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 Olaf SCHOLZ
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 (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
coil, lignite, natural gas, iron ore, copper, nickel, uranium, potash, salt, construction materials, timber, arable land

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.)

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)
as of January 2022