

## 2 German states

- result of world war II
- 1949-1990: east Germany (GDR)  
and west Germany (FRG)
- Berlin wall
- cold war
- people could not travel  
from east to west
- people were arrested if they tried to flee



# East to west migration in Germany

After 1990

# Historical background

-09.11.1989: „fall of the Berlin wall“

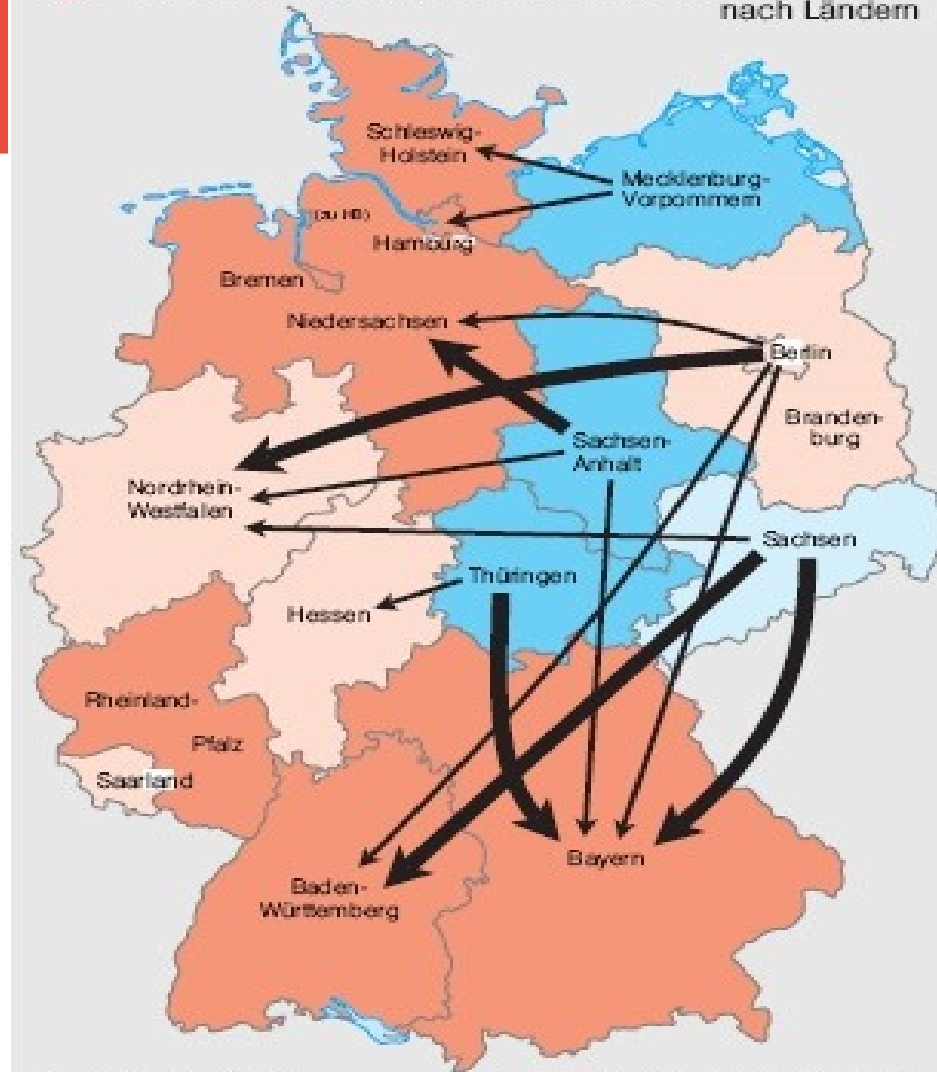
-03.10.1990: Reunification of Germany completed



# Numbers and facts

- At the beginning: more people went from east to west.
- Since 1996: people move also to the other side.

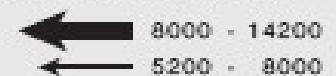
3 Hauptströme der Ost-West-Wanderung 2003 nach Ländern



Wanderungssaldo  
je 1 000 Einwohner



Anzahl der Fortzüge\*



\* Abwanderungen aus den neuen Ländern und Berlin in die alten Länder mit über 5 000 Fortzügen

# Reasons for migration

- family reunion
- better education
- better and more jobs
- better infrastructure

# Acceptance of migrants

- immigrants > western parts
  - they were German citizens
  - they spoke German
  - there were not many differences in their lifestyle
  - women were used to have jobs
- young migrants had good chances to get a job.

## Situation today

- income west is on average 17 percent higher than in the eastern parts of Germany.
- Only 3300 people went from east to west in 2014, lowest number since reunification.
- The east got more appealing (better infrastructure, more job opportunities)
- Since 2009 more men than women move from east to west
- Today differences between east and west are not really noticeable any longer.