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Introduction

Reference Guide

Parties and Elections in Germany is a comprehensive reference guide to political parties, parliamentary elections and governments in Germany:

- Basic data of more than 290 parties (present and past, major and minor): Founding years, political orientations, affiliations to European political parties, groups in the European Parliament, political internationals and other transnational organisations, official websites.
- Chronological history of political parties: Origins, predecessors, historical predecessors, name changes, important mergers and splits.
- Federal elections since 1918.
- Federal governments since 1918: Heads of states, heads of governments, government parties (parties in cabinet).
- State elections, state governments and government parties since 1918.
- Elections to the European Parliament since 1979.
- German Democratic Republic: Parliamentary elections, governments and government parties since 1949.

The main chapters are divided as follows:

- Parties

Party	Name
Foundation	Founding year
Orientation	Political classification
Affiliation	Memberships in European political parties, political internationals and other transnational organisations
EP Group	Memberships in parliamentary groups in the European Parliament
Website	Official internet presence
Chronology	Origins, predecessors, name changes, mergers and splits

- Parliamentary elections [national parliaments]
- Elections to the European Parliament
- Governments [national governments]

- State elections
- State governments

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Abbreviations

Est.	Establishment
[]	Note
+	Merger, accession
–	Separation, withdrawal
»	Transition, affiliation
#	Renaming
From ... to	Temporary change [merger, separation, renaming]
Renamed as ...	New name
Originally ...	Former name
Evolved into ...	Successor [reorganisation]
Preceded by ...	Predecessor [reorganisation]
→	See
...	Not specified
≈	Approximately
S.	Seats
Prov.	Provisional government
Splinter group	A faction that has broken away from its parent organisation
N/A	Not available
○○○	Parties with parliamentary representation [at least one elected MP/MEP in their history; defections remained out of consideration]
MP	Member of Parliament
MEP	Member of the European Parliament