

GERMANY

Capital: Berlin

GEODATA

Area

357,000 km²

Population

82 million (1997)

Population growth rate

0.1% (1997)

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 Gerhard Schröder

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Joschka Fischer

Minister of Finance

Hans Eichel

UN Human Development Index (1998)

Germany ranks 19th among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$2.16 trillion US (1998)

Real GDP growth rate

2.8% (1998)

GDP per capita

\$26,311 US (1998)

Inflation rate

0.9% (1998)

Unemployment rate

10.6% (April 1999)



Major exports

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

Major imports

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

Major exports to Canada

\$6.1 billion (1998), including machinery, vehicles, electrical machinery, optical and precision equipment, organic chemicals, iron and steel and articles thereof, pharmaceutical products, plastic and plastic products

Major imports from Canada

\$2.7 billion (1998), including wood pulp, machinery, ore, slag and ash, paper and paperboard, pearls and precious stones, wood and articles of wood, electrical machinery, special transactions, vehicles, inorganic chemicals

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