

Germany officially the **Federal Republic of Germany** is a country in **Central Europe**. It is bordered to the north by the **North Sea**, **Denmark**, and the **Baltic Sea**; to the east by **Poland** and the **Czech Republic**; to the south by **Austria** and **Switzerland**; and to the west by **France**, **Luxembourg**, **Belgium**, and the **Netherlands**. The territory of Germany covers 357,021 square kilometers (137,847 sq mi) and is influenced by a **temperate seasonal climate**. With 81.8 million inhabitants in 2010, it has the largest population among member states of the **European Union**, and it is home to the **third-largest number of international migrants** worldwide.

A region named **Germania**, inhabited by several **Germanic peoples**, has been known and **documented** before AD 100. Beginning in the 10th century, German territories formed a central part of the **Holy Roman Empire**, which lasted until 1806. During the 16th century, northern Germany became the centre of the **Protestant Reformation**. As a modern **nation-state**, the country was first **unified** amidst the **Franco-Prussian War** in 1871. After **World War II**, Germany was divided in 1949 into two separate states—**East Germany** and **West Germany**—along the lines of **Allied occupation**. Germany was **reunified** in 1990 upon the entry of the **German Democratic Republic** into the **Federal Republic**. **West Germany** was a founding member of the **European Community (EC)** in 1957, which became the **European Union** in 1993. It is part of the **Schengen Area** and adopted the European currency, the **euro**, in 1999.

Germany is a **federal parliamentary republic** of **sixteen states** (*Bundesländer*). The capital and largest city is **Berlin**. Germany is a member of the **United Nations**, **NATO**, **G8**, **G20**, and the **OECD**. It is a **major power** with the world's **fourth largest economy** by nominal **GDP** and the **fifth largest** in

purchasing power parity. It is the second largest exporter and third largest importer of goods. In absolute terms, Germany allocates the second biggest annual budget of development aid in the world, while its military expenditure ranked seventh. The country has developed a high standard of living and established a comprehensive system of social security. It holds a key position in European affairs and maintains a multitude of close partnerships on a global level. Germany is recognised as a scientific and technological leader in several fields.

jurmine ʌfishʌle tɪʌ fedrɔl rɛpʌblik ov jurmine iz æ kʌndrɛ in sɛndrɔl yurip . it iz bɔdid tu tɪʌ nɔtɪ bɪ tɪʌ nɔtɪ sɛ , denmʌk , and tɪʌ bʌltik sɛ; tu tɪʌ est bɪ pɔwɪnd and tɪʌ tʃɛk rɛpʌblik; tu tɪʌ sʌotɪ bɪ osjɹɛʌ and switʒɹlɪnd; and tu tɪʌ west bɪ frʌns , lʌxʌmbɹg , bʌojɪm , and tɪʌ nɛtɪʌlɪnɔs . tɪʌ tɛrʌtɔrɛ ov jurmine kʌvɪz 357 , 021 skwɛʌ kilomitɪz (137 , 847 skwɛʌ mɪɪlz) and iz ɪnfluɪnst bɪ æ tɛmpʌrɪt sɛnʌnɔl klɪmɪt . wɪtɪ 81 . 8 mɪlɪn ɪnhʌbɪtɪmɔs in 2010 , it hʌz tɪʌ ʌʌjɪst pɔpyulʌɛʃtɪn ʌmʌŋ mɛmbʌ stʌɛɔs ov tɪʌ yurʌpɛɪn yunɪn , and it iz hɔm tu tɪʌ tɪɹd ʌʌjɪst nʌmbʌ ov ɪntʌnʌʃtɪnɔl mɪgrɪnɔs wɹldwɪd .

æ rɛjɪn nʌɛmd jɹmʌɛnɛʌ , ɪnhʌbɪtɪd bɪ sɛvrɔl jɹmʌnɪk pɛpɔlz , hʌz bɛn nɔwɪn and dokyumɪntɪd bʌfɔ ædɛ 100 . bʌŋɪnɛŋ in tɪʌ 10th sɛndrɛ , jɹmɪn tɛrʌtɔrɛz fɔrmd æ sɛndrɔl pʌt ov tɪʌ howlɛ rɔmɪn ɛmpɪʌ , wɪtɪ ʌʌstɪd ʌntɪl 1806 . jɹrɛŋ tɪʌ 16th sɛndrɛ , nɔtɪɪn jɹmɪnɛ bʌkʌɛm tɪʌ sɛntʌ ov tɪʌ prodɪdɪnt rɛfɔrmʌɛʃtɪn. ʌz æ modɪn nʌɛʃtɪn stʌɛt , tɪʌ kʌndrɛ wɔz fɹst yunɪfɪd ʌmɪɔst tɪʌ

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teknλnojαkōl ledΛ in sevrōl feilos .