



# GERMANY



## INTRODUCTION

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, the decline of the USSR and the end of the Cold War allowed for German reunification in 1990.

## 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 (736 seats)

## 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

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

leading EU services-based export-driven economy; COVID-19 disrupted its modern manufacturing sector; highly skilled and educated labor force; positive current account balances; increasing public debt; low defense spending; second Russian gas pipeline

**GDP Purchasing Power Parity** \$4.239 trillion (2020)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$50,900 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - iron, steel, coal, cement, chemicals, machinery, vehicles, machine tools, electronics, automobiles, food and beverages, shipbuilding, textiles

**Agricultural products** - milk, sugar beets, wheat, barley, potatoes, pork, maize, rye, rapeseed, triticale

**Exports** \$1.672 trillion (2020)

cars/vehicle parts, packaged medicines, aircraft, medical cultures/vaccines, industrial machinery (2019)

**partners:** US 9%, France 8%, China 7%, Netherlands 6%, UK 6%, Italy 5%, Poland 5%, Austria 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$1.453 trillion (2020)

cars/vehicle parts, packaged medicines, crude and refined petroleum, medical cultures/vaccines (2019)

**partners:** Netherlands 9%, China 8%, France 7%, Belgium 6%, Poland 6%, Italy 6%, Czechia 5%, US 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

79.9 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

-0.21% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

German 86.3%, Turkish 1.8%, Polish 1%, Syrian 1%, Romanian 1%, other/stateless/unspecified 8.9% (2020 est.)

### Language

German (official)

### Religion

Roman Catholic 26.7%, Protestant 24.3%, Muslim 3.5%, other 4.8%, none 40.7% (2020 est.)

