

GERMANY

Capital: Berlin

GEODATA

Area

357,000 km²

Population

82 million (1996)

Population growth

0.4% (1994)

Major language

German

Major religions

Protestant (42%), Roman Catholic (35%)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Leader

Chancellor Helmut Kohl

Foreign Affairs Minister

Klaus Kinkel

Minister of Finance

Theo Waigel

Democratic institutions

Federal state, bicameral parliament

UN Human Development Index

Germany ranks 18th among 174 countries

CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE

Ambassador Gaëtan Lavertu

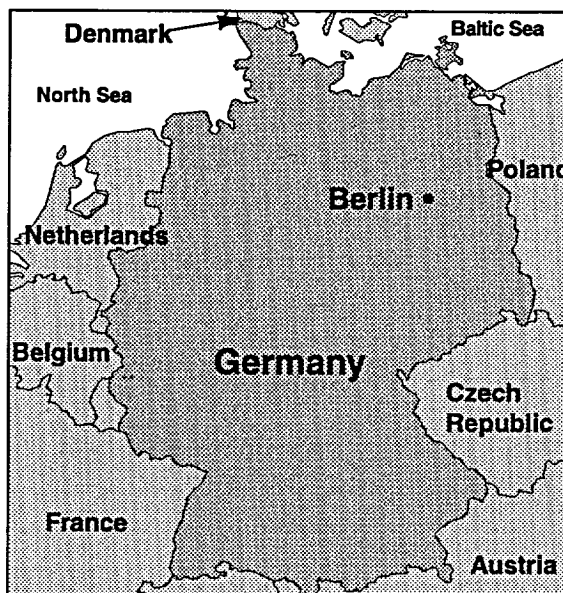
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ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$2.36 trillion US (1996)

Real GDP growth rate

1.4% (1996)

GDP per capita on a PPP basis

\$21,915 US (1996)

Inflation rate

1.5% (1996)

Unemployment rate

10.3% (1996)

Major exports

Machinery, iron and steel products, motor vehicles, chemicals, agricultural equipment, coal and coke

Major imports

Manufactured goods, foodstuffs, textiles, petroleum products, iron, steel and non-ferrous metals, machinery, chemicals and timber

Major exports to Canada

\$4.82 billion Cdn (1996), including machinery, vehicles, electrical machinery, optical and precision equipment, and organic chemicals

Major imports from Canada

\$3.31 billion Cdn (1996), including wood pulp and wooden articles, machinery and boilers, electrical machinery, aircraft, spacecraft and parts