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Population/Employment

	East 2013	change on prev. year	West 2013	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year
Population ¹ (MC)	15,919,329	-0.1%	64,848,134	0.3%	0.2%
Female	8,116,302	-0.1%	33,094,082	0.2%	0.1%
Employees (MC)	7,578,000	0.6%	32,040,000	1.2%	1.1%
Women	3,578,000	0.9%	14,847,000	1.7%	1.6%
By economic sector ²					
Agriculture and forestry	115,000	-10.2%	458,000	-3.0%	-5.4%
Manufacturing	1,918,000	-1.9%	9,067,000	-0.2%	-0.5%
Services ³	5,545,000	0.8%	22,515,000	2.2%	1.9%
Employees (MC) aged ...	East 2013	2012	West 2013	2012	FRG 2013
Under 25 years	8.9%	8.6%	12.1%	11.0%	11.2%
25 - 45 years	44.0%	44.4%	43.9%	43.9%	43.9%
45 years and older	47.1%	47.0%	44.9%	45.1%	44.9%
Civil servants (MC)	195,717	-0.6%	1,672,915	-0.7%	-0.7%
Women	85,398	0.0%	751,456	0.9%	0.8%
Self-employed ⁴ (MC)	883,000	-2.0%	3,547,000	-2.2%	-2.2%
Women	304,000	0.0%	1,190,000	-1.6%	-1.3%
Activity rate ⁵ (MC)	East 2013	2012	West 2013	2012	FRG 2013
Women	76.20%	76.0%	71.50%	70.7%	72.4%
Men	82.20%	82.2%	82.30%	82.3%	82.3%
Employees subject to social security contributions (June 30)	Ost 2013	Veränd z. Vorjahr	West 2013	Veränd z. Vorjahr	BRD Veränd. Vorj.
Total	5,506,384	0.8%	23,762,534	1.3%	1.2%
Women	2,742,489	1.1%	10,770,674	1.8%	1.6%
Atypical employment ⁶	2,628,567	1.1%	13,447,262	0.6%	0.7%
Women	1,771,610	1.0%	9,355,674	0.4%	0.5%
Part-time employees	1,481,647	2.4%	6,014,440	1.8%	1.9%
Women	1,159,628	1.7%	4,911,971	1.3%	1.4%
Temporary agency workers	151,212	-5.8%	596,665	-5.5%	-5.6%
Women	41,765	-4.3%	175,990	-4.8%	-4.7%
Marginal employees	928,550	0.1%	6,518,300	-2.1%	-1.9%
Women	534,910	0.2%	4,100,183	-1.8%	-1.4%
One-Euro-Jobs ⁷	56,222	-3.0%	54,519	-18.0%	-11.0%
Women	24,461	-4.9%	20,388	-20.0%	-12.4%
Employees depending on unemployment benefit II („Aufstocker“) ⁸					
(Dec. 31 of the year)	407,149	-0.3%	794,079	1.8%	1.1%
Women	217,820	-0.6%	449,085	1.0%	0.5%

Income

Gross income (in billion €)	FRG 2013	% change on 2012	% change on 2011	% change on 2010	% change on 2009
Employee remuneration	1,428.3	2.8%	6.7%	11.3%	14.6%
Company- and investment income	671.6	0.9%	-2.5%	5.1%	16.8%
Gross annual earnings ⁹ (€)	Ost 2013	change on prev. year	West 2013	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year
Women's earnings	33,035	1.8%	40,267	2.2%	2.1%
Men's earnings	35,089	1.2%	50,430	0.8%	0.9%
Woman/Men in %	94.1%	0.5 PP	79.8%	1.1 PP	0.8 PP
Average monthly pension (€) - West ¹⁰	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Current recipients	731	732	716	713	714
New pension entrants	694	695	665	655	651
Average monthly pension (€) - East ¹¹	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Current recipients	875	871	853	850	852
New pension entrants	793	695	760	766	773

Labour Market/Social Security

Unemployed (June)	FRG 2014	% change on 2013	% change on 2012	% change on 2011	% change on 2010
Women	2,832,780	-1.1%	0.9%	-2.1%	-10.2%
„Hidden labour force“ ¹²	1,310,090	-1.0%	-0.5%	-4.1%	-9.9%
	950,000	-10.7%	2.2%	2.1%	-13.8%
Unemployed (June)	East 2014	change on prev. year	West 2014	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year
Women	798,745	-4.5%	2,034,035	0.4%	-1.1%
Non-German nationals	363,169	-4.3%	946,921	0.3%	-1.0%
Unemployed searching for part time work ¹³	72,878	3.0%	447,699	5.8%	5.4%
Women	61,099	-3.0%	319,737	0.4%	-0.2%
Under 20 years	48,073	1.1%	279,419	2.1%	1.9%
Under 25 years	61,099	-4.1%	30,249	-3.0%	-3.3%
55 years and older	58,166	-15.8%	180,178	-4.5%	-7.5%
Unemployed for 12 months and longer	183,082	2.0%	399,385	4.8%	3.9%
	301,311	-2.1%	757,963	3.0%	1.5%
Short-time workers	East 2014	change on prev. year	West 2014	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year
	37,296	38.1%	114,518	73.2%	63.1%

Labour Market/Social Security

Unemployment rate ¹⁴ (June 2014)	East	West	FRG				
Total	9.5%	5.8%	6.5%				
Women	9.1%	5.8%	6.4%				
Men	9.8%	5.8%	6.6%				
Participants in professional training (upskilling and reskilling, June) ¹⁵	East 2014	change on prev. year	West 2014	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year		
	50,235	-0.5%	109,253	1.9%	1.2%		
Relief on unemployment rate through labour market policy measures	259,714	-7.7%	587,870	-2.8%	-4.4%		
Recipients of Unemployment (June)	Benefit I	2014	% change on 2013	2013	% change on 2012	2011	% change on 2010
Female recipients	210,568	-5.0%	676,874	0.2%	-1.0%		
Benefit II	97,215	-5.6%	302,964	-0.3%	-1.6%		
Female recipients	1,374,567	-3.8%	3,037,711	0.4%	-1.0%		
Social benefits	685,561	-3.5%	1,588,146	0.4%	-0.8%		
Female recipients	472,397	-2.6%	1,240,981	1.3%	0.2%		
Persons under 15 years of age	230,934	-1.6%	605,986	1.2%	0.4%		
Flat-rate benefit SC III ¹⁶ (€ January 1, 2014)	455,056	-1.5%	1,184,312	1.3%	0.5%		
	391	2.4%	391	2.4%	2.4%		
Social Code II ¹⁷ take-up rate	East 2014	change on prev. year	West 2014	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year		
Total (SC II)	13.4%	-0.4 PP	7.2%	0.1 PP	0 PP		
Women (SC II)	13.7%	-0.4 PP	7.5%	0 PP	-0.1 PP		
Men (SC II)	13.0%	-0.5 PP	6.8%	0 PP	-0.1 PP		
Women (income support)	3.8%	0 PP	2.3%	0 PP	0 PP		
Persons under 15 years of age (income support)	23.0%	-0.3 PP	12.8%	-0.5 PP	-0.4 PP		
Social insurance contributions (2014) ¹⁸	employee	change on prev. year	employer	change on prev. year			
Health insurance	8.20%	0.0 PP	7.30%	0.0 PP			
Nursing insurance	1.03%	0.0 PP	1.03%	0.0 PP			
Pension insurance	9.45%	0.0 PP	9.45%	0.0 PP			
Unemployment insur.	1.50%	0.0 PP	1.50%	0.0 PP			
Total	20.18%	0.0 PP	19.28%	0.0 PP			

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Economy/Finances

Gross Domestic Product (billion €, current prices)	FRG 2013	% change on 2012	% change on 2011	% change on 2010	% change on 2009
	2,809.50	2.2%	4.1%	9.1%	14.4%
Distribution of domestic product (in current prices, billion €)					
Consumer spending					
Private spending	1,571.50	2.1%	4.3%	8.7%	11.6%
Public spending	541.2	3.8%	7.0%	9.6%	12.4%
Fixed investment	555	0.9%	2.2%	11.6%	18.1%
Government spending ratio (government purchases, in % of GDP)					
	FRG 2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	44.3%	44.2%	44.6%	47.2%	47.4%
Bankruptcies					
	East 2013	change on prev. year	West 2013	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year
Companies	3,300	-7.6%	21,417	20.7%	16.0%
Employees affected	20,127	-27.4%	153,414	-1.5%	-5.4%
Cost of living (2010 = 100)					
	FRG 2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	105.1	103.9	101.9	100	98.8
Total public budget (billion €)					
	FRG 2013	% change on 2012	% change on 2011	% change on 2010	% change on 2009
Tax revenue	1,248.60	2.6%	5.9%	12.4%	14.5%
Spending²³	1,241.40	2.3%	3.3%	2.2%	6.5%
Federal budget	372.2	-1.6%	-2.8%	-9.6%	2.4%
Social Security	534	2.5%	4.1%	4.0%	5.5%
EU-contribution	30.1	18.9%	28.6%	30.3%	51.3%
Federal states budgets	360.6	1.9%	2.4%	6.6%	9.5%
Local authorities' budgets	212.4	4.1%	4.6%	5.7%	10.4%
Debt (billion €)					
Federal state	1,277.30	-0.8%	-0.2%	-0.8%	23.6%
Federal states	624.9	-3.1%	1.5%	4.2%	19.3%
Local authorities	135.1	0.0%	4.2%	9.3%	47.7%

Apprenticeship market

	East 2013	change on prev. year	West 2013	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year
New apprenticeships	74,244	-5.9%	456,471	-3.4%	-3.7%
Unfilled apprenticeship	6,193	0.5%	27,269	1.0%	0.9%
Yet unplaced applicants (end of September)					
	East 2013	change on prev. year	West 2013	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year
Women	1,924	-16.5%	7,240	55.4%	34.4%
Apprenticeship training positions supply-demand ratio (end of September)²⁴					
	East 2013	change on prev. year	West 2013	change on prev. year	FRG change on prev. year
	102.1%	0.8 PP	102.3%	-1.1 PP	-0.6 PP

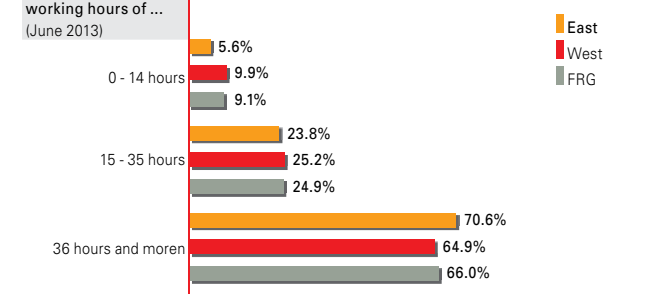
Environment / Health

Ratio of total primary energy consumption ²⁵	FRG 2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Coal	44.9%	44.0%	42.8%	46.7%	50.7%
Mineral oil	1.0%	1.2%	1.2%	1.9%	0.9%
Gas	10.6%	12.1%	14.0%	11.3%	8.6%
Nuclear energy	15.4%	15.8%	17.6%	26.3%	29.5%
Renewable energies	24.1%	22.8%	20.2%	8.8%	6.8%
Other energy	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	5.0%	3.5%
Occupational illnesses					
	FRG 2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Application for status	71,579	70,566	71,269	70,277	66,951
Recognised status	15,656	15,291	15,262	15,461	16,078
Occupational accid. Travel/Commuting accidents					
	FRG 2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	185,667	176,356	188,452	223,973	178,590

Working Hours

Annual volume of work ¹⁹ (in million hours)	FRG 2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Full time	38,800	38,296	39,974	39,773	38,967
Part time	10,244	9,914	8,092	8,020	8,004
Side Jobs	642	623	712	737	754
Total	49,686	48,833	48,778	48,530	47,725
Definitive Overtime²⁰					
Paid	800	758	/	/	/
Unpaid	1,059	1,030	/	/	/

Share of employees with weekly working hours of ... (June 2013)



Share of employees with collectively agreed weekly²¹ working hours of ... (Dec. 31, 2013)

	up to 35 hours	36-37 hours	37.5-38.5 hours	39-40 and more
East	9.3%	5.2%	31.5%	53.5%
West	25.2%	8.2%	35.0%	31.0%

Share of employees with permanent or regular (MC) ...

	East 2013	2012	West 2013	2012	FRG 2013
Rotating shift work	20.3%	20.5%	14.3%	15.2%	15.5%
Night work	11.4%	11.6%	8.7%	9.0%	9.2%
Saturday work	25.9%	26.4%	23.3%	23.5%	23.8%
Sunday/holiday work	15.8%	15.8%	13.3%	13.0%	13.8%

Fixed-term employment²² (MC)

	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
Total	14.0%	11.4%	13.1%	9.5%	13.3%
Women	13.8%	11.3%	13.2%	9.8%	13.3%
Men	14.1%	11.6%	13.0%	9.2%	13.2%

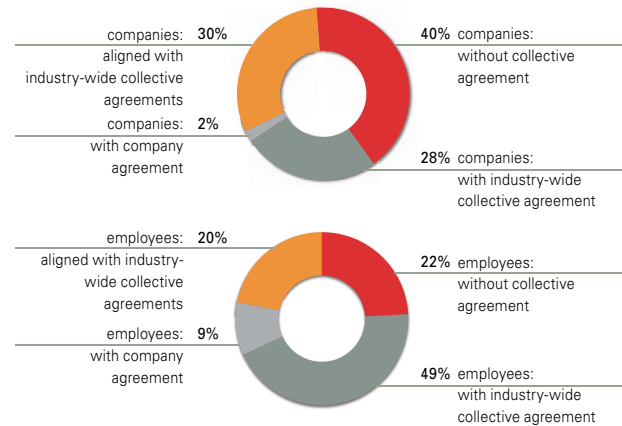
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Trade Union Information

Trade union members-DGB	FRG 2013	% change on 2012	% change on 2011	% change on 2010	% change on 2009
Trade union members-DGB	6,142,720	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-1.9%
Women	2,024,979	0.8%	1.1%	0.9%	-0.2%

Membership in trade union organisations 2013	DGB	DBB	CGB	Gesamt
Membership in trade union organisations 2013	6,142,720	1,276,407	273,815	7,692,942
Women	33.0%	31.7%	24.3%	32.8%

Adherence to collective agreements 2013



Companies/employees with works council/staff council	FRG 2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Companies	10.3%	12.3%	12.5%	12.4%	13.0%
Employees	48.1%	48.5%	49.3%	50.6%	50.5%

Companies covered by co-determination Regulation of 1976 (Dec. 31)	651	654	659	682	682
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Increase of standard wage compared to the previous year	West	East
West	2.6%	3.2%
East	2.8%	2.7%
	2.0%	2.2%
	1.7%	2.0%
	2.6%	3.0%

Strikes	Employees involved	Missed working days
Employees involved	1,003,000	22,158
Missed working days	551,000	86,051
	11,282	69,896
	12,936	25,917
	28,281	63,708

States (Länder) in Comparison

	Unemployment Rate* (June 2014)				
	Total	Men	Women	Non-German nationals	SC II-take-up rate ²⁶
Baden-Wuerttemberg	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	8.4%	5%
Bavaria	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	8.1%	4.3%
Berlin	11%	11.7%	10.3%	20.4%	20.7%
Brandenburg	9%	9.4%	8.6%	15.2%	12.8%
Bremen	10.8%	11.1%	10.5%	22.6%	18.2%
Hamburg	7.5%	7.8%	7%	14.9%	12.4%
Hesse	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	12.9%	8.8%
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	10.5%	11.4%	9.6%	18.1%	15.1%
North Rhine-Westphalia	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	16%	9.4%
Rhineland-Palatinate	8.2%	8.3%	8.1%	19.2%	11.6%
Saarland	5.2%	5.3%	5.2%	11.4%	7%
Saxony	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	17.4%	10%
Saxony-Anhalt	8.5%	8.6%	8.4%	18.6%	12.8%
Schleswig-Holstein	10.4%	10.5%	10.4%	20.5%	16.4%
Thuringia	6.5%	6.8%	6.7%	16.5%	10%
FRG	6.5%	6.6%	6.4%	13.8%	9.5%

*Based on persons in civilian employment.

Gross domestic product (Bill. €, current prices)	2013	2012	1995	% change p. a. on 2012	% change p. a. on 1995**
Baden-Wuerttemberg	407.2	395.6	261.8	2.9%	2.5%
Bavaria	488	473.6	295.8	3%	2.8%
Berlin	109.2	105.2	83.2	3.8%	1.5%
Brandenburg	59.1	57.3	37.5	3.1%	2.6%
Bremen	28.6	27.8	20.3	2.9%	1.9%
Hamburg	97.7	94.9	68.6	3%	2%
Hesse	235.7	228	166.5	3.4%	2%
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	37	36.7	26.8	0.8%	1.8%
Lower Saxony	239	233.8	160.6	2.2%	2.2%
North Rhine-Westphalia	600	586.7	420.8	2.3%	2%
Rhineland-Palatinate	121.6	118.9	83.7	2.2%	2.1%
Saarland	32.1	31.8	23.5	0.9%	1.8%
Saxony	100	97.2	69.6	2.9%	2%
Saxony-Anhalt	53	52.6	38.1	0.8%	1.9%
Schleswig-Holstein	78.7	76.8	57.7	2.5%	1.7%
Thuringia	51	49.7	33.8	2.6%	2.3%
FRG (VGRDL)	2,809.5	2,749.9	1,898.1	2.2%	2.2%

**The rate of change specifies the average annual change (p.a.) over the period 1995-2013.

EU in Comparison 2013

	Union density in %	Adjusted wage share ²⁷ in %	Employment rate ²⁸ in %		Longterm Unemployment rate ²⁹ in %		G D P* per capita in PPS ³⁰
			Total	Women	Total	Women	
Belgium	55.4 e	63.1	67.2	62.1	3.9	3.7	119
Denmark	66.8	58.5	75.6	72.4	1.8	2.0	125
Germany	17.7	57.9	77.1	72.3	2.4	2.2	124
Greece	21.2 e	48.4	53.2	43.3	18.6	21.5	75
Spain	17.5 e	53.3	58.6	53.8	13.0	13.5	95
France	7.7	59	69.5	65.5	4.1	4.1	108
Ireland	33.7	50.7	65.5	60.3	7.9	5.3	126
Italy	36.9	55.4	59.8	49.9	6.9	7.5	98
Luxembourg	32.3	50.8	71.1	63.9	1.8	1.9	264
Netherlands	18	60.6	76.5	71.6	2.4	2.2	127
Austria	27.4	58.2	75.5	70.8	1.2	1.1	129
Portugal	19.0 e	56.3	65.6	62.4	9.3	9.1	75
Finland	68.6 e	59.2	73.3	71.9	1.7	1.3	112
Sweden	66.8 e	56.7	79.8	77.2	1.5	1.3	127
United Kingdom	25.4	62.3	74.9	69.4	2.7	2.2	106
EU (15)	24 f	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Estonia	6.3 e	52.1	73.3	70.1	3.8	3.4	72
Latvia	14.8 a	46.8	69.7	67.7	5.8	4.9	67
Lithuania	10 c	44.5	69.9	68.6	5.1	4.6	74
Malta	48.6 e	51.1	64.8	49.8	2.9	2.5	87
Poland	12.7 b	58.2	64.9	57.6	4.4	4.8	68
Slovakia	14.3 e	44.2	65.0	57.8	10.0	9.9	76
Slovenia	23.9 e	63.2	67.2	63.0	5.2	5.5	83
Czech Republic	13.5 e	51.4	72.5	63.8	3.0	3.7	80
Hungary	10.6 e	50.7	63.2	57.0	5.0	4.9	67
Cyprus	49.0 e	50.7	67.2	62.2	6.1	5.6	86
Rumania	32.8 a	48.6	63.9	56.2	3.4	3.2	54
Bulgaria	19.8 c	55.3	63.5	60.7	7.4	6.6	47
European Union (EU)**	NA	57.9	68.5	62.4	44.4	44.1	100

* Gross Domestic Product; **EU 27;

a = 2008; b = 2009; c = 2010; d = 2011; e = 2012; f = forecast

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Notes:

1. East Germany = new federal states and Berlin; West Germany = former federal territory excluding West Berlin.
2. Classification of Economic Activities, Edition 2008 (WZ 2008).
3. Services: trade, traffic, communications and other services (banking, insurance, company-related services, public service, etc.).
4. Freelancers and assisting family members
5. Labour force participation rate for the 15- under 65-year age group.
6. Sum of part-time workers, temporary agency workers and marginal employment.
7. Arbeitsgelegenheiten mit Mehraufwandsentschädigung.
8. Employees receiving SC II benefits.
9. Gross annual earnings of full time employees.
10. Pension insurance for white- and blue-collar workers; average pension contribution of those insured; pension age – 1st January. West Germany, incl. West Berlin.
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12. Forecast from IAB.
13. Without data from authorised municipal institutions.
14. Number of unemployed in %, based on employees.
15. Fortbildung und Umschulung.
16. For single persons.
17. Proportion of people receiving unemployment benefit II or social benefits (June) in the total population on June 30, 2014.
18. In 2014, the earnings ceiling for social insurance contribution was 5,950 Euro per month in West-Germany and 5,000 Euro in East-Germany (unemployment and pension insurance). Employee and Employer contribution rates are the same (each side bears half of the duty) in all states but Saxony.
19. Hours worked, not including the self-employed; 2014: forecast.
20. Definitive overtime hours go beyond agreed hours (there is no work time compensation).
21. Sum is less than 100% due to labor agreements without regulation of work time.
22. Share of employees with fixed-term employment contracts (excluding apprentices). Respondents with missing values were not considered.
23. The sum of items differs from total government spending because of financial streams between entities.
24. Number of apprenticeship training positions per 100 applicants.
25. Excluding foreign trade balance for electricity.
26. Share of SC money recipients subgroup of working age population aged between 15 and 65 as of December 31st 2013.
27. With the concept of the adjusted wage share the EU compares wage income and GDP; source: AMECO.
28. Aged between 20 and 64 years.
29. Unemployed for more than one year, annual average; aged between 15 and 64 years.
30. PPS = Purchasing Power Standard, EU27 = 100, preliminary values, figures shall not be compared with levels of previous years.

Note:

The data referred to is partly in rounded up figures. The amount of change against the basis or previous year's figures is based on the exact original figures. This explains the minimal variance between printed data and the changes referred to. As a rule, the 'territorial boundary east' refers to the new states and Berlin and 'west' refers to the former federal territory excluding Berlin. Any varying territorial boundaries are indicated by footnotes.

Abbreviations:

GDP	Gross Domestic Product
CGB	Christian Trade Union
DBB	German Union of Career Civil Servants
DGB	Confederation of German Trade Unions
IAB	Institute for Labour Market and Work Research
MC	Micro Census
n. s.	not specified
p. a.	per annum
PP	percentage points
PPS	Purchasing Power Standard
SC	Social Code

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