



## 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 31, 2007)

- 1454 Americans are residents in Saxony
- 421 Americans are residents in Thuringia
- 383 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 last 17 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. 115 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. Exports to Saxony's largest trading partner - the U.S. - totaled € 1.796 billion in 2007 (or 7.7% of Saxony's exports); main products exported are vehicles & parts, electro-technical and mechanical engineering products as well as machinery for the printing industry. Imports from the U.S. in 2007 were € 924 million;

mainly electro-technical goods and mechanical engineering products. Key U.S. firms in Saxony are:

- AMD (Dresden) – € 8 billion investment and 3,000 jobs
- Advanced Mask Technology Center (Dresden) - € 360 million and 150 jobs
- Niles Simmons Industries (Chemnitz) – € 30 million investment and 300 jobs

**Thuringia:** With 43 U.S. firms and investment of more than € 1.6 billion securing or creating more than 9,000 jobs, the U.S. is the largest foreign investor in Thuringia. Exports from Thuringia to the U.S. in 2007 totaled € 699 million (or 6.6 % of Thuringia's exports; the U.S. ranked third after France and Italy); main products exported are automotive parts, food industry, measurement and control technology. Imports from the U.S. totaled € 173 million during the same year with key products including medical and electronic devices, and machinery. Key U.S. firms in Thuringia are:

- GM/Opel (Eisenach) – € 1 billion investment and 2,000 jobs
- Coca-Cola (Weimar) - € 77 million investment and 360 jobs
- Borg Warner Transmission Systems (Arnstadt) - € 38 million and 150 jobs

**Saxony-Anhalt:** With approx. 53 U.S. subsidiaries and investment of more than € 2.25 billion securing or creating 11,000 jobs, the U.S. is the second largest foreign investor in Saxony-Anhalt. Exports to the U.S. in 2007 totaled € 353 million (or 3.1 % 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 € 163 million, primarily chemical products, plastics and electro-technical products. Key U.S. firms in Saxony-Anhalt are:

- Dow Chemical (Merseburg) – € 2.7 billion investment and 2,300 jobs
- Mibrag mbH (Theissen) – € 800 million investment and 2,100 jobs
- Dell Customer Service Center (Halle) – employing approx. 600 people

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