

Country Information Guide



Germany

**A guide to information sources on the Federal Republic of Germany,
with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on
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General information

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 - [Federal Foreign Office \(Auswärtiges Amt\)](#)
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- The Guardian: World News: [Germany](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World Data: [Germany](#)

Agricultural information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection](#) (Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz - BMELV)
- FAO: Country Profiles: [Catalog of data sources](#) [select theme then country]
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: [Agriculture and Rural Development](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: Rural Development Plans 2000-2006: [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Plans 2007-2013: [Germany](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](#) [select country]
- Organic Europe: Organic Farming in European Countries: [Germany](#)

Competition policy information

- Germany: [Federal Cartel Office](#) (Bundeskartellamt)
- Germany: [Federal Network Agency](#) (Bundesnetzagentur)
- OECD: Regulatory reform: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Competition: [Germany](#)
- Joachim Rudo: [German Antitrust Law](#)

Consumer information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection](#) (Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz - BMELV)
- European Commission: DG Health and Consumer Protection: National reports on Consumer Policy: [Consumer Policy in Germany](#)

Culture and language information

- Germany: Discover Germany (Entdecke Deutschland): [Culture](#)
- Germany: [Culture Portal Germany](#) (Kulturportal Deutschland) [in German]
- Germany: [Goethe-Institut](#)
- Germany: [German Culture International](#)
- Euromosaic: [Regional and Minority Languages in the European Union](#)
- European Commission: [Languages of Europe](#)
- European Commission: DG Education and Culture: Europe and Culture: [National Cultural sites](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: [Languages of Germany](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Germany](#)
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: [Cultural Policy Profile](#)

Defence and security information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Defence](#) (Bundesministerium der Verteidigung)
- Germany: [Armed Forces](#) (Bundeswehr) [in German]. Information on the Armed Forces available on the [Federal Ministry of Defence](#) website
- Germany: Intelligence Agencies
 - [Federal Intelligence Service](#) (Bundesnachrichtendienst)
 - [Military Counter-intelligence Service](#) (Militärischer Abschirmdienst) [in German]
 - [Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution](#) (Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz)
- Germany: [Permanent representation to NATO](#) (Ständige Vertretung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland bei der Nordatlantikpakt-Organisation Brüssel) [in German]
- Germany: [Federal Foreign Office](#) (Auswärtiges Amt):
 - [Peace and Security](#)

Economic information

- ESO: Germany: [Economic situation](#)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Finance](#) (Bundesministerium der Finanzen)
 - [Federal Customs Service](#) (Bundeszollverwaltung)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung)
- Germany: [German National Bank](#) (Deutsche Bundesbank)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties in [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Europe 2020: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [Germany](#)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development: EBRD in [Germany](#)
- International Monetary Fund: [Germany](#) and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: [Germany](#)
 - [Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition, 2014]
 - [Overview](#) [Latest edition, 2014]
- UNIDO: Country information: [Germany](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Germany](#)
- WTO: [Germany](#) and the WTO
- Deutsche Bank Research: Country infobase: [Germany](#)
- United States: US Commercial Service: Country Commercial Guide 2014: [Germany](#)

Education information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung)
- German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst, DAAD): Information for Foreigners: 10 steps to studying in Germany: [Finding the right university in Germany](#)
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: [Youth Policy in Germany](#)
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Germany](#)
- World Bank: Education Data and Statistics: Country profiles: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Education: [Germany](#)
- ENIC-NARIC: Country profiles: [Germany](#) [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: [Education in Germany](#)
- BrainTrack.com: [Universities in Germany](#) [Select Country]
- Nation Master: Education in Germany: [Statistics](#)
- Wikipedia: [Education in Germany](#)

Employment information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs](#) (Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales (BMAS))
- OECD: Employment: [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment and Social Affairs: European Employment Strategy: [National Action Plans](#) [choose year and country]
- European Industrial Relations Observatory on-line: [Country information](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe: [Germany](#)
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: [Germany](#)
- Germany: [Confederation of German Employers' Associations](#) (Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände)

Energy information

- Germany: [German Energy Agency](#) (Deutsche Energie-Agentur)
- Germany: Federal Environmental Agency (Umweltbundesamt): [Energy Germany](#)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety](#) (Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit - BMU)
- International Energy Agency:
 - [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy and Transport: ManagEnergy:
 - [National Energy Agencies - Germany](#)
 - [National Energy Actors](#)
 - [National Energy Legislation](#)
 - [National Renewable Energy Action Plan](#) [Select country]
- Market Observatory and Statistics: [Germany](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Country Analysis Brief](#)

Environmental information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety](#) (Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit - BMU)
- Germany: [German Environmental Information Portal](#) (Umweltportal Deutschland)

- Germany: [Federal Environment Agency](#) (Umweltbundesamt)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: [Germany](#)
- FAO: [Specialised Country Profiles](#) [choose a country]
- FAO: Forestry Department: [Germany](#)
- European Environment Information and Observation Network: [Germany](#)
- State of the Environment Reporting Information System (SERIS): [Environmental information about Germany](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Germany](#)
- European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Information: [Germany](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [Germany](#)
- Greenpeace: [Germany](#) [in German]
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Germany](#)

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Germany: [Federal Foreign Office](#) (Auswärtiges Amt)
 - [EU Presidency January-June 2007](#)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Finance](#) (Bundesministerium der Finanzen)
 - [Germany and the European Union](#)
 - [The Euro](#)
 - [Fiscal and budgetary policy](#)
- Germany: [German National Bank](#) (Deutsche Bundesbank)
 - [SEPA: Single Euro Payment Area](#)
 - [Technical Central Bank Cooperation](#)
- Germany: [Permanent Representation to the European Union](#)
- European Union: Member Countries: [Germany](#)
- European Parliament: Information Office: [Germany](#) [in German]
- European Commission: Representation in [Germany](#) [in German]
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: [Germany](#) [in German]
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Germany](#)
 - [Stability and Convergence Programmes](#)
 - [Germany and the euro](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: [Germany: Cohesion policy 2007-2013](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: [Germany](#)
- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed, 2007-: [Germany](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Germany](#)
- Germany: [Permanent delegation to the OECD](#) [in German]
- OECD: [Germany](#)

Geographic information and maps

- FAO: Country profiles and mapping information system: [Country maps](#)
- European Union: DG Press and Communication: [Europe maps](#)
- Forest and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: [Germany](#)
- MapsOfWorld.com: [Germany maps](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Map of Germany](#)
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: [Germany maps](#)

Health information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Health](#) (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit)
- World Health Organisation: [Country information](#)
- World Health Organisation: Regional Office for Europe: [Country Information](#)
- World Health Organisation: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: [Germany](#)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in [Germany](#)

- European Commission: DG Health & Consumers: Public health: Healthcare: [Trustworthy websites on "Healthcare"](#)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
 - Response to drug use: [Drug treatment overviews](#)
 - Legal Profile: [Germany](#)
 - National reports on the drug situation: [Germany](#)
 - National strategies: [Germany](#)
 - Legal text search: [Germany](#) [select country]
- OECD: Health: [Germany](#)

Human rights information

- Council of Europe: European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): [Germany](#)
- European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Germany](#)
- European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: [State documents and visits](#)
- European Court of Human Rights:
 - Country Profiles: [Germany](#)
 - [Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010](#) [select country]
 - [Violation by Article and by State 1959-2012](#)
 - [Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010](#)
- United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: [Germany](#)
- The UN refugee Agency: Country Information Collection: [Germany](#)
- US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: World Refugee Survey 2009: [Europe](#)
- United States: State Department:
 - [Human Rights Report 2013](#)
 - [Human Rights Report 2012](#)
 - [Human Rights Report 2011](#)
 - [Human Rights Report 2010](#)
 - [Previous versions](#)
 - [Religious Freedom Report 2012](#)
 - [Religious Freedom Report 2011](#)
 - [Religious Freedom Report 2010](#)
 - [Previous versions](#)
- Amnesty International: Annual Report: [Germany](#) [latest edition, 2013]
- Human Rights Watch: [Germany](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: [Germany](#)

Intellectual property information

- Germany: [German Patent and Trademark Office](#) (Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt)
 - [Annual Reports](#)
- European Patent Office: Patent Information Centre: [Germany](#)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Germany](#)
 - Collection of Laws for Electronic Access (CLEA): [Germany](#)

Investment information

- German Trade & Invest: [Invest in Germany](#)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: [Country profile](#)
- OECD: Investment: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Germany](#)
- World Bank: [Germany](#)

- United States: US Commercial Service: Doing Business in [Germany](#)
 - [Country Commercial Guide](#)
- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA): FDI.net: [Germany](#)

Justice and home affairs information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Justice](#) (Bundesministerium der Justiz) [in German]
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of the Interior](#) (Bundesministerium des Innern)
- European Commission: DG Justice and Home Affairs: Data Protection: National Policy Documents: [Country information](#)
- Council of Europe:
 - European Commission for Democracy through Law: Documents on [Germany](#)
 - Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) (select country)
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Germany](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: [Germany](#)
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: [Germany Constitution](#)
- University of Oxford: [German Law Archive](#)

Living and working information

- Germany: [Federal service portal](#) (Dienstleistungsportal des Bundes)
- Germany: Embassy in London: [Living, working and studying in Germany](#)
- [How to Germany Magazine](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working: [Germany](#)
- Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions: [Homepage](#)
- European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): [Germany](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: [Germany](#)
- United States: State Department: Post Reports: [Germany](#)
- JustLanded.com: Living, Working or Studying in [Germany](#)

Media information

- Germany: deutschland.de: [Communication & Media](#)
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): Active Members: [Germany](#)
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: [Germany](#)
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: [ENPA Members](#)
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: [Germany](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited: World News Guide: [Germany](#)
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- Political Resources on the Net: [Media in Germany](#) [in German]

Political information (including Elections)

- Germany: Government portal: [Federal Government](#)
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- Germany: [Federal Government](#) (Bundesregierung)
- Germany: [Ministries](#)
- Germany: [Federal Press Office](#) (Bundespresseamt)
- Germany: [Federal Parliament of Germany](#) (Deutscher Bundestag)
- Germany: [Senate of Germany](#) (Bundesrat)

- Germany: [Federal President](#) (Bundespräsident)
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- ESO: Germany: [Political situation](#)
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- OECD: Public Governance: [Germany](#)
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- IFES: Election Guide: [Germany](#)
- NCCR Democracy: [EU Profiler](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: [Germany](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Nations: [Germany](#)
- Wikipedia: Politics of [Germany](#)
- Wikipedia: Elections in [Germany](#)
- Infratest-dimap: [Surveys and Opinion Barometer](#)
- Political resources on the web: [Germany](#)

Public management information

- Germany: [Federal service portal](#) (Dienstleistungsportal des Bundes)
- European Commission: eGovernment Observatory: eGovernment Factsheets: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Public governance: [Germany](#)
- European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): [Country Reports 2006-2009](#)

R&D information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung)
- Germany: Federal [Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development](#) (Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung)
- Germany: deutschland.de: [Knowledge](#)
- European Commission: DG Enterprise: [CORDIS](#)
 - R&D Gateway: [Map-based search](#)
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- European Commission: DG Research & Innovation: [European Research 2004-2009](#)
- European Commission: [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011](#) [click on map to select country]
- OECD: Innovation: [Germany](#)

Regional information

- European Commission: Eurostat: [Eurostat Regional Yearbook 2014](#)
- Committee of the Regions: Europe in my Region:
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- Assembly of European Regions: AER Member Regions: [Germany](#)
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): [Members](#) [click on map to select country]
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: [Germany](#)
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 - [Government portal](#) [in German]
- [Niedersachsen](#)
 - [Europapolitik Niedersachsen](#) [in German]
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 - [Wir in Europa](#) [in German]
- [Thüringen](#)
 - [Europa](#) [in German]

Social information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs](#) (Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your Social Security Rights in [Germany](#)
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Organisation of Social Protection](#)
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#)
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: [Germany](#)
- UNICEF: Information by Country: [Germany](#)
- World Bank: Data: [Germany](#)
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions: [Germany](#)
- United States: Social Security Administration (SSA): Social Security Programs Throughout the World:
 - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: [Germany](#)
 - Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Germany](#) [2012]
- [German System of Social Indicators](#) (GESIS)

Statistical information

- Germany: German National Bank: [Statistics](#)
- Germany: [National Statistical Institute](#) (Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland)
- Eurostat: Country profiles: [Germany](#) [choose country]
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: [Germany](#)

- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: [Germany](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: [Country](#) [select country]
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Germany](#)
- NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on [Germany](#)

Taxation information

- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: [Taxation trends in the EU](#)
- Taxsites.com: [Germany](#)
- Worldwide tax.com: [Germany](#)
- Wikipedia: [Taxation in Germany](#)

Tourism information

- Germany: deutschland.de: [Tourism](#)
- Germany: [German National Tourist Board](#) (Deutsche Zentrale für Tourismus)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd.: Travel: [Germany](#)
- The Telegraph: Destinations: [Germany](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Germany](#)
- Rough Guides: [Germany](#)
- TripAdvisor: Europe Tourism: [Germany](#)

Transport information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry for Transport, Building and Urban Development](#) (Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau- und Stadtentwicklung)
- Germany: Flag Carrier Airline: [Lufthansa](#)
- Germany: National Railway: [Deutsche Bahn \(DB\)](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility and Transport:
 - Rail Transport and Interoperability in [Germany](#)
 - Road safety country profile: [Germany](#)
- Wikipedia: Transport in [Germany](#)

Weather information

- Germany: [German Weather Service](#) (Deutscher Wetterdienst) [in German]
- Hong Kong: Hong Kong Observatory: [World weather information](#)
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and five day weather forecast: [Germany](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Germany](#)

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