

GERMANY

Capital: Berlin

GEODATA

Area

357,000 km²

Population

82 million

Population growth rate

0.5% (1986 - 1996 average)

Major language

German

Major religious groups

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

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Democratic institutions

Federal state, bicameral parliament

Leaders

President Roman Herzog

Chancellor Helmut Kohl

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Klaus Kinkel

Minister of Finance

Theo Waigel

UN Human Development Index (1997)

Germany ranks 19th among 175 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$2.16 trillion US (1997)

Real GDP growth rate

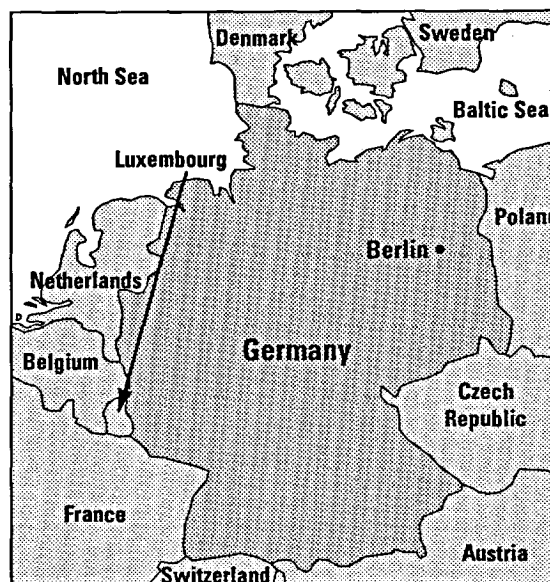
2.2% (1997)

Inflation rate

1.8% (1997)

Unemployment rate

11.6% (February 1998)



Major exports

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

Major imports

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

Major exports to Canada

\$5.39 billion (1997), including machinery, vehicles, electrical machinery, optical and precision equipment, organic chemicals

Major imports from Canada

\$2.73 billion (1997), including wood pulp and wooden articles, machinery and boilers, electrical machinery, aircraft, spacecraft and parts

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