

# Germany in the shadow of the Wall

Germany marks the fall of the Berlin Wall – the Cold War frontline between democracy and Communism – on November 9. But 25 years after the dramatic event that led to reunification, deep divisions remain



**WEST**

**EAST**

**Population of Germany: 80,327,700 (2011)**

**64.46m**

**15.86m**

**Gross Domestic Product: €2,737.6 billion (2013)**

**€2,328.3**

**€409.3bn**

**Jobless rate: 6.9% (by state, 2013)**

**4.2%-11.9%**

**8.9%-13.2%**

**Average earnings (Full-time employee per month, 2013)**

**€3,296-€3,886**

**€2,797-€3,321**

**Population aged over 65 (2011)**

**19%-22%**

**22%-25%**

**Living below the poverty line (having income 60% below average, 2012)**

**14.2%**

**20.3%**