



Fact Sheet: American Bases in Germany



A SELECTION OF KEY U.S. BASES

More than 100,000 military personnel and their families are at home at U.S. bases in Germany.

RMS	Ramstein / Landstuhl / Kaiserslautern Military Community 34,000 personnel and family
ETIC	Grafenwoehr / Hohenfels 24,500 personnel and family
ETEE	Heidelberg 16,000 personnel and family
SPM	Spangdahlem 12,000 personnel and family
EDFS	Schweinfurt 12,000 personnel and family
EDDS	Stuttgart 10,800 personnel and family
WIE	Wiesbaden 5,500 personnel and family
EOD	Coleman / Mannheim 5,000 personnel and family
GKE	Geilenkirchen 3,000 personnel and family

▶ BY THE NUMBERS

- Each year, **Germany contributes nearly \$1 billion** to the upkeep of U.S. bases in Germany. (Council on Foreign Relations, 2003)
- **Ramstein Air Base**, the biggest U.S. base in Germany, costs about \$1 billion annually—an **amount equal to Germany's yearly contribution** toward the upkeep of U.S. bases. (Council on Foreign Relations, 2003)
- On average, the **other 43 bases cost about \$240 million each** — about the same as **a single F/A-22 fighter jet**. (Council on Foreign Relations, 2003)
- With 34,000 American residents, **Kaiserslautern is the largest American community** outside of the United States. (City of Kaiserslautern, 2003)
- Since 1945, some **17 million Americans** have served tours of duty in Germany. Many return time and again as tourists. (German Foreign Office, 2003)

