

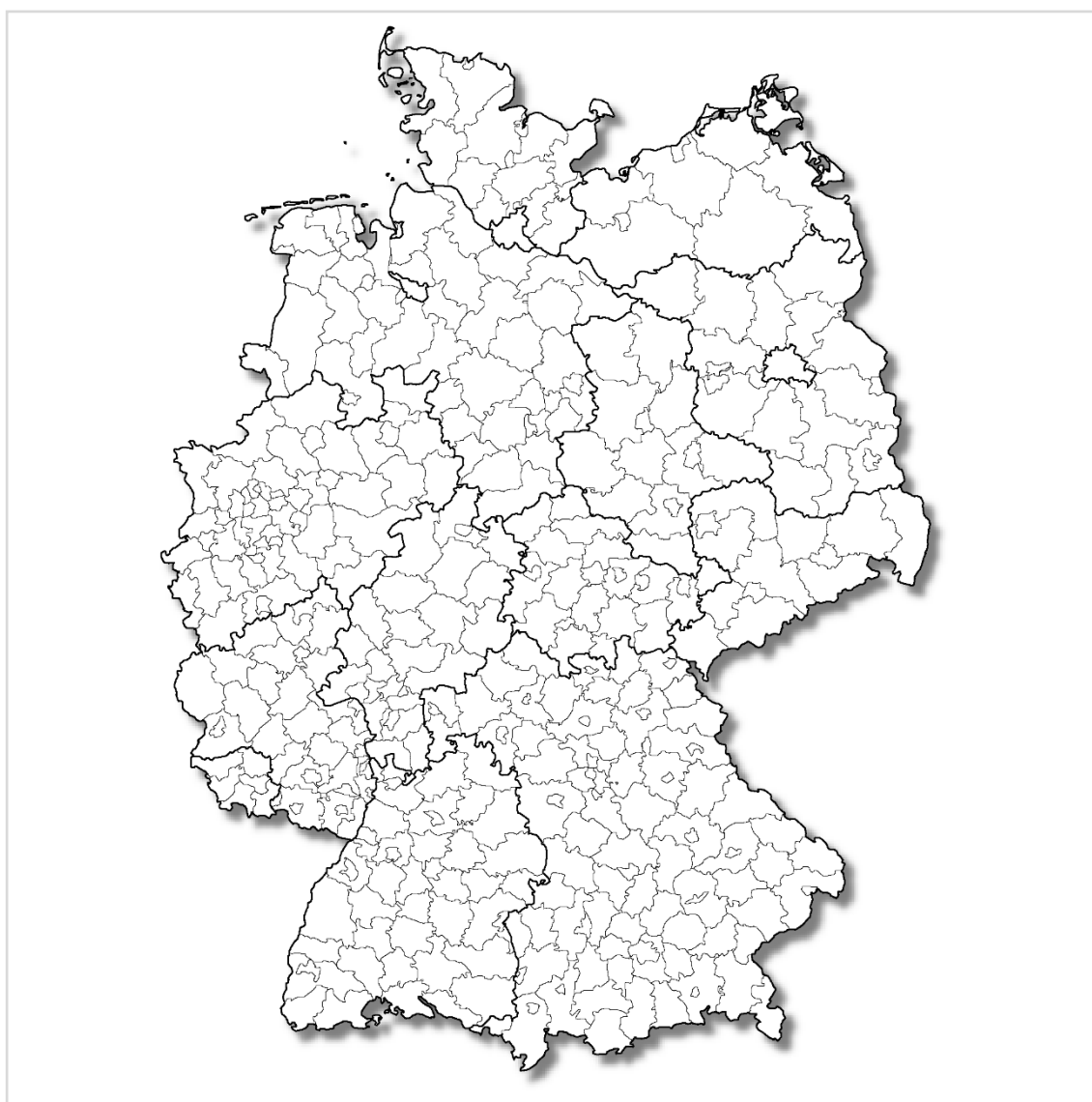


## Documentation

Administrative Maps 1 : 2 500 000

VK2500-LRK und VK2500-L

Maps of Germany in PDF format



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## 1 Overview of the dataset

<b>Product:</b>	VK2500
<b>Content:</b>	<p>The administrative map of Germany (Länder, Regierungsbezirke, Kreise) (federal states, administrative districts, districts/counties) is an overview map of the districts and urban districts of Germany at a scale of 1:2 500 000. It also includes the federal states and administrative districts.</p> <p>The administrative map of Germany (states) is an overview map of the federal states of the Federal Republic of Germany with their capitals on a scale of 1:2 500 000.</p> <p>The maps are available in PDF format, optimized for the print format DIN A3. The administration card is usually published with the status 31.12. one year. This is the reference date for German federal statistics.</p>
<b>Area:</b>	Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Federal Republic of Germany)
<b>Spatial structure:</b>	Complete data set without spatial breakdown
<b>Spatial reference :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lambert projection (conformal conical projection) Ellipsoid WGS84 (here identical with GRS80) Datum WGS84 (here identical with ETRS89) Parallel of latitude 48°40' and 53°40' north latitude Reference center: 10°30' east longitude and 51°00' north latitude</li> </ul>
<b>Position accuracy:</b>	strong generalized
<b>Currentness:</b>	1-year revision cycle with the status 31.12. of each year
<b>Data formats:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PDF (Portable Document Format)</li> </ul>
<b>Data supply*:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dataset via Download</li> </ul>
<b>Modification against last Dataset:</b>	PDF version 1.6
<b>Historical data:</b>	available from 2007
<b>Data volume:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PDF: vk2500-l 1,6 MB</li> <li>▪ PDF: vk2500-lrk 3,2 MB</li> </ul>
<b>Data source:</b>	Derivation from the corresponding dataset Administrative areas 1 : 2 500 000 (VG2500).

## **2 General information**

The administrative maps in pdf format represent the administrative units of the hierarchical administrative levels state, Länder (federal states), Regierungsbezirke (administrative districts) and Kreise (districts/counties) with their administrative boundaries and the name of the respective administrative unit.

The maps are optimized at a scale of 1:2 500 000 for the DIN A3 format.

There are 2 variants available.

- Administrative map of Germany - Länder, Regierungsbezirke, Kreise  
(federal states, administrative districts, districts/counties)
- Administrative map of Germany - Länder (federal states with their capitals)

## **3 Specification VK2500 overview maps in PDF format**

### **3.1 Description**

The rectangular maps show the following elements of content:

- Boundaries and names of the administrative units:
  - Länder (federal states)
  - Regierungsbezirke (administrative districts)
  - Kreise (districts/counties) and kreisfreie Städte (independent cities)
- National borders with the neighbouring countries
- Map grid

The areas of the Länder and Regierungsbezirke have been edited in colour.

Maps in PDF format have been optimized for printing in DIN A3.

The following maps can be selected:

- Verwaltungskarte Deutschland - Länder, Regierungsbezirke, Kreise  
for print in DIN A3 (vk2500-lrk)
- Verwaltungskarte Deutschland – Länder  
for print in DIN A3 (vk2500-l)

### **3.2 PDF format**

PDF

Portable Document Format, open ISO Standard, to be opened with AdobeReader for free

PDF version: 1.6 (at least Acrobat/AdobeReader 7)

## **4 Data acquisition**

The database can be obtained free of charge on our website <https://www.bkg.bund.de/> under the heading „Products and Services“ → „[maps - other maps](#)“. Historical data is also available in our archive.

## **5 Further Information**

Further information concerning the product are available at [gdz.bkg.bund.de](https://gdz.bkg.bund.de/). In case of any questions, you are welcome to contact our service centre at [dlz@bkg.bund.de](mailto:dlz@bkg.bund.de).

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