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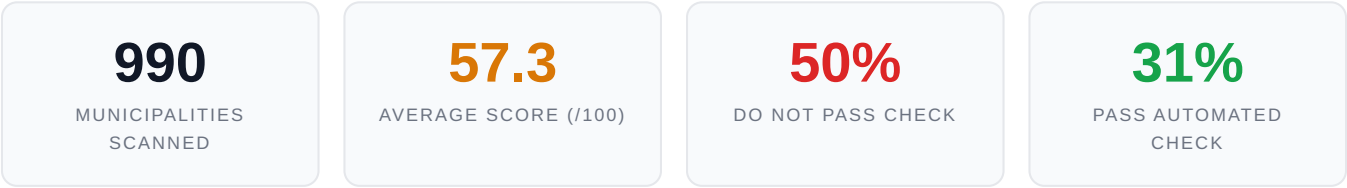
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Municipality Web Accessibility

Automated WCAG 2.1 AA Compliance Scan — EU Directive 2016/2102

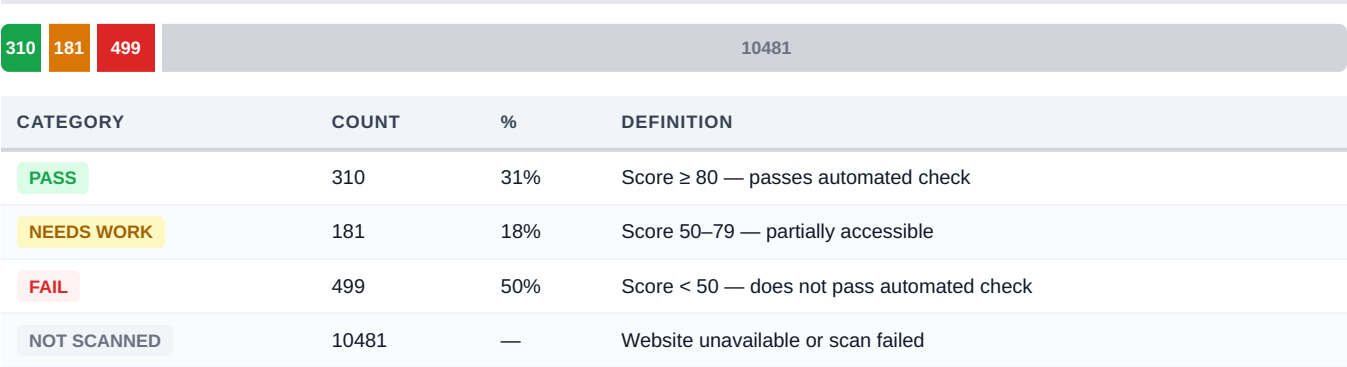
Germany — Municipality Accessibility at a Glance



50% of Germany municipality websites **do not pass** the automated WCAG accessibility check. Only **31%** of scanned sites pass.

The average compliance score across 990 scanned municipality homepages is **57.3/100**. A total of **10124** individual accessibility violations were detected, averaging **10.2** issues per site.

Score Distribution



Most Common Accessibility Violations

The table below lists the 10 most frequent axe-core rule violations found across Germany municipality homepages.

#	RULE	IMPACT	DESCRIPTION	OCCURRENCES	SITES
1	color-contrast	SERIOUS	Ensure the contrast between foreground and background colors meets WCAG 2 AA minimum contrast ratio thresholds	5406	438
2	link-name	SERIOUS	Ensure links have discernible text	1786	335
3	image-alt	CRITICAL	Ensure elements have alternative text or a role of none or presentation	650	127
4	link-in-text-block	SERIOUS	Ensure links are distinguished from surrounding text in a way that does not rely on color	313	90
5	listitem	SERIOUS	Ensure elements are used semantically	282	32
6	aria-hidden-focus	SERIOUS	Ensure aria-hidden elements are not focusable nor contain focusable elements	266	57
7	button-name	CRITICAL	Ensure buttons have discernible text	215	93
8	aria-required-parent	CRITICAL	Ensure elements with an ARIA role that require parent roles are contained by them	193	11
9	aria-prohibited-attr	SERIOUS	Ensure ARIA attributes are not prohibited for an element's role	170	55
10	meta-viewport	MODERATE	Ensure does not disable text scaling and zooming	152	151

Municipality Ranking — Top & Bottom Performers

Top 15 Highest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Arneburg	stadt-arneburg.de	100.0	0
2	Bark	gemeinde-bark.de	100.0	0
3	Biebelsheim	biebelsheim.de	100.0	0
4	Binzen	binzen.de	100.0	0
5	Brauneberg	brauneberg.de	100.0	0
6	Ascha	ascha.de	100.0	0
7	Altena	altena.de	100.0	0
8	Bad Dürrhein	badduerrheim.de	100.0	0
9	Altenburg	stadt-altenburg.de	100.0	0
10	Beuren (Hochwald)	beuren-hochwald.de	100.0	0
11	Barsbek	barsbek.de	100.0	0
12	Bechtheim	bechtheim.de	100.0	0
13	Bensheim	bensheim.de	100.0	0
14	Bottenbach	bottenbach.de	100.0	0
15	Ascheffel	gemeinde-ascheffel.de	100.0	0

Bottom 15 Lowest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Bad Kötzting	bad-koetzting.de	0.1	80
2	Anger	anger.de	0.5	32
3	Achberg	achberg.de	1.0	19
4	Bestensee	bestensee.de	1.2	66
5	Achterwehr	achterwehr.de	1.4	35
6	Bietigheim	bietigheim.de	1.4	33
7	Altheim (Alb)	altheim-alb.de	1.4	26
8	Bockau	bockau.de	1.4	30
9	Bad Döben	bad-dueben.de	1.4	26
10	Alesheim	alesheim.de	1.8	15
11	Baumholder	baumholder.de	1.8	12
12	Bobingen	stadt-bobingen.de	1.8	40
13	Aalen	aalen.de	2.1	21

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
14	Birresborn	birresborn.de	2.1	31
15	Affing	affing.de	2.7	8

Methodology & Limitations

Testing Tool

[axe-core](#), the open-source accessibility testing engine maintained by Deque Systems. It is the most widely used automated accessibility testing library and powers the accessibility checks in Chrome DevTools and Lighthouse.

Standard

WCAG 2.1 Level AA — the standard referenced by EU Directive 2016/2102 (Web Accessibility Directive) and harmonised European standard EN 301 549.

Scope

- Homepage only (crawl depth = 1). Subpages are not scanned.
- One domain per municipality (primary official website).
- Scores range from 0 (worst) to 100 (best).

Important limitation: Automated tools detect approximately 30–50% of WCAG 2.1 criteria. A site that does not pass the automated check is certainly non-compliant. A site that passes may still have accessibility barriers detectable only through manual expert review. These scores represent a **floor**, not a ceiling, of real-world accessibility issues.

Data Collection

Municipality websites were collected from official national registers, Eurostat LAU codes, and Wikidata. Domains were validated via DNS resolution and HTTP checks. Scans were performed using headless Chromium via Playwright + axe-core.

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