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Highlights

- GDP per head increased over the past decade to reach \$39,518 in 2011.
- Unemployment fell by two percentage points over the past decade to 5.9%, bucking the trend in the OECD area where it rose from 6.3% to 8%.
- The proportion of the population aged 65 and over is 20.7%, the second highest in OECD countries where the average is 15%.
- Renewable energy accounted for 11.3% of Germany's energy supply, a sharp increase from 2.8% in 2001.
- Development aid came to 0.4% of GNI.
- All-in taxes on the average worker were equivalent to nearly 50% of labour costs, well above the OECD average of around 35%.

ECONOMY

	2001	2011 ³
Gross domestic product (US\$ bln, PPPs)	2 199.1	3 231.8
GDP per capita (US\$)	26 707	39 518
Real GDP growth (annual %)	1.5	3.0
Household disposable income (annual growth %)	1.7	0.9 ²
Budget balance (% of GDP)	-3.1	-1.0
Public debt (% of GDP)	60.2	..
Current account balance (% of GDP)	0.0	5.7
Inflation rate: all items (annual %)	1.9	2.3
Unit labour cost (annual growth %)	0.0	1.3
Long-term interest rates (%)	4.80	2.61
Public expenditure on health (% of GDP)	8.3	8.9 ²
Private expenditure on health (% of GDP)	2.2	2.7 ²
Public expenditure on education (% of GDP)	..	4.5 ⁴
Private expenditure on education (% of GDP)	..	0.8 ⁴

NEW SOURCES OF GROWTH

Renewable energy (% of energy supply)	2.8	11.3
Primary energy supply (Mtoe)	346.7	307.2
CO ₂ emissions from fuel combustion (mln tonnes)	843	762 ²
R&D expenditure (US\$ mln, 2005 prices, PPPs)	62 557	77 098 ²
Tertiary graduation rates (% of population)	..	26.6 ²
Households with internet access (%)	..	83.3

GLOBALISATION

	2001	2011 ³
Imports of goods and services (% of GDP)	32.8	45.1
Exports of goods and services (% of GDP)	34.8	50.2
Net official development assistance (% of GNI)	..	0.40
Foreign-born population (% of population)	..	16.4 ²
Migration for work (% of total migration)	..	9.0 ²
Outward FDI stocks (US\$ bln)	..	1 407
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SOCIETY

Population (thousands)	82 350	81 777 ²
Life expectancy at birth (years)	78.5	80.5 ²
Population, 65 and over (% of population)	16.9	20.7
Employment rates: men (%)	72.8	77.4
Employment rates: women (%)	58.7	67.7
Self-employment rates (% of employed)	8.3	8.5
Unemployment rates (%)	7.9	5.9
Long-term unemployment (% of unemployed)	50.4	48.0
Income inequality, rank out of 34 (1: least unequal)	..	15 ¹
Average hours actually worked (per year)	1 453	1 413
Taxes on average worker (all-in, % of labour cost)	51.9	49.8
Road fatalities (per mln inhabitants)	85	44 ²

1. Late 2000s data, based on Gini coefficient 2. 2010 data 3. Unless otherwise indicated 4. 2009 data