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THE COLOGNE ECONOMIC REGION 2006

A statistical overview



→ The IHK region in brief...

Gross domestic product	Status 2003: in mill. Euro 68,958	Change on previous year (nominal) 0.5 %	Change in NRW 0.7 %
Gross domestic product per employed person	Status 2003: in mill. Euro 63,111	Change on previous year 3.5 %	Change in NRW 2.2 %
Population	Status: 30.06.2005 2,169,554	Change on previous year 0.4 %	Change in NRW -0.1 %
Registered companies and small traders	Status: 2006 127,536	Change on previous year 4.2 %	Change in NRW 3.0 %
Employed persons subject to social insurance contributions	Status: 2004 762,582	Change on previous year -2.4 %	Change in NRW -1.8 %
Unemployment rate	Status: 2005 12.2 %	Status: previous year 10.3 %	Status: 2005 NRW 11.9 %
Trade registrations	Status: 2005 26,403	Change on previous year -4.9 %	Change in NRW -6.6 %
Insolvencies	Status: 2005 1,531	Status: previous year 1,707	Change in NRW -10.4 %
Purchasing power in mill. Euro	Cologne 111.7	NRW 102.7	FRG 100,0

The IHK Cologne – your supplier of facts and figures

The Cologne Chamber of Commerce and Industry offers you an extensive range of data about the Cologne economic region as well as on the cities of Cologne and Leverkusen and for Rheinisch-Bergisch, Rhein-Erft and Oberbergisch districts. An initial overview as well as more detailed publications – for example, the "Gemeindeprofile" for all "kreisabhängigen Gemeinden" in the region – can be found on the internet at:

www.ihk-koeln.de/Navigation/Standortpolitik/ZahlenDatenStatistiken.

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The economic region of Cologne in figures

The cities of Cologne and Leverkusen as well as the three districts of Rhein-Erft, Rhein-Berg and Oberberg form region of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Cologne. This economic region has an effect far beyond its own limits with its high business potential, a highly-trained workforce and the purchasing power of its 2.1 million inhabitants. A dense transport network of highways, railways, water and air routes ensures that Cologne is one of the most important traffic junctions of Europe. At the same time, the economy here is extremely diverse. There is a productive blend of large, medium and small companies and a healthy mix of business sectors. The variety ranges from automotive and mechanical engineering to chemicals and biotechnology, insurance and trade right through to IT companies and media.

The most important data of the economic region of Cologne has been compiled by the IHK Cologne in this booklet. It contains the latest population statistics of the county boroughs and urban districts as well as the breakdown of the total of around 120,000 companies in the region of the IHK Cologne in absolute terms and according to sector. The booklet provides information about the development of the most important sectors of industry as well as their export sales. Information about tourism, commercial rents and public finances, on employment and education rounds off the spectrum.

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→ Area and population in the Chamber's region

Area and population					
Administrative district	Area		Population		
	sq.km.	Share in %	absolute	Share in %	Inhabitants per sq.km.
Cologne	405.15	15.9	975,907	45.0	2,408.8
Leverkusen	78.85	3.1	161,419	7.4	2,047.2
Rhein-Erft-District	704.43	27.7	462,962	21.3	657.2
Oberbergisch District	918.57	36.1	290,183	13.4	315.9
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	437.55	17.2	279,083	12.9	637.8
IHK Cologne region	2,544.55	100.0	2,169,554	100.0	852.6
NRW	34,084.13		18.059.839		529.9

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 30. 06. 2005

Population trend						
Administrative district	Natural Population trend			Migration		
	Births	Deaths	Balance	Immigration	Emigration	Balance
Cologne	9,337	9,205	132	50,401	46,800	3,601
Leverkusen	1,488	1,707	-219	6,780	6,503	277
Rhein-Erft-District	3,878	4,304	-426	27,885	26,400	1,485
Oberbergisch District	2,612	2,899	-287	14,760	14,170	590
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	2,353	2,633	-280	15,284	14,378	906
IHK Cologne region	19,668	20,748	-1.080	115,110	108,251	6,859
NRW	158,054	184,449	-26.395	830,732	808,844	21,888

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 2004

Age structure								
	Age from ... to under ... years							
	under 6	6-16	16-18	18-25	24-45	45-65	65a. over	total
Cologne	53,381	88,543	18,203	75,294	324,335	240,742	169,211	969,709
Leverkusen	8,818	16,284	3,548	12,219	46,114	41,295	33,323	161,601
Rhein-Erft-District	25,877	49,967	10,458	35,243	135,223	125,145	80,960	462,873
Oberbergisch District	17,461	35,690	7,714	24,348	81,188	71,182	53,031	290,614
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	16,099	31,823	6,480	19,424	76,866	74,737	53,968	279,397
IHK Cologne region	121,636	222,307	46,403	166,528	663,726	553,101	390,493	2,164,194
NRW	1,007,042	1,983,358	421,255	1,424,582	5,240,202	461,752	3,387,161	18,075,352

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 2004

→ Employment in the Chamber's region

Employed persons liable to pay social security contributions			
	2004	2003	Change in %
Economic sectors			
Agriculture and forestry; fisheries	3,882	3,964	-2.1
Manufacturing industry	206,606	224,184	-7.8
of which: manufacturing industry	157,883	173,289	-8.9
mining and energy and water supplies	11,786	11,847	-0.5
building trade	36,937	39,048	-5.4
Trade	125,779	131,451	-4.3
Hotels and catering	21,580	22,074	-2.2
Transport and communications	50,594	49,826	1.5
Other services	354,070	350,045	1.1
of which: banking and insurance	46,822	50,212	-6.8
Real estate and housing	115,444	107,265	7.6
Rendering of public services	191,804	192,568	-0.4
Without details of an economic sector	71	53	34.0
Total	762,582	781,597	-2.4
NRW	5,631,485	5,736,058	-1.8

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 30.06.2004/30.06.2003

Employed persons liable to pay social security contributions according to sector			
Administrative district	Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	Manufacturing industry and building trade*	Services
Cologne	0.3%	18.6%	80.2%
Leverkusen	0.3%	36.4%	62.5%
Rhein-Erft-District	1.1%	28.1%	65.9%
Oberbergisch District	0.7%	46.4%	51.9%
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	1.1%	31.3%	67.1%
IHK Cologne region	0.5%	25.5%	72.4%
NRW	0.8%	31.2%	66.1%

*excl. mining, energy and water supplies
Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 30.06.2004

Employment market*		
Administrative district	Unemployed	Rate**
Cologne	68,348	13.5
Leverkusen	10,749	13.6
Rhein-Erft-District	25,205	11.2
Oberbergisch District	14,912	10.5
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	13,423	9.7
IHK Cologne region	132,636	12.2
NRW	1,044,366	11.9

* annual average figures ** Unemployment rate related to the entire economically active population
Source: Federal Agency for Employment, Status: 2005

Working commuters			
Administrative district	Incoming commuters	Outgoing commuters	Balance
Cologne	206,120	79,433	126,687
Leverkusen	30,276	22,419	7,857
Rhein-Erft-District	46,970	79,062	-32,092
Oberbergisch District	18,317	24,916	-6,599
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	27,312	51,502	-24,190
IHK Cologne region	328,995	257,332	71,663
Balance: incoming commuters - outgoing commuters			
Source: Federal Agency for Employment, Status: 2004. provisional figures			

→ Economic efficiency in the Chamber's region

Gross value added (GVA) according to economic sectors and gross domestic product								
Administrative district	Gross domestic product at market prices (in mill. Euro)			GVA according to economic sector 2002 (in mill. Euro)				
	in mill. Euro 2003	2002	Changes in %	Manufacturing industry	Services sectors in total	Trade, Hotels and catering and transport	Financing, renting, company service providers	GVA per employed person (in Euro)
Cologne	39,578	39,538	0.1	6,453	30,316	8,103	14,019	63,761
Leverkusen	6,699	6,552	2.2	3,535	2,558	778	1,055	82,008
Rhein-Erft-District	10,772	10,546	2.1	3,073	6,664	2,160	2,568	63,882
Oberbergisch District	6,519	6,583	-1.0	2,542	3,543	639	1,749	52,569
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	5,390	5,400	-0.2	1,184	3,823	777	1,856	53,334
IHK Cologne region	68,958	68,618	0.5	16,787	46,904	12,457	21,247	63,111
NRW	469,701	466,303	0.7	122,672	307,971	80,143	134,086	56,998
Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: August 2004								

GfK Purchasing power and POS sales				
Administrative district	Purchasing power		POS sales	
	mill. Euro	per resident	mill. Euro	per resident
Cologne	19,100	111.7	6,572	139.1
Leverkusen	3,208	112.6	886	112.5
Rhein-Erft-District	8,888	108.9	1,926	85.4
Oberbergisch District	5,121	100.0	1,297	91.6
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	6,007	121.9	1,435	105.4
NRW	327,337	102.7	91,716	104.1
FRG	1,454,600	100.0	402,000	100.0
Source: GfK, Nürnberg 2006				
Purchasing power: sum of all net incomes per region				
POS sales (Point of Sale - formerly retail sales): sales of the retail trade per region				
We draw your attention also to our extensive explanations on the Internet at: www.ihk-koeln.de Rubrik: Standortpolitik/Zahlen, Daten und Statistiken				

Business climate indicators

	Situation			Expectations		
	Good	Poor	Situation Indicator	Better	Poorer	Expect. indikator
Autumn 2000	32.6	14.9	17.7	38.6	11.8	26.8
Start of year 2001	35.5	14.5	21.0	34.6	13.7	20.9
Spring 2001	32.0	14.9	17.1	33.8	19.8	14.0
Autumn 2001	23.2	21.1	2.1	32.5	17.2	15.3
Start of year 2002	24.6	24.1	0.5	31.1	27.5	3.6
Spring 2002	18.2	29.2	-11.0	22.4	40.3	-17.9
Autumn 2002	14.0	37.7	-23.7	34.4	20.5	13.9
Start of year 2003	14.0	36.4	-22.4	23.5	35.7	-12.2
Spring 2003	15.6	31.0	-15.4	17.6	42.9	-25.3
Autumn 2003	17.3	31.6	-14.3	33.8	18.9	14.9
Start of year 2004	18.4	27.3	-8.9	32.4	15.6	16.8
Spring 2004	19.5	21.9	-2.4	25.5	18.2	7.3
Autumn 2004	23.3	24.8	-1.5	28.4	17.1	11.3
Start of year 2005	25.4	19.9	5.6	27.3	15.2	12.0
Spring 2005	19.6	27.9	-8.2	22.2	15.4	6.8
Autumn 2005	24.4	22.0	2.4	27.6	16.3	11.4
Start of year 2006	27.5	19.1	8.3	29.9	12.0	18.0

The business climate indicators are deduced from the balance of relative shares of the affirmative and negative answers of companies within the context of the business cycle survey conducted by the IHK Cologne. The indicator values can lie between minus 100 and plus 100 percentage points. A positive indicator value means that the share of affirmative answers is greater than the share of negatives. With a value below zero the proportional share of negative answers predominates.

We also draw your attention to our detailed business cycle reports on the Internet at:
www.ihk-koeln.de Rubrik: Standortpolitik/Konjunkturbericht

→ Companies in the Chamber's region

Companies registered in the Commercial Register

(excl. branch operations)

Economic sector	HS+ZN	HS in total	Einz.	OHG	KG	GmbH &Co.KG	KGaA	GmbH	AG	VVaG	Others
Agriculture and forestry; fisheries	184	182	36	4	15	12	0	114	1	0	2
Industry and building	3,688	3,632	340	91	99	621	0	2,463	54	0	20
Energy and water supplies	60	58	5	1	0	10	0	37	4	0	3
Wholesale trade	3,883	3,783	391	76	68	454	0	2,788	36	0	70
Retail trade	3,972	3,900	1,362	165	121	325	1	1,946	16	0	36
Trade agency	468	464	112	20	13	20	0	297	2	0	4
Banking	105	72	2	2	1	7	1	44	28	0	20
Loan broking	221	219	27	3	6	21	0	149	12	0	3
Insurance	90	71	0	0	0	1	0	7	57	9	16
Insurance broking	436	427	88	35	17	22	0	255	12	0	7
Transport and communications	1,355	1,307	225	27	19	135	0	917	12	0	20
Other services	16,681	16,395	772	168	298	1,912	1	12,888	379	1	262
Hotels and catering	764	760	73	16	22	65	0	580	3	0	5
Other economic sector	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31,907	31,270	3,433	608	679	3,605	3	22,485	616	10	468

HS = head office, ZN = branch office, VVaG = Insurance assoc's - Status: 31.12.2005.

Small traders (Not registered companies without business premises)

Total	Retail trade	General Services	Wholesale and trade agencies	Hotels and catering	Banking and insurance	Transport and communication	Industry and building	others
91,955	20,354	44,494	5,743	6,239	5,648	4,094	3,574	1,809

Company registrations and insolvencies in the Chamber's region

	2005	2004	Change in %
Company registrations	26,403	27,750	-4.9
- of which new registrations	22,999	24,065	-4.4
Company deregistrations	20,252	19,472	4.0
Company insolvencies	1,531	1,707	-10.3
Consumer insolvencies	2,314	1,831	26.4

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW

→ Manufacturing industry in the Chamber's region

Manufacturing industry*								
Administrative district	Employees			Total sales				
	2005	2004	Change in %	in mill. Euro		Change in %	Share in %	
Cologne	58,342	60,057	-2.9	26,030	26,269	-0.9	49.6	
Leverkusen	16,902	19,683	-14.1	7,355	8,423	-12.7	14.0	
Rhein-Erft-District	23,578	23,741	-0.7	10,702	8,998	18.9	20.4	
Oberbergisch District	30,858	31,645	-2.5	5,888	5,667	3.9	11.2	
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	13,844	14,032	-1.3	2,529	2,481	1.9	4.8	
IHK Cologne region	143,524	149,158	-3.8	52,504	51,838	1.3	100.0	
NRW	1,335,749	1,366,852	-2.3	331,185	317,541	4.3		

*Companies with 20 and more employees, including construction
Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW

Selected industrial sectors in the Chamber's region

Economic sector	Firms		Employees		Total turnover (in mill. Euro)			Share of sector of total turnover in %
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	Change in %	
Chemicals industry	74	75	26,500	29,338	17,303	17,940	-3.6	33.0
Automotive	27	26	26,479	26,097	11,543	11,160	3.4	22.0
Mechanical engineering	137	141	17,194	17,268	3,612	3,197	13.0	6.9
Electrical engineering ¹⁾	120	122	12,766	13,271	2,466	2,418	2.0	4.7
Metal producing and Processing industry ²⁾	148	151	16,286	16,504	2,784	2,645	5.3	5.3
Rubber and Plastic goods	85	88	8,970	9,780	1,375	1,480	-7.1	2.6
Publishing and printing ³⁾	80	84	7,252	7,542	1,527	1,430	6.8	2.9
Paper industry	17	16	3,215	3,263	808	617	31.0	1.5
Stones and earths ⁴⁾	62	62	4,095	4,388	944	938	0.6	1.8
Coal mining	4	4	2,419	2,440	k. A.	k. A.	-	-
Textile and clothing industry	18	17	883	777	176	144	22.2	0.3
Food industry ⁵⁾	96	95	8,377	8,680	2,806	3,491	-19.6	5.3
Other manufacturing industry	48	48	3,114	3,153	6,218	5,272	17.9	11.8
Construction industry	128	138	5,974	6,657	941	1,106	-14.9	1.8
Manufacturing and construction industries Total	1,044	1,067	143,524	149,158	52,504	51,838	1.3	100.0

1) including manufacture of office machines, data processing equipment and furnishings, precision engineering and optics, etc.

2) including the manufacture of metal goods;

3) including reproduction of sound and data carriers;

4) including glass industry, ceramics;

5) including tobacco processing

k. A. = no answer

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW, own estimates

Export sales 2005*		
Administrative district	Sales (in mill. Euro)	Export quota
Cologne	10,907	42.8
Leverkusen	5,400	73.9
Rhein-Erft-District	3,088	29.2
Oberbergisch District	2,242	38.7
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	911	37.5
IHK Cologne region	22,548	43.7
NRW	124,899	38.7

*excluding construction industry, firms with 20 and more employees
Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW

→ Trade in the Chamber's region

Retail trade companies	In Commercial Register without industrial premises			Small traders (not in the commercial register*)		
	2005	2004	Change in %	2005	2004	Change in %
Selected sectors						
Foodstuffs, beverages, tobacco products	322	317	1.6	2,722	2,726	-0.1
Medical, orthopaedic and cosmetic articles	660	645	2.3	844	816	3.4
Textiles, clothing, shoes, leather goods	395	407	-2.9	1,975	1,852	6.6
Furniture, furnishing articles, housewares	298	298	0.0	1,013	1,002	1.1
Electrical household appliances, radio and TV sets, musical instruments	225	224	0.4	891	879	1.4
Metal goods, paints, builders and DIY supplies	233	232	0.4	932	870	7.1
Books, newsp., magazines, stationery, office supplies	116	114	1.8	566	583	-2.9
Flowers, plants, pet supplies	77	77	0.0	893	886	0.8
Precision-mechanical, photo and optical products, computer, software	347	347	0.0	1,608	1,587	1.3
Watches, jewellery	82	83	-1.2	466	434	7.4
Toys	36	31	16.1	319	287	11.1
Bicycles and access., sport and camping equipment	108	113	-4.4	475	461	3.0
Mail order business	19	17	11.8	207	208	-0.5
Stalls and market suppliers	3	2	50.0	191	212	-9.9
Retail trade from warehouse, door-to-door sales, motor sale	12	12	0.0	22	26	-15.4
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories, service stations	606	606	0.0	1,640	1,572	4.3
Other retail trade	449	442	1.6	5,695	5,503	3.5
Total retail trade	3,988	3,967	0.5	20,459	19,904	2.8

*Deviations in small traders in 2004 compared to the previous year are due to the increase in founding of „lch-AGs“ and partly unregistered commercial registrations.

Wholesale trade companies

Selected sectors	In Commercial Register without industrial premises			Small traders (not in the Commercial register)		
	2005	2004	Change in %	2005	2004	Change in %
Cereals, feeds and fertilizers, animals	47	49	-4.1	73	70	4.3
Textile raw materials, semi-finished goods, skins etc.	17	19	-10.5	6	5	20.0
Technical chemicals, raw drugs, rubber	120	125	-4.0	38	33	15.2
Solid fuels, petroleum products	38	35	8.6	14	13	7.7
Ores, steel, non-ferrous metals etc.	105	110	-4.5	19	18	5.6
Wood, construction materials, installation materials	438	444	-1.4	226	223	1.3
Scrap, residual materials	39	40	-2.5	42	42	0.0
Foodstuffs, beverages, tobacco	638	618	3.2	352	375	-6.1
Textiles, clothing, shoes, leather goods	245	231	6.1	182	168	8.3
Metal products, furnishing articles	129	121	6.6	96	98	-2.0
Precision mechanical and optical products, jewellery etc.	83	80	3.8	58	62	-6.5
Motor vehicles, machines, technical supplies	1,155	1,210	3.1	624	653	-4.4
Pharmaceutical, cosmetic and similar products	233	224	4.0	98	85	15.3
Paper, printed materials, goods of all kinds	106	112	-5.4	46	49	-6.1
Other wholesale trade	507	495	2.4	489	490	-0.2
Wholesale trade total	3,900	3,823	2.0	2,363	2,384	-0.9

→ Transport

Passenger and freight volumes at Cologne-Bonn Airport

Volume	2005	2004	Change in %
Passengers	9,479,291	8,406,437	12.8
Freight (tons)	650,947	613,296	6.1

Source: Cologne-Bonn Airport

Transshipment of goods in the ports (in 1,000 tons)

Ports	2005	2004	Change in %
Cologne (incl. container)	14,988	14,167	5.8
Wesseling/SDO	3,218	2,997	7.4
Leverkusen/Bayer	2,163	2,130	1.5

Quelle: City of Cologne, SDO Wesseling, Bayer Leverkusen

→ Health services in the Chamber's region

Health services			
	Total	In Commercial Register without industrial premises	Small traders (not in the Commercial register)
Manufacturer of pharmaceutical and cosmetic products	72	63	9
Trade agency and wholesale trade	450	206	244
Pharmacies and specialist retail trade	1,523	667	856
Medical research and development	38	34	4
Consultation for health and industrial health	137	52	85
Hospitals and practices	170	90	80
Other independent activities: Med. chiropody and diet consultation	947	53	894
Transport of patients and emergency services, medical labs	59	50	9
Veterinary medicine	28	2	26
Nursing homes, day centres and nurseries	163	93	70
Mobile social services	397	85	312
Hairdressing and cosmetic salons	1,379	66	1,313
Saunas, solaria, fitness centres etc.	579	92	487
Total	5,942	1,553	4,389

Status: March 2006

→ Tourism in the Chamber's region

Overnight stays			
	Hotel beds offered in each case in Dec. 2005	Overnight stays	
		Total	by foreign guests
Cologne	24,530	4,211,579	1,456,735
Leverkusen	1,557	209,331	64,294
Rhein-Erft-District	5,637	749,050	202,758
Oberbergisch District	6,122	890,368	46,291
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	3,441	404,113	43,386
IHK-Cologne region	41,287	6,464,441	1,813,464

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 2005

Trade fairs and exhibitions				
	Total	Foreign	German	Foreign share in %
Exhibitors/visitors				
Exhibitors	28,448	17,156	11,292	60.3
Additionally represented firms	1,585	969	616	61.1
Visitors	1,376,502	616,153	760,349	44.8

Exhibition space 286,000 sq.m.
Source: Kölnmesse GmbH. Status 2005. Figures are provisional

Tourism and leisure business

	Commercially registered companies 2005				Not commercially registered companies 2005				Total
	Cologne	Rhein-Erft-District	Rhein-Berg-District/ Leverkusen	Oberberg-District	Cologne	Rhein-Erft-District	Rhein-Berg-Kreis/ Leverkusen	Oberberg-District	
Hotel and catering trade									
Hotels, guest houses, boarding houses, Bed and breakfast	174	22	26	17	102	57	40	46	484
Restaurants	153	32	29	6	161	78	72	64	595
Cafés, ice salons, snack bars	36	6	11	2	764	307	233	104	1,463
public houses	120	19	15	7	1,696	526	565	379	3,327
Bars, amusement centres, discotheques, dance halls	28	2	1	2	47	13	11	4	108
Kiosks	1	0	0	0	219	10	42	3	275
Canteens and caterers	41	5	6	5	231	90	56	36	470
Travel sector									
Travel agencies	186	36	30	11	231	85	77	39	695
Tour operator	55	5	7	3	95	22	17	14	218
Coach enterprise	11	12	7	3	14	11	12	7	77
Leisure industry									
Operation of cultural and entertainment facilities	72	7	1	0	397	77	80	14	648
Operation of sports facilities	29	25	16	8	15	20	18	10	141
Saunas, solaria, fitness centres	54	16	13	8	223	102	102	55	573
Sport, betting and lottery business	71	35	30	26	177	71	66	48	524
Total	1,031	222	192	98	4,372	1,469	1,391	823	9,598

➔ Building and living in the Chamber's region

Building permits

Administrative district	Non-residential buildings	Residential buildings with	
		1 and 2 apartments	3 or more apartments
Cologne	15	735	226
Leverkusen	9	138	10
Rhein-Erft-District	51	827	64
Oberbergisch District	79	486	21
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	46	483	48
IHK-Cologne region	200	2,669	369
NRW	3,588	27,292	1,991

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 2005

Commercial rent prices

	Shop 1a location in Euro/sq.m.	Office in top location in Euro/sq.m.	Warehouse/production space in Euro/sq.m.
Cologne			
District 1 Innenstadt	50.00-200.00	10.00-17.00	2.00-4.50
District 2 Rodenkirchen	12.00-35.00	6.00-12.00	2.00-4.50
District 3 Lindenthal	12.00-35.00	6.00-12.00	2.00-4.50
District 4 Ehrenfeld	10.00-30.00	7.00-11.00	2.00-5.00
District 5 Nippes	10.00-30.00	7.00-11.00	2.00-4.50
District 6 Chorweiler	10.00-20.00	6.00-10.00	2.00-4.50
District 7 Porz	10.00-30.00	6.00-11.00	2.00-4.50
District 8 Kalk	10.00-20.00	6.00-10.00	2.00-4.50
District 9 Mülheim	12.00-25.00	6.00-10.00	2.00-5.00
Leverkusen	10.00-25.00	4.50-11.00	2.00-4.00
Leverkusen Opladen	10.00-25.00	4.50-11.00	2.50-5.50
Rhein-Erft-District			
Bedburg (town)	7.00-11.00	5.00-9.00	2.50-5.50
Bergheim (town)	10.00-23.00	5.00-11.00	2.50-5.50
Brühl (town)	20.50-36.00	7.50-11.00	2.50-4.00
Elsdorf (municipality)	7.50-11.00	5.00-9.00	1.50-4.00
Erfstadt (town)	12.50-16.00	5.00-11.00	3.00-5.00
Frechen (town)	12.50-18.50	6.00-11.00	3.50-5.50
Hürth (town)	12.50-16.00	5.00-11.00	3.50-5.50
Kerpen (town)	12.50-16.00	4.00-11.00	2.50-5.50
Pulheim (town)	10.00-23.00	5.00-9.00	2.50-5.00
Wesseling (town)	15.00-27.00	6.00-11.00	2.50-5.00
Oberbergisch District			
Bergneustadt (town)	6.00-10.00	4.00-7.00	1.50-3.75
Engelskirchen (municipality)	6.60-9.00	4.00-6.00	2.00-4.00
Gummersbach (town)	9.00-20.00	4.00-7.50	2.00-4.00
Hückeswagen (town)	8.50-10.50	4.50-7.50	1.50-3.50
Marienhöhe (municipality)	7.00-8.00	3.50-5.00	1.50-3.50
Morsbach (municipality)	9.00-11.50	4.50-9.00	1.50-3.50
Nümbrecht (municipality)	7.00-9.00	4.00-7.50	2.50-4.00
Radevormwald (municipality)	7.50-10.00	4.00-7.50	2.50-4.00
Lindlar (municipality)	6.50-9.00	4.00-6.50	2.00-5.00
Waldbröl (town)	7.50-10.00	2.75-5.50	1.35-3.00
Wipperfürth (town)	10.00-17.50	5.00-7.50	2.00-4.00
Reichshof (municipality)	5.50-6.50	4.00-7.50	3.50-5.00
Wiehl (town)	8.00-15.00	4.00-6.00	1.50-5.00
Rheinisch-Bergisch District			
Bergisch Gladbach (town)	15.00-50.00	7.00-12.00	3.00-4.50
Burscheid (town)	8.00-10.00	3.80-5.50	3.00-4.00
Kürten (municipality)	7.00-9.00	3.50-5.50	2.20-3.50
Leichlingen (town)	10.00-17.50	6.50-10.00	2.00-3.00
Overath (municipality)	9.00-14.00	4.00-6.00	3.00-4.00
Rösrath (municipality)	12.00-20.00	4.00-6.00	3.00-4.00
Wermelskirchen (town)	9.00-11.00	4.00-7.50	2.50-3.50
Odenthal (municipality)	9.00-11.00	4.00-8.00	2.00-3.50

→ Public finances in the Chamber's region

Public finances			
Administrative district	Gross income in 1,000 Euro	Gross expenditure in 1,000 Euro	Debts in 1,000 Euro
Cologne	2,881,405	3,078,122	3,150,005
Leverkusen	326,966	490,864	302,594
Rhein-Erft-District	1,240,481	1,208,865	576,981
Oberbergisch District	753,815	817,161	724,033
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	622,499	652,697	527,460
IHK-Cologne region	5,825,166	6,247,709	5,281,073

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 2004

Selected impersonal tax rates of assessment					
Authority	Trade tax		Land Tax B		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	
Cologne	450	450	500	500	
Leverkusen	460	460	500	500	
Rhein-Erft-District					
Bedburg	460	440	450	391	
Bergheim	450	450	430	430	
Brühl	- *	420	- *	370	
Elsdorf	450	430	395	381	
Erfststadt	440	440	400	400	
Frechen	420	420	391	370	
Hürth	420	420	381	381	
Kerpen	460	460	450	450	
Pulheim	420	420	401	401	
Wesseling	403	403	381	381	
Oberbergisch District					
Bergneustadt	430	430	400	400	
Engelskirchen	430	430	391	391	
Gummersbach	430	430	391	391	
Hückeswagen	425	425	391	391	
Lindlar	450	430	410	391	
Marienheide	430	430	391	391	
Morsbach	450	450	400	400	
Nümbrecht	450	450	395	395	
Radevormwald	430	430	395	395	
Reichshof	430	430	391	391	
Waldbröl	430	430	390	390	
Wiehl	420	420	381	381	
Wipperfürth	450	450	410	410	
Rheinisch-Bergisch District					
Bergisch Gladbach	455	450	455	430	
Burscheid	430	415	420	391	
Kürten	430	420	410	400	
Leichlingen	430	430	430	430	
Odenthal	424	424	401	401	
Overath	440	440	410	410	
Rösrath	440	440	410	410	
Wermelskirchen	414	415	381	381	

Quelle: Budget proposal or resolutions of the individual municipal authorities. Status: March 2006
 * Budget proposal was not yet available when going to press

→ Vocational training in the Chamber's region

Distribution of newly registered traineeships according to the key occupations				
Occupation	2005	2004	Difference in %	
Industrial clerk	485	508	-23	-5
Salesman/woman	485	436	49	11
Retail clerk	697	680	17	3
Wholesale and foreign trade clerk	424	488	-64	-13
Automobile clerk	55	67	-12	-18
Bank clerk	352	365	-13	-4
Insurance clerk	317	339	-22	-6
Chef/cook	312	285	27	9
other catering vocation	521	483	38	8
Traffic service clerk	81	90	-9	-10
Freight forwarding clerk	130	141	-11	-8
Skilled employees for warehouse logistics	192	187	5	3
Real estate clerk	84	91	-7	-8
Office communication clerk	370	390	-20	-5
Office clerk	608	603	5	1
Audio-visual media clerk	57	53	4	8
IT system clerk	85	98	-13	-13
Computer science clerk	40	53	-13	-25
Event clerk	99	75	24	32
Other commercial occupations	660	620	40	6
Total commercial	6,054	6,052	2	0
Industrial mechanic	270	304	-34	-11
Technical draughtsman/woman	38	57	-19	-33
Toolmaker	63	38	25	66
Mechatronics technician	93	84	9	11
Skilled employee for event technology	42	45	-3	-7
Automotive mechatronic technician	35	32	3	9
Electronics technician	271	280	-9	-3
IT system electronics technician	98	84	14	17
IT specialist	271	237	34	14
Construction draughtsman/woman	25	24	1	4
Construction industry	73	102	-29	-28
Chemical laboratory assistant	62	61	1	2
Chemical worker	135	134	1	1
Media designer, digital and print media	135	120	15	13
Media designer, image and sound	80	74	6	8
Textile industry	14	7	7	100
Other industrial occupations	540	586	-46	-8
Total industrial-technical	2,245	2,249	-4	0
Total commercial and industrial-technical	8,299	8,301	-2	0

Training and further education in figures

	2005	2004
Trainee contracts		
In a total of 194 training occupations	22,742	22,555
Commercial	15,366	14,942
Industrial-technical	7,376	7,613
Participants in examinations		
Final examinations in 114 training occupations	10,866	10,463
Commercial candidates	7,510	7,290
Industrial-technical candidates	3,356	3,173
Intermediate examinations	7,102	6,792
Commercial	5,046	4,904
Industrial-technical	2,056	1,888
Commercial further education examinations in 33 special areas	3,090	3,345
Examinations according to the Instructor's Aptitude Ordinance	1,096	1,177
Foreign language examinations	303	374
Business management IHK	115	127
Industrial-technical further education examinations in 19 special areas	1,083	1,000
Industrial and specialist foreman examinations	394	381
Technical management	185	137
Total number of examinations	20,828	22,777
Active training facilities	5,016	4,806
Registered trainers	6,934	6,904
Examination boards		
Training	385	338
Further education	106	111
Members of the examining boards		
Training	4,270	3,488
Further education	1,357	1,313
Training advisers		
Company visits	23	19
	2,658	4,549
Recognition of foreign educational certificates		
Equivalence of qualifications	108	136
Voluntary statements	97	114
Further education consulting sessions		
Person-oriented	6,415	5,896
Company-oriented	5,748	5,139
	667	757

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