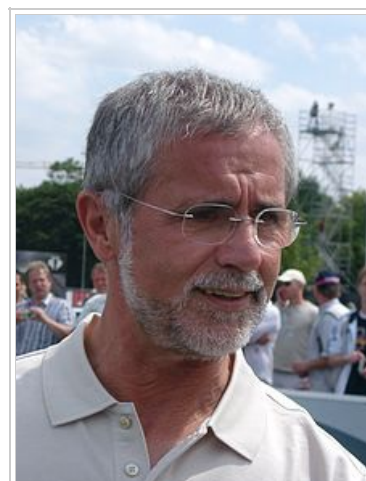
## Beckenbauer's coaching success (1984–1990)



Helmut Rahn scored the winning goal in the 1954 FIFA World Cup final.



1974 FIFA World Cup Final on 7 July 1974, in Munich (Olympiastadion).



Gerd Müller in 2006

After West Germany were eliminated in the first round of Euro 1984, Franz Beckenbauer returned to the national team to replace Derwall as coach.<sup>[38]</sup> At the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, West Germany finished as runners-up for the second consecutive tournament after beating France 2–0 in the semi-finals, but losing to the Diego Maradona-led Argentina in the final, 2–3.<sup>[39][40]</sup> In Euro 1988, West Germany's hopes of winning the tournament on home soil were spoiled by the Netherlands, as the Dutch beat them 2–1 in the semifinals.<sup>[41]</sup>

At the 1990 World Cup in Italy, West Germany won their third World Cup title, in its unprecedented third consecutive final appearance.<sup>[42]</sup> Captained by Lothar Matthäus, they defeated Yugoslavia (4–1), UAE (5–1), the Netherlands (2–1), Czechoslovakia (1–0), and England (1–1, 4–3 on penalty kicks) on the way to a final rematch against Argentina, played in the Italian capital of Rome.<sup>[43][44]</sup> West Germany won 1–0, with the only goal being a penalty scored in the 85th minute by Andreas Brehme.<sup>[42]</sup> Beckenbauer, who won the World Cup as the national team's captain in 1974, thus became the first person to win the World Cup as both captain and coach.<sup>[38]</sup>



Franz Beckenbauer

### Olympic football

Prior to 1984, Olympic football was an amateur event, meaning that only non-professional players could participate. Due to this, West Germany was never able to achieve the same degree of success at the Olympics as at the World Cup, with the only medal coming in the 1988 Olympics, when they won the bronze medal. However, for the next six Olympic games no German team has managed to qualify for the main tournament, even after the change of rules to include professionals, among them three athletes over 23 years old. West Germany also reached the second round in both 1972 and 1984. On the other hand, East Germany did far better, winning a gold, a silver and two bronze medals (one representing the United Team of Germany).

Medal record		
Olympic Games		
<span></span> B	1988 Seoul	Team

### Berti Vogts years (1990–1998)

In February 1990, months after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the draw for the 1992 European Championship qualifying tournament saw East Germany and West Germany drawn together. After West Germany's 1990 World Cup win, assistant Berti Vogts took over as the national team coach from the retiring Beckenbauer. The members of the East German association Deutscher Fußball-Verband acceded to the DFB in November, while the 1990–91 seasons would continue, with the restructuring of leagues scheduled for 1991–92. The first game with a unified German team was against Sweden on 10 October.<sup>[45]</sup>

In Euro 1992, Germany reached the final, but lost 0–2 to Denmark.<sup>[46]</sup> In the 1994 World Cup, they were upset 1–2 in the quarterfinals by Bulgaria.<sup>[47][48]</sup>

Reunified Germany won its first major international title at Euro 1996, becoming European champions for the third time.<sup>[49]</sup> They defeated hosts England in the semifinals,<sup>[50]</sup> and the Czech Republic 2–1 in the final on a golden goal in extra time.<sup>[51]</sup>



Berti Vogts

However, in the 1998 World Cup, Germany were eliminated in the quarterfinals in a 0–3 defeat to Croatia, all goals being scored after defender Christian Wörns received a straight red card.<sup>[52]</sup> Vogts stepped down afterwards and was replaced by Erich Ribbeck.<sup>[53]</sup>

### Oliver Kahn and Michael Ballack era (2000–2006)

In Euro 2000, the team went out in the first round, drawing with Romania, then suffering a 1–0 defeat to England and were routed 3–0 by Portugal (which fielded their backup players, having already advanced).<sup>[54]</sup> Ribbeck resigned, and was replaced by Rudi Völler.<sup>[55]</sup>

Coming into the 2002 World Cup, expectations of the German team were low due to poor results in the qualifiers and not directly qualifying for the finals for the first time. The team advanced through group play, and in the knockout stages they produced three consecutive 1–0 wins against Paraguay,<sup>[56]</sup> the United States,<sup>[57]</sup> and co-hosts South Korea. Oliver Neuville scored two minutes from time against Paraguay and Michael Ballack scored both goals in the USA and South Korea games, although he picked up a second yellow card against South Korea for a tactical foul and was suspended for the subsequent match.<sup>[58]</sup> This set up a final against Brazil, the first World Cup meeting between the two. Germany lost 0–2 thanks to two Ronaldo goals.<sup>[59]</sup> Nevertheless, German captain and goalkeeper Oliver Kahn won the Golden Ball,<sup>[60]</sup> the first time in the World Cup that a goalkeeper was named the best player of the tournament.<sup>[61]</sup>

Germany again exited in the first round of Euro 2004, drawing their first two matches and losing the third to the Czech Republic (who had fielded a second-string team).<sup>[62]</sup> Völler resigned afterwards, and Jürgen Klinsmann was appointed head coach.<sup>[63][64]</sup>

Klinsmann's main task was to lead the national team to a good showing at the 2006 World Cup in Germany. Klinsmann relieved goalkeeper Kahn of the captaincy and announced that Kahn and longtime backup Jens Lehmann would be competing for the position of starting goaltender, a decision that angered Kahn and Lehmann eventually won that contest.<sup>[65]</sup> Expectations for the team were low, which was not helped by veteran defender Christian Wörns being dropped (after Wörns criticized Klinsmann for designating him only as a backup player on the squad), a choice roundly panned in Germany. Italy routed Germany 4–1 in a March exhibition game, and Klinsmann bore the brunt of the criticism as the team was ranked only 22nd in the world entering the 2006 FIFA World Cup.<sup>[66]</sup>



As World Cup hosts, Germany won all three group-stage matches to finish top of their group. The team defeated Sweden 2–0 in the round of 16.<sup>[67]</sup> Germany faced Argentina in the quarter-finals. The match ended 1–1, and Germany won the penalty shootout 4–2.<sup>[68]</sup> In the semi-final against Italy, the match was scoreless until near the end of extra time when Germany conceded two goals.<sup>[69]</sup> In the third place match, Germany defeated Portugal 3–1.<sup>[70]</sup> Miroslav Klose was awarded the Golden Boot for his tournament-leading five goals.<sup>[71]</sup>

## New orientation under Löw (2006–2014)

Germany's entry into the Euro 2008 qualifying round was marked by the promotion of Joachim Löw to head coach, since Klinsmann retired.<sup>[72]</sup> At the UEFA Euro 2008, Germany won two out of three matches in group play to advance to the knockout round.<sup>[73]</sup> They defeated Portugal 3–2 in the quarterfinal,<sup>[74]</sup> and won their semifinal against Turkey.<sup>[75]</sup> Germany lost the final against Spain 0–1, finishing as the runners-up.<sup>[76]</sup>

In the 2010 World Cup, Germany won the group and advanced to the knockout stage. In the round of 16, Germany defeated England 4–1.<sup>[77]</sup> The game controversially had a valid goal by Frank Lampard disallowed.<sup>[78][79][80]</sup> In the quarterfinals, Germany defeated Argentina 4–0,<sup>[81]</sup> and Miroslav Klose tied German Gerd Müller's record of 14 World Cup goals.<sup>[82]</sup> In the semi-final, Germany lost 1–0 to Spain.<sup>[83]</sup> Germany defeated Uruguay 3–2 to take third place (their second third place after 2006).<sup>[84]</sup> German Thomas Müller won the Golden Boot and the Best Young Player Award.<sup>[85][86]</sup>

In the Euro 2012, Germany was placed in group B along with Portugal, Netherlands, and Denmark. Germany won all three group matches. Germany defeated Greece in the quarter-final and set a record of 15 consecutive wins in all competitive matches.<sup>[87]</sup> In the semi-finals, Germany lost to Italy by 1–2.

## 2014 World Cup victory

Germany finished first in their qualification group for the 2014 World Cup. The draw for the 2014 FIFA World Cup finals placed Germany in Group G,<sup>[88]</sup> with Portugal, Ghana, and United States. They first faced Portugal in a match billed by some as the "team of all the talents against the team of The Talent (Cristiano Ronaldo)", routing the Portuguese 4–0 thanks to a hat-trick by Thomas Müller.<sup>[89][90]</sup> In their match with Ghana, they led the game with Götze's second half goal, but then conceded two consecutive goals, then at the 71st minute Klose scored a goal to help Germany to draw 2–2 with Ghana. With that goal, Klose also nudged home his 15th World Cup goal to join former Brazil striker Ronaldo at the pinnacle of World Cup Finals scorers. They then went on to defeat the United States team 1–0, securing them a spot in the round of sixteen against Algeria.

In the round of sixteen knockout match against Algeria, the match remained goalless after regulation time and resulted in extra time being played. In the 92nd minute, André Schürrle scored a goal from a pass from Thomas Müller, while Mesut Özil scored the second goal in the 120th minute. Although Algeria managed to score one goal in injury time it wasn't enough for them and the match ended 2–1 securing Germany a place in the quarter final, setting them up to play France.

In the quarter-final match against France, Mats Hummels scored in the 13th minute as Germany won the game 1–0 to advance to a record fourth consecutive semi-finals<sup>[91]</sup>

The semi-final win (7–1) against Brazil was a major accomplishment. Germany became the first team in history to score five goals in 18 minutes during the first half. They scored four goals in just 400 seconds and were 5–0 against Brazil by the end of the first half with goals from Thomas Müller, Miroslav Klose, Sami Khedira and two from Toni Kroos. Klose's goal in the 23rd minute, his 16th World Cup goal, gave him sole possession of the record for most goals scored during World Cup Finals, dethroning former Brazilian national Ronaldo.

In the second half of the game, substitute André Schürrle scored twice for Germany to lead 7–0, the highest score against Brazil in a single game. Germany did, however, concede a late goal to Brazil's Oscar. It was Brazil's worst ever World Cup defeat.<sup>[92]</sup> whilst Germany broke multiple World Cup records with the win, including the record broken by Klose, the first team to reach four consecutive World Cup semi finals, the first team to score seven goals in a World Cup Finals knockout phase game, the fastest five consecutive goals in World Cup history (four of which in just 400 seconds), the first team to score five goals in the first half in a World Cup semi final as well as being the topic of the most tweets ever on Twitter about a certain subject when the previous social media record was smashed after Germany scored their fourth goal. Also, Germany's seven goals took their total tally in World Cup history to 223, surpassing Brazil's 221 goals to first place overall.<sup>[93]</sup>

The World Cup Final was held at the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro on 13 July, and billed as the world's best player (Lionel Messi) versus the world's best team (Germany).<sup>[94][95]</sup> Mario Götze's 113th-minute goal helped Germany beat Argentina 1–0, becoming the first-ever European team to win a FIFA World Cup in the Americas.<sup>[96][97]</sup>

## Euro 2016 and present

After several players retired from the team following the 2014 World Cup win, including Philipp Lahm, Per Mertesacker and Miroslav Klose, the team had a disappointing start in the UEFA Euro 2016 qualifiers. They defeated Scotland 2–1 at home, then suffered a 2–0 loss at Poland (the first in their history), a 1–1 draw against the Republic of Ireland, and a 4–0 win over Gibraltar. The year ended with an away 0–1 friendly win against Spain, the reigning European



People watching the 2006 Germany v. Argentina match at the Donau Arena in Regensburg



German national team during Euro 2012 qualifiers



Germany lifting the World Cup trophy in 2014



Germany posing with Champions banner after 2014 FIFA World Cup Final

champions of 2008 and 2012.


























Throughout qualifying for the 2016 European Championship the German national team faced some difficulties, losing 2–0 against group rival Poland (defeating them on the return leg), and drawing at home, as well as losing away, to Ireland; the team also only narrowly defeated Scotland on two occasions, but handily won against Gibraltar (who competed for the first time). Eventually however topping their group and qualifying to the tournament through a 2–1 victory against Georgia on 11 October 2015 (having won the first match against them).















On 13 November 2015, the team was playing a friendly match against France in Paris when a series of terrorist attacks took place in the city, some in the direct vicinity of the Stade de France, where the game was held.<sup>[98]</sup> For security reasons, the team needed to spend the night inside the stadium, accompanied by the French squad who stayed behind in an act of comradery.<sup>[99]</sup> Four days later, on 17 November 2015, the German team was scheduled to face the Netherlands at Hanover's HDI-Arena, also in a friendly. After initial security reservations, the DFB decided to play the match on 15 November.<sup>[100]</sup> However, after reports about a concrete threat to the stadium, the match was cancelled ninety minutes before kickoff.<sup>[101]</sup>

## Results and fixtures







Recent results and scheduled matches according to the DFB,<sup>[102][103]</sup> UEFA<sup>[104]</sup> and FIFA<sup>[105]</sup> websites.

### 2016



Friendly	26 March 2016	<b>Germany</b> 	<b>2–3</b>	 <b>England</b>	Berlin, Germany
	20:45 CET (UTC+01:00)	Kroos  43'  57' Gómez  57'	DFB Report ( <a href="http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-match/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2226421">http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-match/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2226421</a> ) UEFA Report ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/frindlies/season=2016/matches/round=2000582/match=2019724/postmatch/lineups/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/frindlies/season=2016/matches/round=2000582/match=2019724/postmatch/lineups/index.html</a> )	Kane  61' Vardy  74' Dier  90+1'	Stadium: Olympiastadion Attendance: 72,000 Referee: Gianluca Rocchi (Italy)
Friendly	29 March 2016	<b>Germany</b> 	<b>4–1</b>	 <b>Italy</b>	Munich, Germany
	20:45 CEST (UTC+02:00)	Kroos  24' Götze  45' Hector  59' Özil  75' (pen.)	DFB Report ( <a href="http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-match/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2226422">http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-match/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2226422</a> ) UEFA Report ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/frindlies/season=2016/matches/round=2000582/match=2019542/postmatch/lineups/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/frindlies/season=2016/matches/round=2000582/match=2019542/postmatch/lineups/index.html</a> )	El Shaarawy  83'	Stadium: Allianz Arena Attendance: 64,000 Referee: Oliver Drachta (Austria)
Friendly	29 May 2016	<b>Germany</b> 	<b>1–3</b>	 <b>Slovakia</b>	Augsburg, Germany
	17:45 CEST (UTC+02:00)	Gómez  13' (pen.)	DFB Report ( <a href="http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-match/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2232700">http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-match/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2232700</a> ) UEFA Report ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/frindlies/season=2016/matches/round=2000582/match=2019726/postmatch/lineups/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/frindlies/season=2016/matches/round=2000582/match=2019726/postmatch/lineups/index.html</a> )	Hamšík  41' Đuriš  44' Kucka  52'	Stadium: WWK ARENA Attendance: 22,110 Referee: Serge Gumienny (Belgium)
Friendly	4 June 2016	<b>Germany</b> 	<b>2–0</b>	 <b>Hungary</b>	Gelsenkirchen, Germany
	18:00 CEST (UTC+02:00)	Lang  39' (o.g.) Müller  63'	DFB Report ( <a href="http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-match/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2232701">http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-match/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2232701</a> ) UEFA Report ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/frindlies/season=2016/matches/round=2000582/match=2019726/postmatch/lineups/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/frindlies/season=2016/matches/round=2000582/match=2019726/postmatch/lineups/index.html</a> )		Stadium: Veltins-Arena Attendance: 52,104 Referee: Martin Strömbergsson (Sweden)

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UEFA Euro 2016	12 June 2016 21:00 CEST (UTC+02:00)	Germany 	2–0	 Ukraine	Lille, France  Stadium: Stade Pierre-Mauroy Attendance: 43,035 Referee: Martin Atkinson (England)
		Mustafi  19' Schweinsteiger  90+2'			
		DFB Report ( <a href="http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-mannschaft/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2231131">http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-mannschaft/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2231131</a> ) UEFA Report ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000448/match=2017881/lineups/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000448/match=2017881/lineups/index.html</a> )			
UEFA Euro 2016	16 June 2016 21:00 CEST (UTC+02:00)	Germany 	0–0	 Poland	Saint-Denis, France  Stadium: Stade de France Attendance: 73,648 Referee: Björn Kuipers (Netherlands)
		DFB Report ( <a href="http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-mannschaft/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2231145">http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-mannschaft/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2231145</a> ) UEFA Report ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000448/match=2017889/match-info/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000448/match=2017889/match-info/index.html</a> )			
UEFA Euro 2016	21 June 2016 21:00 CEST (UTC+02:00)	Northern Ireland 	0–1	 Germany	Paris, France  Stadium: Parc des Princes Attendance: 44,125 Referee: Clément Turpin (France)
		DFB Report ( <a href="http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-mannschaft/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2231155">http://www.dfb.de/en/national-teams/the-mannschaft/schedule/?spieledb_path=%2Fen%2Fmatches%2F2231155</a> ) UEFA Report ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/newsfiles/euro/2016/2017897_fr.pdf">http://www.uefa.com/newsfiles/euro/2016/2017897_fr.pdf</a> )			
UEFA Euro 2016	26 June 2016 18:00 CEST (UTC+02:00)	Germany 	v	 Slovakia	Villeneuve d'Ascq, France  Stadium: Stade Pierre-Mauroy Referee: Szymon Marciniak (Poland)
		Report ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000744/match=2018000/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000744/match=2018000/index.html</a> )			
Friendly	31 August 2016	Germany 	v	 Finland	Mönchengladbach, Germany Stadium: Borussia-Park
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2018 FIFA World Cup Q	8 October 2016 20:45 CEST (UTC+02:00)	<b>Germany</b> 	v	 <b>Czech Republic</b>	Hamburg, Germany  Stadium: Volksparkstadion
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2018 FIFA World Cup Q	11 October 2016 20:45 CEST (UTC+02:00)	<b>Germany</b> 	v	 <b>Northern Ireland</b>	Hannover, Germany  Stadium: HDI-Arena
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2018 FIFA World Cup Q	11 November 2016 20:45 CET (UTC+01:00)	<b>San Marino</b> 	v	 <b>Germany</b>	Serravalle, San Marino  Stadium: San Marino Stadium
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Friendly	15 November 2016 CET (UTC+01:00)	<b>Italy</b> 	v	 <b>Germany</b>	

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2018 FIFA World Cup Q	26 March 2017 18:00 CEST (UTC+02:00)	<b>Azerbaijan</b> 	v	 <b>Germany</b>	TBA
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2018	4 September 2017	<b>Germany</b> 	v	 <b>Norway</b>	TBA
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2018 FIFA	5 October 2017	<b>Northern Ireland</b> 	v	 <b>Germany</b>	Belfast, Northern Ireland
World Cup Q		Report (FIFA) ( <a href="http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=276483/match=300331984/index.html">http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=276483/match=300331984/index.html</a> )			
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2018 FIFA	8 October 2017	<b>Germany</b> 	v	 <b>Azerbaijan</b>	TBA
World Cup Q		Report (FIFA) ( <a href="http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=276483/match=300332007/index.html">http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=276483/match=300332007/index.html</a> )			
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## Stadiums

Germany plays its home matches among various stadiums, in rotation, around the country. They have played home matches in 43 different cities so far, including venues that were German at the time of the match, such as Vienna, Austria, which staged three games between 1938 and 1942.

National team matches have been held most often (44 times) in the stadiums of Berlin, which was the venue of Germany's first home match (in 1908 against England). Other common host cities include Hamburg (33 matches), Stuttgart (31), Hanover (26) and Dortmund. Another notable location is Munich, which has hosted numerous notable matches throughout the history of German football, including the 1974 FIFA World Cup Final, which Germany won against the Netherlands.



## Kit

Adidas AG is the longstanding kit provider to the national team, a sponsorship that began in 1954 and is contracted to continue until at least 2018. In the 70s, Germany wore Erima kits (a German brand, formerly a subsidiary of Adidas).<sup>[106][107]</sup>

The national team's home kit has always been a white shirt and black shorts. The colours are derived from the 19th-century flag of the north German State of Prussia. Since 1988, many of the home kit's designs incorporate details patterned after the modern German flag (with the noted exception of the 2002 World Cup kit, which was a reversal to the pure black-and-white scheme). The away shirt colour has changed several times. For the 2014 World Cup, the German team used white shorts rather than the traditional black due to FIFA's kit clashing rule for the tournament.<sup>[108]</sup> Historically, green shirt with white shorts is the most often used alternative colour combination, derived from the DFB colours – though it is often erroneously reported that the choice is in recognition of the fact that Ireland, whose home shirts are green, were the first nation to play Germany in a friendly game after World War II. However, the first team to play Germany after WWII, as stated above, was actually Switzerland.<sup>[109]</sup> Other colours such as red, grey and black have also been used.

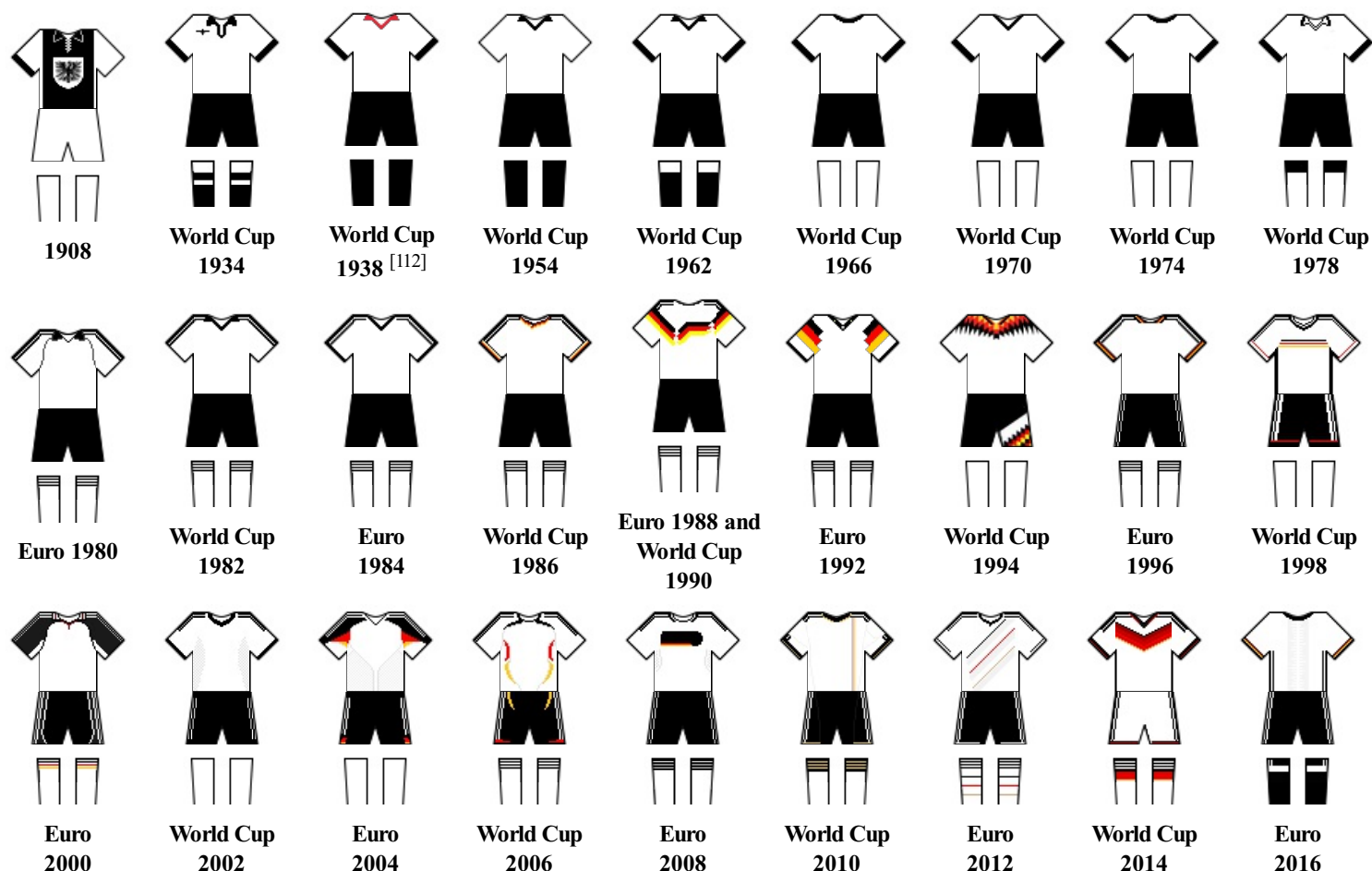
A change from black to red came in 2005 on the request of Jürgen Klinsmann,<sup>[110]</sup> but Germany played every game at the 2006 World Cup in its home white colours. In 2010, the away colours then changed back to a black shirt and white shorts, but at the tournament the team dressed up in the black shorts from the home kit. The German team next resumed the use of a green shirt on its away kit, but then changed again to red-and-black striped shirts with white stripes and letters, and black shorts.



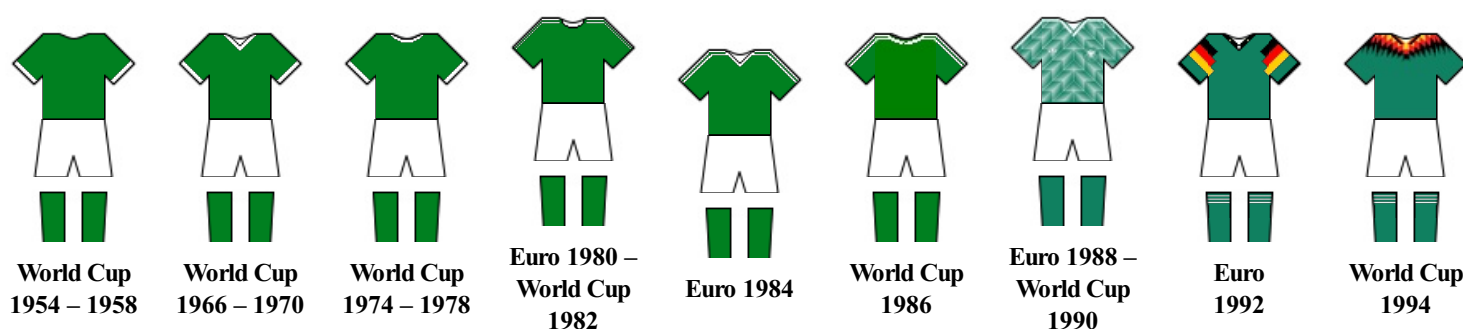
The 2006 World Cup saw a widespread public display of the German national flag.

## Kit evolution

### Home<sup>[111]</sup>



### Away<sup>[111]</sup>





## Media coverage

Germany's qualifying matches are currently televised by privately owned RTL; friendlies by public broadcasters ARD and ZDF. World Cup & European Championships matches featuring the German national team are among the most-watched events in the history of television in Germany.

## Competition records













Germany has won the World Cup four times, behind only Brazil (five titles).<sup>[113]</sup> It has finished as runners-up four times.<sup>[113]</sup> In terms of semifinal appearances, Germany leads with 13, two more than Brazil's 11, which had participated in two more tournaments.<sup>[113]</sup> In the last 16 World Cup tournaments, Germany has always reached at least the stage of the last eight teams.<sup>[113]</sup> Germany has also qualified for every one of the 18 World Cups for which it has entered – it did not enter the inaugural competition in Uruguay of 1930 for economic reasons, and could not qualify for or compete in the post-war 1950 World Cup as the DFB was reinstated as a FIFA member only two months after this tournament. Germany also have the distinction of having the highest Elo football rating of all time (2200) following their victory in the 2014 World Cup.

Germany has also won the European Championship three times (Spain and France are the only other multiple-time winners with three and two titles respectively), and finished as runners-up three times as well.<sup>[114]</sup> The Germans have qualified for every European Championship tournament except for the very first European Championship they entered in 1968.<sup>[114]</sup> For that tournament, Germany was in the only group of three teams and thus only played four qualifying games. The deciding game was a scoreless draw in Albania which gave Yugoslavia the edge, having won in their neighbour country. The team's worst result in the competition was a first round elimination in 2000 and 2004.<sup>[115][116]</sup>

See also East Germany and Saarland for the results of these separate German teams, and Austria for the team that was merged into the German team from 1938 to 1945.

### FIFA World Cup record

**Champions**
 **Runners-up**
 **Third Place**
 **Fourth Place**

















FIFA World Cup record									FIFA World Cup Qualification record					
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D*	L	GF	GA	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
 1930	Did Not Enter								–	–	–	–	–	–
 1934	Third Place	3rd	4	3	0	1	11	8	1	1	0	0	9	1
 1938	First Round	10th	2	0	1	1	3	5	3	3	0	0	11	1
 1950	Banned								–	–	–	–	–	–
 1954	Champions	1st	6	5	0	1	25	14	4	3	1	0	12	3
 1958	Fourth Place	4th	6	2	2	2	12	14	Qualified as Defending Champions					
 1962	Quarter-Final	7th	4	2	1	1	4	2	4	4	0	0	11	5
 1966	Runners-up	2nd	6	4	1	1	15	6	4	3	1	0	14	2
 1970	Third Place	3rd	6	5	0	1	17	10	6	5	1	0	20	3
 1974	Champions	1st	7	6	0	1	13	4	Qualified as Hosts					
 1978	Second Group Stage	6th	6	1	4	1	10	5	Qualified as Defending Champions					
 1982	Runners-up	2nd	7	3	2	2	12	10	8	8	0	0	33	3
 1986	Runners-up	2nd	7	3	2	2	8	7	8	5	2	1	22	9
 1990	Champions	1st	7	5	2	0	15	5	6	3	3	0	13	3
 1994	Quarter-Final	5th	5	3	1	1	9	7	Qualified as Defending Champions					
 1998		7th	5	3	1	1	8	6	10	6	4	0	23	9
  2002	Runners-up	2nd	7	5	1	1	14	3	10	6	3	1	19	12
 2006	Third Place	3rd	7	5	1	1	14	6	Qualified as Hosts					
 2010	Third Place	3rd	7	5	0	2	16	5	10	8	2	0	26	5
 2014	Champions	1st	7	6	1	0	18	4	10	9	1	0	36	10
 2018	To Be Determined													
 2022														
Total	4 Titles	18/20	106	66	20*	20	224	121	84	64	18	2	249	66

\*Denotes draws include knockout matches decided on penalty kicks.  
 \*\*Gold background colour indicates that the tournament was won.  
 \*\*\*Red border color indicates tournament was held on home soil.

### UEFA European Championship record











- 1960–1990 as  West Germany
- 1990– as  Germany



UEFA European Championship record									UEFA European Championship Qualification record					
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D*	L	GF	GA	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
 1960	Did Not Enter								Did Not Enter					
 1964														
 1968	Did Not Qualify								4	2	1	1	9	2
 1972	Champions	1st	2	2	0	0	5	1	8	5	3	0	13	3
 1976	Runners-up	2nd	2	1	1	0	6	4	8	4	4	0	17	5
 1980	Champions	1st	4	3	1	0	6	3	6	4	2	0	17	1
 1984	Group Stage	5th	3	1	1	1	2	2	8	5	1	2	15	5
 1988	Semi Final	3rd	4	2	1	1	6	3	Qualified as Hosts					
 1992	Runners-up	2nd	5	2	1	2	7	8	6	5	0	1	13	4
 1996	Champions	1st	6	4	2	0	10	3	10	8	1	1	27	10
 2000	Group Stage	14th	3	0	1	2	1	5	8	6	1	1	20	4
 2004		12th	3	0	2	1	2	3	8	5	3	0	13	4
 2008	Runners-up	2nd	6	4	0	2	10	7	12	8	3	1	35	7
 2012	Semi Final	3rd	5	4	0	1	10	6	10	10	0	0	34	7
 2016	Round of 16	-	3	2	1	0	3	0	10	7	1	2	24	9
 2020	To Be Determined													
Total	3 titles	12/15	46	25	11*	10	68	45	98	69	20	9	237	61

*\*Denotes draws include knockout matches decided on penalty kicks.*  
*\*\*Gold background colour indicates that the tournament was won.*  
*\*\*\*Red border color indicates tournament was held on home soil.*

### FIFA Confederations Cup record

FIFA Confederations Cup record										
Year	Round	Position	GP	W	D*	L	GS	GA	Squad	
 1992	Did Not Enter <sup>[117]</sup>									
 1995	Did Not Qualify									
 1997	Did Not Enter <sup>[118]</sup>									
 1999	Group Stage	5th	3	1	0	2	2	6	Squad	
 2001	Did Not Qualify									
 2003	Did Not Enter <sup>[119]</sup>									
 2005	Third Place	3rd	5	3	1	1	15	11	Squad	
 2009	Did Not Qualify									
 2013										
 2017	<i>Qualified</i>									
2021	To Be Determined									
Total	Third Place	2/8	8	4	1	3	17	17	-	

*\*Denotes draws including knockout matches decided on penalty kicks.*  
*\*\*Gold background colour indicates that the tournament was won.*  
*\*\*\*Red border color indicates tournament was held on home soil.*

**Note** *All tournaments from 1950 to 1990 inclusively were competed as West Germany.*

### FIFA ranking history

Source:<sup>[120]</sup>

1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1	5	2	2	2	3	5	11	12	4	12	19	17	6	5	2	6	3	3	2	2	1	4

## Honours

#### FIFA World Cup

- Champions: 1954, 1974, 1990, 2014
- Runners-up: 1966, 1982, 1986, 2002
- Third place: 1934, 1970, 2006, 2010
- Fourth place: 1958

#### UEFA European Championship

- Champions: 1972, 1980, 1996
- Runners-up: 1976, 1992, 2008
- Third place: 1988, 2012

#### FIFA Confederations Cup

- Third place: 2005

#### Olympic Football Tournament

- Gold Medal: 1976
- Silver Medal: 1980
- Bronze Medal: 1964, 1972, 1988
- Fourth place: 1952

Competition	<span><span></span></span> 1	<span><span></span></span> 2	<span><span></span></span> 3	Total
World Cup	4	4	4	12
European Championship	3	3	2	8
Confederations Cup	0	0	1	1
Olympic Games	1	1	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>

## Personnel

#### Current technical staff

Position	Name
Head coach	<span><span></span></span> Joachim Löw
Assistant coach	<span><span></span></span> Thomas Schneider
Assistant coach	<span><span></span></span> Marcus Sorg
Goalkeeping coach	<span><span></span></span> Andreas Köpke
Fitness coach	<span><span></span></span> Yann-Benjamin Kugel
Business manager	<span><span></span></span> Oliver Bierhoff
Sporting director	<span><span></span></span> Hans-Dieter Flick

## Players

#### Current squad

The following players have been called up for UEFA Euro 2016.<sup>[121]</sup>

*Caps and goals as of 21 June 2016 after the match against Northern Ireland.*


 Löw (*left*) and former assistant coach Flick in 2006

#	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Manuel Neuer	27 March 1986	68	0	<span><span></span></span> Bayern Munich
12	GK	Bernd Leno	4 March 1992	1	0	<span><span></span></span> Bayer Leverkusen
22	GK	Marc-André ter Stegen	30 April 1992	6	0	<span><span></span></span> Barcelona
2	DF	Shkodran Mustafi	17 April 1992	11	1	<span><span></span></span> Valencia
3	DF	Jonas Hector	27 May 1990	17	1	<span><span></span></span> 1. FC Köln
4	DF	Benedikt Höwedes	29 February 1988	37	2	<span><span></span></span> Schalke 04
5	DF	Mats Hummels	16 December 1988	48	4	<span><span></span></span> Borussia Dortmund
14	DF	Emre Can	12 January 1994	6	0	<span><span></span></span> Liverpool
16	DF	Jonathan Tah	11 February 1996	1	0	<span><span></span></span> Bayer Leverkusen
17	DF	Jérôme Boateng	3 September 1988	62	0	<span><span></span></span> Bayern Munich
6	MF	Sami Khedira	4 April 1987	63	5	<span><span></span></span> Juventus
7	MF	Bastian Schweinsteiger ( <i>captain</i> )	1 August 1984	117	24	<span><span></span></span> Manchester United
8	MF	Mesut Özil	15 October 1988	76	19	<span><span></span></span> Arsenal
9	MF	André Schürrle	6 November 1990	55	20	<span><span></span></span> VfL Wolfsburg
10	MF	Lukas Podolski	4 June 1985	128	48	<span><span></span></span> Galatasaray
11	MF	Julian Draxler	20 September 1993	21	1	<span><span></span></span> VfL Wolfsburg
13	MF	Thomas Müller	13 September 1989	74	32	<span><span></span></span> Bayern Munich
15	MF	Julian Weigl	8 September 1995	1	0	<span><span></span></span> Borussia Dortmund
18	MF	Toni Kroos	4 January 1990	68	11	<span><span></span></span> Real Madrid
21	MF	Joshua Kimmich	8 February 1995	2	0	<span><span></span></span> Bayern Munich
19	FW	Mario Götze	3 June 1992	55	17	<span><span></span></span> Bayern Munich
20	FW	Leroy Sané	11 January 1996	3	0	<span><span></span></span> Schalke 04
23	FW	Mario Gómez	10 July 1985	66	28	<span><span></span></span> Beşiktaş

### Recent call-ups

The following players have also been called up to the Germany squad within the last 12 months and are still available for selection.

Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club	Latest call-up
GK	Kevin Trapp	8 July 1990	0	0	<span><span></span></span> Paris Saint-Germain	v. <span><span></span></span> Italy, 29 March 2016
GK	Ron-Robert Zieler	12 February 1989	6	0	<span><span></span></span> Hannover 96	v. <span><span></span></span> Netherlands, 17 November 2015
DF	Antonio Rüdiger	3 March 1993	11	0	<span><span></span></span> Roma	UEFA Euro 2016 <sup>INJ</sup>
DF	Sebastian Rudy	28 February 1990	11	0	<span><span></span></span> 1899 Hoffenheim	v. <span><span></span></span> Slovakia, 29 May 2016
DF	Matthias Ginter	19 January 1994	9	0	<span><span></span></span> Borussia Dortmund	v. <span><span></span></span> Italy, 29 March 2016
MF	Marco Reus	31 May 1989	29	9	<span><span></span></span> Borussia Dortmund	v. <span><span></span></span> Slovakia, 29 May 2016
MF	Karim Bellarabi	8 April 1990	10	1	<span><span></span></span> Bayer Leverkusen	v. <span><span></span></span> Slovakia, 29 May 2016
MF	Julian Brandt	2 May 1996	1	0	<span><span></span></span> Bayer Leverkusen	v. <span><span></span></span> Slovakia, 29 May 2016
MF	Christoph Kramer	19 February 1991	12	0	<span><span></span></span> Bayer Leverkusen	v. <span><span></span></span> Italy, 29 March 2016
MF	İlkay Gündoğan	24 October 1990	16	4	<span><span></span></span> Borussia Dortmund	v. <span><span></span></span> Netherlands, 17 November 2015
FW	Kevin Volland	30 July 1992	6	0	<span><span></span></span> 1899 Hoffenheim	v. <span><span></span></span> Italy, 29 March 2016
FW	Max Kruse	19 March 1988	14	4	<span><span></span></span> VfL Wolfsburg	v. <span><span></span></span> England, 26 March 2016

### Previous squads

World Cup

European Football Championship

- 1934 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1938 FIFA World Cup squad
- **1954 FIFA World Cup squad**
- 1958 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1962 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1966 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1970 FIFA World Cup squad
- **1974 FIFA World Cup squad**
- 1978 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1982 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1986 FIFA World Cup squad
- **1990 FIFA World Cup squad**
- 1994 FIFA World Cup squad
- 1998 FIFA World Cup squad
- 2002 FIFA World Cup squad
- 2006 FIFA World Cup squad
- 2010 FIFA World Cup squad
- **2014 FIFA World Cup squad**

- **UEFA Euro 1972 squad**
- UEFA Euro 1976 squad
- **UEFA Euro 1980 squad**
- UEFA Euro 1984 squad
- UEFA Euro 1988 squad
- UEFA Euro 1992 squad
- **UEFA Euro 1996 squad**
- UEFA Euro 2000 squad
- UEFA Euro 2004 squad
- UEFA Euro 2008 squad
- UEFA Euro 2012 squad
- UEFA Euro 2016 squad

Confederations Cup

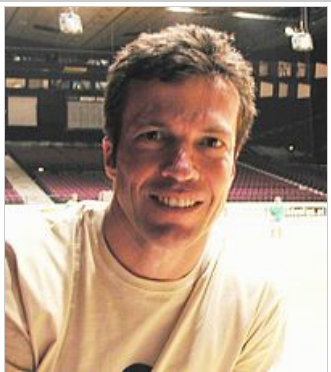
- 1999 FIFA Confederations Cup squad
- 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup squad

Famous past players

Most capped players

Below is a list of the 10 players with the most caps for Germany, as of 16 June 2016.<sup>[10]</sup> (bold denotes players still available for selection). Players who had played for the separate East German Team (in the scope of this list: Streich 102) do not appear in this list.

#	Player	Period	Caps	Goals
1	Lothar Matthäus	1980–2000	150	23
2	Miroslav Klose	2001–2014	137	71
3	<b>Lukas Podolski</b>	2004–present	128	48
4	<b>Bastian Schweinsteiger</b>	2004–present	117	24
5	Philipp Lahm	2004–2014	113	5
6	Jürgen Klinsmann	1987–1998	108	47
7	Jürgen Kohler	1986–1998	105	2
8	Per Mertesacker	2004–2014	104	4
9	Franz Beckenbauer	1965–1977	103	14
10	Thomas Häßler	1988–2000	101	11



Lothar Matthäus is Germany's most capped player with 150 caps.

Top goalscorers

Below is a list of the top 10 goalscorers for Germany, as of 16 June 2016.<sup>[11]</sup> (bold denotes players still available for selection). Former East Germany players (in the scope of this list: Streich 55 and Kirsten 34: 14 East Germany and 20 Germany) are not included in this Wikipedia list, though they are included in DFB records.

#	Player	Period	Goals	Caps	Average
1	Miroslav Klose (list)	2001–2014	71	137	0.52
2	Gerd Müller (list)	1966–1974	68	62	1.10
3	<b>Lukas Podolski</b>	2004–	48	128	0.37
4	Rudi Völler	1982–1994	47	90	0.52
	Jürgen Klinsmann	1987–1998		108	0.44
6	Karl-Heinz Rummenigge	1976–1986	45	95	0.47
7	Uwe Seeler	1954–1970	43	72	0.60
8	Michael Ballack	1999–2010	42	98	0.43
9	Oliver Bierhoff	1996–2002	37	70	0.53
10	Fritz Walter	1940–1958	33	61	0.54



Miroslav Klose is Germany's all-time top scorer with 71 goals.

FIFA World Cup winning captains



Year	Name	Pos	Caps	Goals
1954	Fritz Walter	FW	61	33
1974	Franz Beckenbauer	DF	103	14
1990	Lothar Matthäus	MF	150	23
2014	Philipp Lahm	DF	113	5

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Year	Name	Pos	Caps	Goals
1972	Franz Beckenbauer	DF	103	14
1980	Bernard Dietz	DF	53	0
1996	Jürgen Klinsmann	FW	108	47

## See also

- Germany national under-21 football team
- Germany national youth football team (includes U-15, U-16, U-17, U-18, U-19 and U-20 squads)
- Germany women's national football team
- East Germany national football team
- Germany–England
- Germany–Italy
- Germany–Netherlands

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