

GERMANY

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Geography

Area: 357,022 km²
Capital: Berlin
Borders: 3,621 km; Austria: 784 km, Belgium: 167 km, Czech Republic: 646 km, Denmark: 68 km, France: 451 km, Luxembourg: 138 km, Netherlands: 577 km, Poland: 456 km, Switzerland: 334 km
Coastline: 2,389 km
Official language: German



Population

Population: 83 740 733 (03/2026 est.)
Rate of natural increase: - 4‰ (2025)
Migration rate: 1,8‰ (est. 2025)
Asylum applicants: 113,236 (2025)
Life expectancy: men 79,6 years, women 84,1 years (2025 est.)
Population: 13.8% under 15 years old, 23.7% over 65 years old (2024 est.)
Foreign residents: EU nationals 5.2%, non-EU nationals 7.0% (2019)
Ethnic groups: German 86.3%, Turkish 1.8%, Polish 1%, Syrian 1%, Romanian 1%, other/stateless/unspecified 8.9% (est. 2021)
Religions: Roman Catholic 26%, Protestant 23.7%, Muslim 3.6%, other 4.8%, none 41.9% (2021 est.)

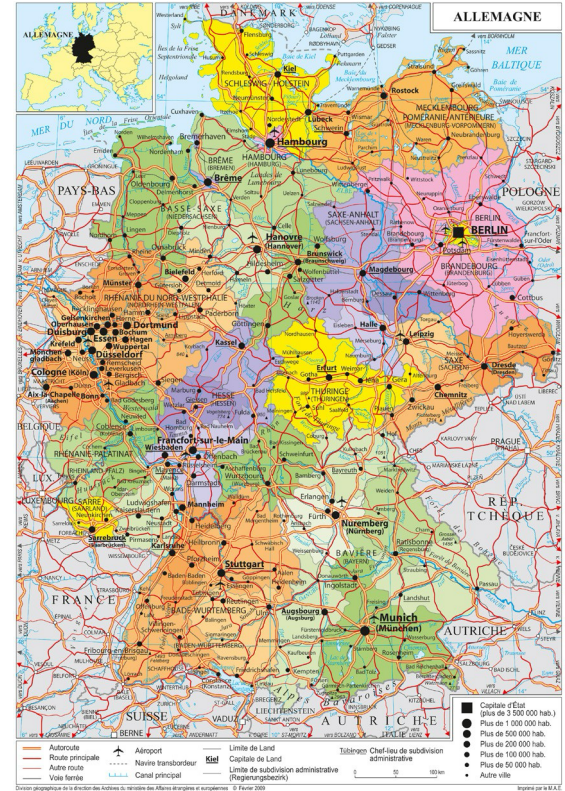
Source : Eurostat, World Fact Book



Economy

Currency: Euro
GDP: € 4,469, 910, 0 millions (2025)
GDP per capita (PPS): € 53 520 (2024)
GDP growth: 0,4% (Q4 2025)
Unemployment: 6.3% (Jan 2026)
Inflation: 2.1% (Jan 2026)
Government debt: 66% of GDP (Q1 2026)
Budget balance: -3.8% of GDP (2025)
Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world: 26.4% of GDP (2022)

Source : Eurostat, OECD, European Commission, FMI, Trading Economics, Statista



Political System

Federal Republic, representative parliamentary democracy.

Head of state: Frank-Walter Steinmeier, SPD candidate supported by 4 other political parties (CDU, CSU, FDP and Green) was elected on 12th February 2017 by 931 votes out of the 1136 cast by the German federal assembly (Bundesversammlung). He took office on March 19th and was reelected on February 13th 2022.
Chancellor: Friedrich Merz, following the elections of February 23th 2025, has been leading a CDU/CSU and SPD coalition since May 5th, 2025.

Bicameral parliamentary system:
The Bundesrat (Federal council or Senate) represents the 16 Länder. It comprises 69 members who are proportionally divided amongst the Länder according to their populations.

The Bundestag (National Parliament) comprises 736 representatives who are elected for four years by direct federal universal suffrage. Every citizen has two votes. Half of them are directly distributed among 299 electoral constituencies, the other half through party lists of the different Länder, and 111 (for the current term of office) are "overhang mandates" (the Parliament usually comprises 598 representatives). This amount of additional mandates is equally established by the Sainte Lague/Schepers procedure.



Political Representation

Composition of the Bundestag (since October 2021):

- 208 seats CDU-CSU (Christian Democratic Union/ Christian-Social Union)
- 150 seats AfD (Alternative for Germany)
- 120 seats SPD (Social-Democratic Party)
- 85 seats The Greens
- 64 seats Die Linke (Left Party)
- 3 seats unassociated

-Composition of the Bundesrat (September 2024) :

- 28 seats SPD
- 21 seats CDU/CSU
- 13 seats The Green
- 1 seats Die Linke
- 2 seats FDP
- 4 seats Independents

Female representation:

in government: 8/18
in the Bundestag: 205/630
in the Bundesrat: 23/69

Next elections: presidential
in 2027 and legislative in
2029