



Germany



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.
Capital	name: Berlin
Government type	federal parliamentary republic
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
Population	total: 84,119,100
Population growth rate	-0.12% (2024 est.)
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.)
Religions	Roman Catholic 24.8%, Protestant 22.6%, Muslim 3.7%, other 5.1%, none 43.8% (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
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)
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)