GERMANY

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 Parlament 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); Federal Constitutional Court or Bundesverfassungsgericht (27 members)
Ambassador to US
Emily Margarethe HABER
US Ambassador
Ambassador Richard GRENNELL

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

as of January 2020

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
fifth-largest economy in the world in PPP terms and Europe’s largest; leading exporter of machinery, vehicles, chemicals, and household equipment; highly skilled labor force; country’s budget and trade surpluses are likely to remain high
GDP Purchasing Power Parity
$4.4 trillion (2018)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$53,209 (2018)
Exports
$1.56 trillion (2018) partners: US 8.7%, France 8.0%, China 7.1%, Netherlands 6.4%, UK 6.2%, Italy 5.3%, Austria 4.8%, Poland 4.8%, Switzerland 4.1% (2018)
Imports
$1.24 trillion (2018) partners: Netherlands 13.2%, China 6.9%, France 6.4%, Belgium 6.0%, Italy 5.6%, Poland 5.5%, Czechia 4.8%, US 4.5%, Austria 4.2%, (2018)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
80.5 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
-0.17% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
German 87.2%, Turkish 1.8%, Polish 1%, Syrian 1%, other 9% (2017 est.)
Language
German (official)
Religion
Roman Catholic 27.7%, Protestant 25.5%, Muslim 5.1%, Orthodox 1.9%, other Christian 1.1%, other .9%, none 37.8% (2018 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 77.4% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 0.27% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)