



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Frank-Walter STEINMEIER

Head of Government

Chancellor Angela MERKEL

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 (709 seats)

Judiciary

Federal Court of Justice (court consists of 127 judges and is organized into 25 Senates subdivided into civil, criminal, and special panels; Federal Constitutional Court or Bundesverfassungsgericht

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Emily Margarethe HABER

US Ambassador

Ambassador Richard GRENELL

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 & SOCIETY

Population

80.6 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth Rate

-0.16% (2017 est.)

Ethnic Groups

German 91.5%, Turkish 2.4%, other 6.1% (made up largely of Polish, Italian, Romanian, Syrian, and Greek)

Religion

Roman Catholic 29%, Protestant 27%, Muslim 4.4%, Orthodox Christian 1.9%, other 1.7%, none or members of unrecorded religious groups 36% (2015 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 77.3% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.27% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Europe's largest economy is a world leading exporter that benefits from a highly skilled labor force and favorable euro exchange rate; social welfare system is challenged by low fertility and high immigration rates

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$4.15 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$50,200 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$1.401 trillion (2017 est.)

partners: US 8.8%, France 8.2%, China 6.8%, Netherlands 6.7%, UK 6.6%, Italy 5.1%, Austria 4.9%, Poland 4.7%, Switzerland 4.2% (2017)

Imports

\$1.104 trillion (2017 est.)

partners: Netherlands 13.8%, China 7%, France 6.6%, Belgium 5.9%, Italy 5.4%, Poland 5.4%, Czech Republic 4.8%, US 4.5%, Austria 4.3% (2017)

