



The United States and Saxony, Thuringia and Saxony-Anhalt

Facts and Figures

U.S. Consulate General in Leipzig

The U.S. Consulate General in Leipzig is one of the oldest but also one of the newest American diplomatic missions in Germany. The first U.S. Consulate was opened on May 22, 1826, and except for a brief closure tied to World War I operated until 1941. In 1992 the Consulate General reopened. The Consulate General is accredited to the states of Saxony, Thuringia and (since 1999) Saxony-Anhalt.

American Presence in the Consular District

(source: Statistische Landesämter as of December 2009)

- 1404 Americans are residents in Saxony
- 420 Americans are residents in Thuringia
- 374 Americans are residents in Saxony-Anhalt

German-American sister city links in the Consular District

23 cities in Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia have concluded partnerships with American cities over the past 18 years. These sister city initiatives generate a significant and continuous flow of visitors from the U.S. to Germany and vice versa. Some of these partnerships focus on annual school or university exchanges, others regularly organize visits of clubs or institutions or try to foster business and trade contacts. Most partnerships generate around 25-30 visits by individuals each year.

Sachsen:

- Chemnitz - Akron, Ohio
- Cranzahl - Running Springs, California
- Dresden - Columbus, Ohio
- Glauchau – Lynchburg, Virginia
- Leipzig - Houston, Texas
- Meißen - Provo, Utah
- Radebeul - Sierra Vista, Arizona
- Riesa – Sandy City, Ohio
- Zittau - Portsmouth, Ohio

Thuringia:

- Altenburg - Hickory, North Carolina
- Apolda - Rapid City, South Dakota
- Eisenach - Waverly, Iowa
- Ellrich - Custer, South Dakota
- Erfurt - Shawnee, Kansas
- Gera - Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Gotha - Gastonia, North Carolina
- Ilmenau - Blue Ash, Ohio
- Rudolstadt - Rexburg, Idaho
- Sondershausen – Rolla, Missouri

Sachsen-Anhalt:

- Bernburg - Anderson, Indiana
- Lutherstadt Wittenberg - Springfield, Ohio
- Magdeburg – Nashville, Tennessee
- Schönebeck – Farmers' Branch, Texas

University partnerships

Since the fall of the Wall, an ever growing number of partnerships have developed between German and American universities, many of which are actively supported by the U.S. Consulate General.

Saxony:

- TU Chemnitz and 8 U.S. universities
- TU Dresden and 6 U.S. universities
- Hochschule für Musik "Carl Maria von Weber" Dresden and 3 U.S. universities
- Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Dresden (FH) and 4 U.S. universities
- TU Bergakademie Freiberg and 10 U.S. universities
- Universität Leipzig and 8 U.S. universities
- Handelshochschule Leipzig and 11 U.S. universities
- Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Mittweida (FH) and 4 U.S. universities
- Hochschule für Technik und Sozialwesen Zittau/Görlitz (FH) and 2 U.S. universities
- Westsächsische Hochschule Zwickau and 2 U.S. university
- Internationales Hochschulinstitut Zittau and one U.S. university
- Hochschule für Technik, Wirtschaft und Kultur Leipzig (FH) and three U.S. universities
- Hochschule für Musik und Theater Leipzig and one U.S. university

Thuringia:

- Universität Erfurt and 3 U.S. universities
- TU Ilmenau and 5 U.S. universities
- Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena and 17 U.S. universities
- Fachhochschule Jena and 18 U.S. universities
- Bauhaus-Universität Weimar and 4 U.S. universities
- Hochschule für Musik "Franz Liszt" Weimar and 3 U.S. universities
- Fachhochschule Erfurt and one U.S. university

Saxony-Anhalt:

- Martin-Luther-Universität Halle/Wittenberg and 9 U.S. universities
- Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg and 8 U.S. universities
- Hochschule Anhalt für angewandte Wissenschaften (Köthen) and 6 U.S. universities
- Hochschule Harz (Wernigerode) and 7 U.S. universities
- Fachhochschule Magdeburg and 8 U.S. universities
- Fachhochschule Merseburg and 3 U.S. universities
- Burg Giebichenstein Hochschule für Kunst und Design Halle and 2 U.S. universities

The American Business Presence

Overview: The past 20 years have seen far-reaching changes in the industrial and commercial landscapes of Saxony, Thuringia, and Saxony-Anhalt. U.S. businesses have been a key part of bringing those changes about, investing approximately 15 billion Euro as the leading foreign investor in the Consular District over that time.

Saxony: With approx. 130 U.S. firms and investment of € 10 billion securing or creating more than 15,000 jobs, the U.S. is the largest foreign investor in Saxony. The number of exported American goods to Saxony quadrupled between 1997 and 2009. According to the Saxony Office for Statistics, the volume of exports from Saxony to the United States amounted to € 680.5 million Euros in 2009, making the United States Saxony's largest trading partner. The main products

exported are electro-technical, chemical and mechanical engineering products as well as machinery for the printing industry and vehicle parts. Imports from the U.S. totaled more than € 756.1 million Euros or 4.2% of Saxony's imports. Just as in 2008, mechanical engineering and electro-technical products were among the main imported products.

Dresden is the most popular holiday destination of American tourists in Saxony. Americans are the major group of foreign tourists in Dresden.

Thuringia: With about 66 U.S. firms and investments of more than € 1.6 billion securing or creating more than 7,500 jobs, the U.S. is the largest foreign investor in Thuringia. Exports from Thuringia to the U.S. in 2009 totaled € 499.7 million Euro (with France and Italy, U.S. is one of Thuringia's major export partners); main products exported are automotive parts, food goods, measurement and control technology. Imports from the U.S. totaled € 177.4 million Euro in 2009 with key products including medical and electronic devices, car parts and machinery.

Saxony-Anhalt: With approx. 55 U.S. subsidiaries and an investment of more than € 2.25 billion securing or creating 8,500 jobs, the U.S. is the second largest foreign investor in Saxony-Anhalt. Exports from Saxony-Anhalt to the United States quadrupled over the last ten years. Between January and August 2009, exports to the U.S. totaled € 201.4 million (or 3.0 % of Saxony-Anhalt's exports), top exports including plastics, chemical products and mining/construction machinery. Imports from the U.S. during the same period totaled approximately € 72 million, primarily chemical products, plastics, auto parts and electronics.

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