

Forecasts Germany

| | Federal Statist. Office | IfW | HWWA | RWI | IWH | DIW | Dresd. Bank | Comm. Bank | Deut. Bank | DEKA-Bank | IMF | GD |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 |
| Real GDP | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Private consumption | -0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | - | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Governmental consumption expenditure | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | - | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | -1.0 | 0.8 |
| Gross fixed capital formation | -6.7 | -2.1 | -0.9 | - | -0.1 | -1.0 | - | -0.5 | -0.4 | -1.4 | -0.6 | 0.0 |
| Exports | 2.6 | 3.0 | 4.3 | - | 5.0 | 5.5 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 3.9 | - | 3.0 |
| Imports | -2.1 | 5.0 | 5.2 | - | 6.1 | 5.4 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 2.8 | 6.3 | - | 4.0 |
| Employment (in thd.) | -0.6 38,688 | -1.0 38,168 | -0.6 38,439 | -0.6 38,450 | -0.8 38,370 | -0.3 38,569 | - | -1.0 38,300 | - | -1.2 38,227 | -0.7 38,417 | -1.0 38,244 |
| Unemployed (in thd.) | 4,060 | 4,506 | 4,200 | 4,320 | 4,320 | 4,220 | - | 4,500 | - | 4,477 | - | 4,450 |
| Unemployment rate | 9.4 | 10.9 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.8 | - | 10.4 |
| Inflation rate | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.3 |

Except for the unemployment rate, employed and unemployed all data are given as percentage change to the previous year. Unemployment rate is measured as number of registered unemployed of the civil economically active population.

Sources: IfW: June 2003; HWWA: Jan 2003; RWI: Feb 2003; IWH: March 2003; DIW: Jan 2003; Dresdner Bank: May 2003; Commerzbank:

May 2003; Deutsche Bank: April 2003, Deka-Bank: May 2003, IMF: April 2003, GD: Frühjahrsgutachten (consensus forecast of IfW,ifo,HWWA, RWI,DIW,IWH), April 2003.

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