

Press release

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Major items of the German balance of payments

€ billion

Item	2025		2026			
	Jan/Jul		p Jan/Jul		Jun	
I. Current account	+	122.8	+	129.4	+	18.9
1. Goods	+	119.7	+	122.8	+	17.2
Receipts		804.0		846.1		130.8
Expenditure		684.4		723.3		113.6
Memo item: Foreign Trade ¹	+	124.0	+	127.9	+	18.7
Exports		921.8		960.9		147.0
Imports		797.8		833.1		128.3
2. Services	-	44.4	-	39.3	-	7.2
Receipts		262.1		275.7		42.0
Expenditure		306.5		314.9		49.2
3. Primary income	+	80.7	+	85.0	+	13.8
Receipts		237.7		250.5		37.3
Expenditure		157.0		165.5		23.4
4. Secondary income	-	33.2	-	39.1	-	5.0
II. Capital account	-	17.3	-	6.1	-	3.0
III. Financial account (increase: +)	+	173.3	+	69.0	+	33.0
1. Direct investment	-	0.1	+	6.1	+	1.7
Domestic investment abroad	+	74.9	+	50.4	+	7.1
Foreign investment in the reporting country	+	75.0	+	44.3	+	5.5
2. Portfolio investment	+	68.8	-	14.3	+	5.3
Domestic investment in foreign securities	+	220.2	+	212.5	+	34.7
Shares ²	+	24.3	-	4.5	-	4.5
Investment fund shares ³	+	75.8	+	89.0	+	14.0
Short-term debt securities ⁴	-	1.5	+	7.3	+	0.5
Long-term debt securities ⁵	+	121.6	+	120.7	+	24.8
Foreign investment in domestic securities	+	151.3	+	226.8	+	29.4
Shares ²	-	2.8	-	1.0	+	0.4
Investment fund shares ³	+	6.6	+	10.5	+	0.9
Short-term debt securities ⁴	+	16.6	+	6.4	+	11.0
Long-term debt securities ⁵	+	130.9	+	210.9	+	17.0
3. Financial derivatives ⁶	+	28.0	+	46.9	+	12.1
4. Other investment ⁷	+	75.2	+	28.7	+	14.4
Monetary financial institutions ⁸	-	19.2	-	21.4	+	23.9
Enterprises and households ⁹	+	77.9	+	53.9	+	32.4
General government	-	11.6	-	6.4	-	0.6
Bundesbank	+	28.1	+	2.7	-	41.3
5. Reserve assets	+	1.3	+	1.5	-	0.5
IV. Errors and omissions ¹⁰	+	67.8	-	54.3	+	17.1

¹ Special trade according to the official foreign trade statistics (source: Federal Statistical Office). ² Including participation certificates. ³ Including reinvestment of earnings. ⁴ Short-term: original maturity of up to one year. ⁵ Long-term: original maturity of more than one year or unlimited. ⁶ Balance of transactions arising from options and financial futures contracts as well as employee stock options. ⁷ Includes, in particular, loans and trade credits as well as currency and deposits. ⁸ Excluding the

Bundesbank. ⁹ Includes the following sectors: financial corporations (excluding monetary financial institutions) as well as non-financial corporations, households and non-profit institutions serving households. ¹⁰ Statistical errors and omissions resulting from the difference between the balance on the financial account and the balances on the current account and the capital account. r Revised. p Provisional. . Data unknown, not to be published or not meaningful. Discrepancies in the totals are due to rounding.

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