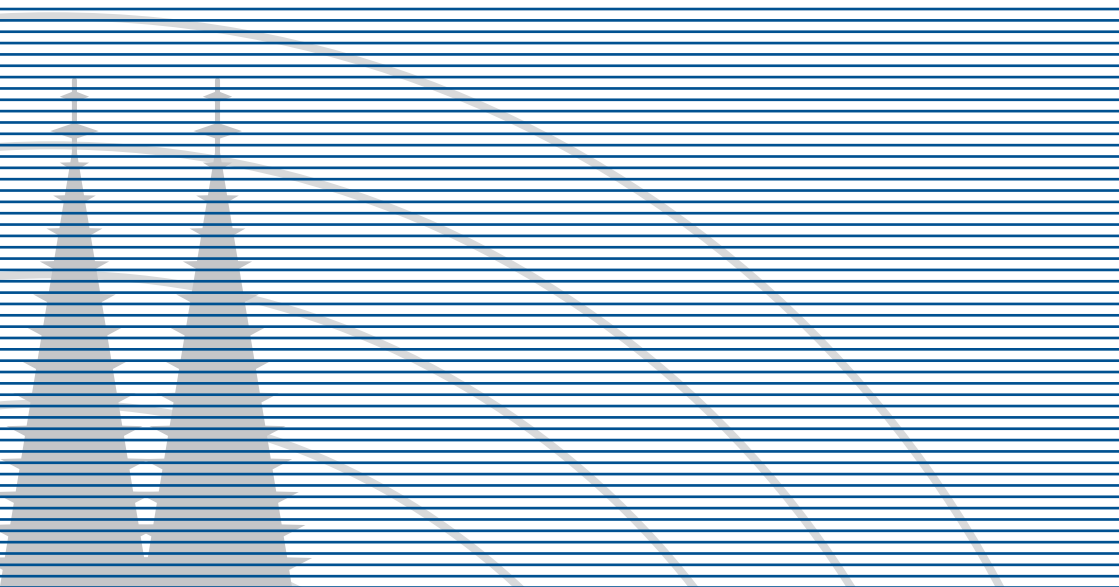




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Cologne Economic Region 2008

Statistical overview



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The Cologne Chamber of Commerce and Industry offers you an extensive range of data on the economic region of Cologne as well as on the cities of Cologne and Leverkusen and for the districts of Oberberg, Rhein-Erft and Rhein-Berg.

An initial overview as well as more detailed publications can be found on the Internet at:

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

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► The IHK region in brief ...

Gross domestic product	2005 in million euros 69,361	Change on previous year (nominal) 0.4%	Change in NRW 1.6%
Gross domestic product per employed person	2005 in million euros 61,855	Change on previous year 0.2%	Change in NRW 1.7%
Population	As at 30/06/2007 2,182,928	Change on previous year 0.2%	Change in NRW -0.2%
Registered companies and small traders	2008 134,373	Companies on the commercial register 34,297	Change all Companies 2.9%
Employed persons subject to social insurance contributions	2006 751,560	Change on previous year -0.2%	Change in NRW 8.4%
Unemployment rate	2007 10.1%	Status on previous year 11.8%	NRW 9.5%
New business registrations	2007 25,261	Change on previous year -1.8%	Change in NRW -3.1%
Insolvencies	2007 1,143	Change on previous year -28.1%	Change in NRW -15.4%
Purchasing power per person (Index=100)	figure for 2008 Cologne 109.0	NRW 101.8	Germany 100.0

Source: Federal Employment Agency, GfK Nurnberg, IHK Cologne, Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 2008

The economic region of Cologne in figures

The cities of Cologne and Leverkusen and the three districts of Oberberg, Rhein-Berg and Rhein-Erft make up the region of the Cologne Chamber of Commerce and Industry. With its high business potential, skilled workforce and the purchasing power of its 2.2 million inhabitants, this economic region's impact extends far beyond its borders. A dense transport network of highways, railways, waterways and air routes ensures that Cologne is one of the major hubs in Europe. At the same time, business is extremely versatile here. There is a productive blend of large, medium-sized and small companies and a healthy mix of different sectors. The diversity ranges from automotive and mechanical engineering to chemicals and biotechnology, from insurance companies and trade to IT companies and the media.

The main data for the Cologne economic region has been compiled by IHK Köln in this brochure. It contains the current population statistics for county boroughs and rural districts as well as a breakdown of the approx. 135,000 companies within the IHK region by figures and sectors. The brochure provides information on the development of the major industrial sectors as well as their export sales. Information on tourism, business rents and public finances, employment and training complete the spectrum.

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► Area and population in the Chamberg's region

Area and population					
Administrative district	Area		Population		
	sq.km.	Share in %	Absolute	Share in %	Population per sq.km.
Cologne	405.16	15.9	991,395	45.4	2,446.9
Leverkusen	78.85	3.1	161,340	7.4	2,046.2
Oberberg District	918.56	36.1	287,749	13.2	313.3
Rhein-Erft-District	704.54	27.7	463,698	21.2	658.2
Rhein-Berg District	437.55	17.2	278,746	12.8	637.1
IHK Cologne region	2,544.66	100.0	2,182,928	100.0	857.8
NRW	34,086.01		18,009,453		528.4

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: 30.06.2007

Population trend						
Administrative district	Natural Population trend			Migration		
	Births	Deaths	Balance	Inward migr.	Outward migr.	Balance
Cologne	9,534	9,217	317	50,452	44,371	6,081
Leverkusen	1,351	1,563	-212	6,623	6,302	321
Oberberg District	2,389	2,929	-540	12,909	13,802	-893
Rhein-Erft-District	3,698	4,351	-653	25,684	24,747	937
Rhein-Berg District	2,182	2,640	-458	13,491	13,469	22
IHK Cologne region	19,154	20,700	-1,546	109,159	102,691	6,468
NRW	149,925	183,741	-33,816	767,054	762,658	4,396

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: 2006

Age structure								
Administrative district	Age from... to under... years							total
	under 6	6 - 16	16 - 18	18-25	25-45	45-65	65a. over	
Cologne	52,686	86,441	18,684	82,001	329,830	241,610	178,514	989,766
Leverkusen	8,644	15,838	3,518	12,440	44,663	41,092	35,141	161,336
Oberberg District	16,139	34,411	7,587	24,179	78,018	72,360	55,711	288,405
Rhein-Erft-District	24,472	49,129	10,637	35,257	130,286	126,619	86,747	463,147
Rhein-Berg District	15,125	31,209	6,761	19,595	72,814	74,984	58,170	278,658
IHK Cologne region	117,066	217,028	47,187	173,472	655,611	556,665	414,283	2,181,312
NRW	954,330	1,914,370	425,983	1,452,546	5,064,539	4,662,769	3,554,208	18,028,745

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 2006

► Employment in the IHK Cologne region

Employed persons subject to social insurance contributions

Economic sectors	2006	2005	Changes in %
Agriculture and Forestry; Fisheries	3,721	3,695	0.7
Manufacturing industry	192,646	199,804	-3.6
of which: manufacturing sector	148,060	153,874	-3.8
mining and energy and water supply	11,365	11,339	0.2
construction sector	33,221	34,591	-4.0
Trade	125,054	124,602	0.4
Hospitality sector	21,661	21,594	0.3
Transport and telecommunications	50,936	49,962	1.9
Other services	357,499	353,484	1.1
of which: banking and insurance	46,046	46,734	-1.5
real estate and housing	123,289	116,810	5.5
supply of other public services	188,164	189,940	-0.9
Without details of business sector	43	75	-42.7
Total	751,560	753,216	-0.2
NRW	5,560,958	5,556,270	0.1

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: 30.06.2006/30.06.2005.

Employed persons subject to social insurance contributions by sectors

Administrative district	Agriculture and forestry, fisheries	Manufacturing and construction sectors*	Service
Cologne	0.2%	17.0%	81.8%
Leverkusen	0.3%	34.0%	64.8%
Oberberg District	0.7%	45.4%	52.7%
Rhein-Erft-District	1.1%	27.1%	67.1%
Rheinisch-Bergisch District	1.2%	30.2%	68.1%
IHK Cologne region	0.5%	24.1%	73.9%
NRW	0.8%	30.0%	67.3%

* excluding Mining, Energy and Water supply. Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: 30.06.2006.

Employment*

Administrative district	Unemployed	Rate**
Cologne	60,151	11.8
Leverkusen	8,998	11.0
Oberberg District	10,513	7.3
Rhein-Erft-District	20,872	9.0
Rhein-Berg District	11,369	8.1
IHK Cologne region	111,902	10.1
NRW	854,744	9.5

*Annual average values **Unemployment rate as a percentage of all non-public sector employable persons. Source: Federal Agency for Employment. Status: 2007.

Commuters

Administrative district	Incoming commuters	Outward commuters	Commuter Balance
Cologne	208,408	82,496	125,912
Leverkusen	29,585	23,859	5,726
Oberberg District	19,552	25,597	-6,045
Rhein-Erft-District	47,774	79,846	-32,072
Rhein-Berg District	27,831	52,364	-24,533
IHK Cologne region	333,150	264,162	68,988

Balance incoming - outgoing commuters. Source: Federal Agency for Employment. Status: 2006. Provisional figures.

► Economic performance in the IHK Cologne region

Gross domestic product and gross value added (GVA) by economic sectors

Administrative district	Gross domestic product at market prices (in million euros)			GVA according to economic sector 2005 (in million euros)				GDP per employed person (in euros)
	2005	2004	Change in %	Manufacturing industry	Services sectors total	Trade, hospitality and transport	Financing, leasing, company service providers	
Cologne	39,554	39,717	-0,4	6,767	28,898	7,624	12,827	62,380
Leverkusen	6,122	6,309	-3,0	2,800	2,717	795	1,114	74,831
Oberberg District	6,897	6,724	2,6	2,641	3,542	705	1,586	54,227
Rhein-Erft-District	11,281	10,983	2,7	3,309	6,816	2,337	2,439	64,822
Rhein-Berg District	5,508	5,363	2,7	1,216	3,722	797	1,652	52,833
IHK Cologne region	69,361	69,096	0,4	16,733	45,695	12,258	19,618	61,855
NRW	487,123	479,445	1,6	127,582	309,277	80,646	128,732	57,807

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: August 2006.

Purchasing power according to GfK and POS sales

Administrative district	Purchasing power		POS sales 2007	
	Million euros	Index (D=100)	Million euros	Index (D=100)
Cologne	20,220	109.0	6,906	136.2
Leverkusen	3,320	109.8	921	110.8
Oberberg District	5,354	99.1	1,343	89.9
Rhein-Erft-District	9,524	109.8	1,995	83.6
Rhein-Berg District	6,428	123.1	1,444	100.4
NRW	343,788	101.8	96,157	103.3
Germany	1,542,100	100.0	425,000	100.0

Source: GfK Nürnberg. Status: 2008.

Purchasing power: Sum of all net incomes per region;

POS sales (point of sale - formerly retail sales): Retail sales per region,

refer to www.ihk-koeln.de, section: Standortpolitik/Zahlen, Daten und Statistiken.

Business climate indicators

	Situation			Expectations		
	Good	Poor	Situation indicator	Better	Poorer	Expectation indicator
Autumn 2000	32.6	14.9	17.7	38.6	11.8	26.8
Beginning of 2001	35.5	14.5	21	34.6	13.7	20.9
Spring 2001	32	14.9	17.1	33.8	19.8	14
Autumn 2001	23.2	21.1	2.1	32.5	17.2	15.3
Beginning of 2002	24.6	24.1	0.5	31.1	27.5	3.6
Spring 2002	18.2	29.2	-11	22.4	40.3	-17.9
Autumn 2002	14.0	37.7	-23.7	34.4	20.5	13.9
Beginning of 2003	14.0	36.4	-22.4	23.5	35.7	-12.2
Spring 2003	15.6	31	-15.4	17.6	42.9	-25.3
Autumn 2003	17.3	31.6	-14.3	33.8	18.9	14.9
Beginning of 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
Beginning of 2005	25.4	19.9	5.6	27.3	15.2	12
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
Beginning of 2006	27.5	19.1	8.3	29.9	12.0	18.0
Spring 2006	35.9	14.2	21.7	32.4	10.3	22.1
Autumn 2006	35.6	13.1	22.5	28.5	19.3	9.2
Beginning of 2007	45.8	8.6	37.2	27.9	12.2	15.7
Spring 2007	47.8	8.2	39.6	31.2	8.1	23.2
Autumn 2007	42.1	10.7	31.4	26.8	12.9	14.0
Beginning of 2008	45.2	9.1	36.1	21.2	15.5	5.7

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

Source: IHK Cologne. Status: January 2008.

► Transport

Passenger and freight volumes at Köln Bonn Airport

Volume	2007	2006	Change in %
Air passengers	10,474,952	9,907,736	5.7
Freight (in tonnes)	719,417	698,273	3.0

Source: Cologne Bonn Airport. Status: 2007

Cargo handling at ports (in 1,000 tons)

Ports	2007	2006	Change in %
Cologne (incl. Container)	15,963	15,640	2.1
Wesseling/SDO	2,941	2,920	0.7
Leverkusen/Chemion	2,160	2,119	1.9

Source: City of Cologne, SDO Wesseling, Bayer Leverkusen. Status: 2007.

► Companies in the IHK Cologne region

Companies register in the commercial register (without branches)											
Business sector	HS+ZN	HS total	Sole trader	OHG	KG	GmbH & Co.KG	KGaA	GmbH	PLC	WaG	Othes
Agriculture and Forestry; Fisheries	179	176	37	3	13	12	0	111	0	0	3
Industry and Construction	3,792	3,691	354	87	93	628	0	2,507	51	0	72
Energy and Water supply	81	79	4	2	1	24	0	43	4	0	3
Wholesale trade	4,053	3,882	373	76	67	460	0	2,887	35	1	154
Retail trade	3,885	3,753	1,323	158	111	329	1	1,861	13	0	89
Trade agencies	419	409	97	22	9	17	0	260	2	0	12
Banking	108	75	4	2	2	9	1	47	19	0	24
Loan brokers	225	220	31	4	10	21	0	140	12	0	7
Insurance companies	83	61	0	0	0	0	0	7	49	8	19
Insurance brokers	456	442	99	34	17	28	0	251	12	0	15
Transport and telecommunications	1,358	1,289	209	21	16	139	0	914	11	0	48
Other services	18,733	18,183	850	162	317	2,286	1	14,051	410	2	654
Hospitality sector	852	829	91	21	22	78	0	603	3	0	34
Other economic sector	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34,224	33,089	3,472	592	678	4,031	3	23,682	621	11	1,134

HS = Head office, ZN = Branch office, OHG = General partnership, KG = Limited partnership, GmbH & Co KG = Limited partnership with limited liability company as general partner, KGaA = Company limited by shares, GmbH = Limited liability company, WaG = Mutual insurance company

Small traders (companies without branches and not registered)									
Total	Retail trade	General services	Wholesale trade and trade agency	hospitality sector	Banking and insurance	Transport and telecommunication	Industry and construction	Other	
97,612	20,661	49,111	5,515	6,192	5,886	4,110	3,949	2,188	

Source: IHK Cologne. Status: 31/12/2007.

Company registrations and insolvencies			
	2007	2006	Change in %
New business registrations	25,261	25,723	-1.8
of which new registrations	21,199	21,873	-3.1
Company deregistrations	20,255	20,690	-2.1
Company insolvencies	1,143	1,590	-28.1
Consumer insolvencies	2,684	2,676	0.3

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: 2007.

► Manufacturing Industry in the IHK Cologne region

Manufacturing industry*							
	Employees			Total turnover			
	2007	2006	Change in %	2007	2006	Change in %	Share in %
Administrative district							
Cologne	50,034	50,321	-0.6	27,253	25,116	8.5	49.8
Leverkusen	14,424	14,209	1.5	7,435	6,797	9.4	13.6
Oberberg District	28,369	27,325	3.8	6,851	6,081	12.7	12.5
Rhein-Erft-District	20,889	21,209	-1.5	10,717	10,425	2.8	19.6
Rhein-Berg District	12,179	12,091	0.7	2,419	2,520	-4.0	4.4
IHK Cologne region	125,895	125,155	0.6	54,675	50,939	7.3	100.0
NRW	1,177,625	1,167,033	0.9	337,670	312,605	8.0	

* Companies with 50 and more employees, including the construction sector with 20 and more employees.

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: 2007.

Selected industrial sectors

Business sector	Companies		Employees		Total sales (in million euros)			Share of sectors in total turnover in %
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	Change in %	
Chemicals industry	49	49	22,973	23,048	16,966	15,937	6.5	31.0
Automotive	22	22	25,308	25,346	13,829	12,245	12.9	25.3
Mechanical engineering	66	64	15,272	14,862	4,222	3,587	17.7	7.7
Electrical engineering ¹⁾	59	57	10,967	10,697	2,400	2,335	2.8	4.4
Metal producing and processing industry ²⁾	82	74	14,446	13,923	3,452	2,753	25.4	6.3
Rubber and Plastic goods	50	52	7,975	7,789	1,449	1,318	9.9	2.7
Printing and Publishing ³⁾	29	32	4,990	5,354	1,115	1,238	-9.9	2.0
Paper industry	15	15	2,913	3,001	929	900	3.3	1.7
Stone and earth ⁴⁾	11	12	3,162	3,184	821	788	4.2	1.5
Coal mining	4	4	2,524	2,466	n. a.	n. a.	-	-
Food industry ⁵⁾	36	37	6,663	6,840	2,150	2,474	-13.1	3.9
Other manufacturing industry	28	28	3,197	3,137	6,377	6,465	-1.4	11.7
Construction industry	116	120	5,505	5,508	965	899	7.3	1.8
Manufacturing and construction sectors Total	567	566	125,895	125,155	54,675	50,939	7.3	100.0

1) Including the manufacture of office machinery, data processing devices and equipment, precision engineering and optics, etc.;

2) Including the manufacture of metal products;

3) Including the reproduction of audio and data media;

4) Including glass industry, ceramics;

5) Including tobacco processing

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Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW, in-house calculations. Status: 2007.

Export Sales*

Administrative district	Export sales (in million euros)	Export quota
Cologne	13,065	49.0
Leverkusen	5,265	71.4
Oberberg District	2,930	43.3
Rhein-Erft-District	3,431	32.5
Rheinisch-Bergischer District	955	40.2
IHK Cologne region	25,647	47.8
NRW	143,307	43.6

* Excluding construction sector, companies with 50 and more employees in the manufacturing industry.
Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: 2007.

► Trade in the IHK Cologne region

Retail companies

Selected sectors	Registered companies without branch offices			Small traders (not in commercial register*)		
	2007	2006	Change in %	2007	2006	Change in %
Food, beverages, tobacco	303	302	0.3	2,560	2,658	-3.7
Medical, orthopaedic & cosmetic articles	663	667	-0.6	858	844	1.7
Textiles, clothing, shoes, leather goods	367	366	0.3	2,044	2,015	1.4
Furniture, furnishings, house wares	295	294	0.3	1,014	1,021	-0.7
Electric household appliances, radio and TV sets, musical instruments	213	220	-3.2	975	916	6.4
Metal products, paints, building, DIY materials	223	225	-0.9	994	996	-0.2
Books, newspapers, magazines, stationery, office supplies	111	116	-4.3	536	540	-0.7
Flower, plants, pet products	80	80	0.0	905	918	-1.4
Precision engineered, photographic and optical products, computers, software	328	346	-5.2	1,530	1,563	-2.1
Clocks, jewellery	86	83	3.6	518	478	8.4
Toys	33	34	-2.9	345	324	6.5
Bicycles and accessories, sports and camping articles	108	108	0.0	487	478	1.9
Mail order companies	23	21	9.5	221	220	0.5
Stalls and market suppliers	3	3	0.0	181	190	-4.7
Warehouse retail trade, door-to-door sales, sales from delivery vehicles	11	12	-8.3	17	20	-15.0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories, service stations	614	599	2.5	1,726	1,680	2.7
Other retail trade	441	452	-2.4	5,843	5,887	-0.7
Total	3,902	3,928	-0.7	20,754	20,748	0.03

Source: IHK Cologne. Status: 31/12/2007.

Wholesale companies

	Registered companies with branch offices			Small traders (not in commercial register)		
	2007	2006	Change in %	2007	2006	Change in %
Selected sectors						
Grain, animal feed and fertilisers, animals	52	49	6.1	69	71	-2.8
Textile raw materials, semi-finished goods, skins etc.	16	16	0.0	6	6	0.0
Technical chemicals, raw drugs, rubber	122	128	-4.7	34	37	-8.1
Solid fuels, mineral oil products	43	38	13.2	17	16	6.3
Ores, steel, non-ferrous metals and similar	124	112	10.7	16	18	-11.1
Timber, building materials, plumbing supplies	422	427	-1.2	212	219	-3.2
Scrap, residual materials	46	45	2.2	65	53	22.6
Food, beverages, tobacco	617	639	-3.4	337	348	-3.2
Textiles, clothing, shoes, leather goods	258	261	-1.1	168	182	-7.7
Metal products, furnishings	148	127	16.5	84	93	-9.7
Precision eng. and optical products, jewellery and similar	80	83	-3.6	53	50	6.0
Vehicles, machines, technical supplies	1,250	1,194	4.7	626	601	4.2
Pharmaceutical, cosmetic and similar products	245	236	3.8	89	93	-4.3
Paper, printed materials, various kinds of materials	111	106	4.7	44	45	-2.2
Other wholesale trade	534	504	6.0	428	465	-8.0
Total	4,068	3,965	2.6	2,248	2,297	-2.1

Source: IHK Cologne. Status: 31/12/2007.

► Health Services in the IHK Cologne region

Health Service

	Registered companies with branch offices			Small traders (not in commercial register)		
	2007	2006	Change in %	2007	2006	Change in %
Selected sectors						
Manufacturer of pharmaceutical and cosmetic products	73	67	9.0	8	7	14.3
Trade agencies and wholesale trade	219	212	3.3	257	237	8.4
Pharmacies and specialist retail trade	655	663	-1.2	872	859	1.5
Medical research and development	41	39	5.1	3	4	-25.0
Health and safety consultants	62	56	10.7	82	82	0.0
Hospitals and surgeries	105	102	2.9	79	85	-7.1
Other self-employed activities:						
Medical chiropody and nutrition consultants	54	52	3.8	859	914	-6.0
Patient transport, ambulance services, Medical laboratories	63	53	18.9	7	7	0.0
Veterinary medicine	2	2	0.0	40	40	0.0
Care homes, day centres and nurseries	101	97	4.1	70	75	-6.7
Mobile social services	100	96	4.2	581	427	36.1
Hairdressing and beauty salons	77	74	4.1	1459	1437	1.5
Saunas, solariums, fitness centres and similar	98	96	2.1	623	531	17.3
Total	1,650	1,609	2.5	4,940	4,705	5.0

Source: IHK Cologne. Status: 31/12/2007.

► Tourism in the IHK Cologne region

Overnight stays				
Administrative district	Hotel beds provided	Overnight stays		Average occupancy of the beds provided in %
		total	by foreign visitors	
Cologne	24,784	4,480,211	1,585,412	48.2
Leverkusen	1,545	223,964	56,040	39.8
Oberberg District	6,178	886,963	45,337	39.2
Rhein-Erft-District	6,303	767,007	202,747	36.1
Rhein-Berg District	3,719	468,284	50,142	34.6
IHK-Cologne region	42,529	6,826,429	1,939,678	

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics NRW. Status: 2007.

Tourism and leisure sector									
	Companies in commercial register in 2007 with branch offices				Small traders in 2007 (not commercially registered companies)				
	Cologne	Oberberg-District	Rhein-Erft-District	Rhein-Berg Dist./Leverkusen	Cologne	Oberberg-District	Rhein-Erft-District	Rhein-Berg Dist./Leverkusen	Total
Hospitality sector									
Hotels, guesthouses, boarding houses, Bed and Breakfast	177	19	21	31	99	45	66	41	499
Restaurants	161	7	33	34	150	68	86	66	605
Cafes, ice cream parlours, snack bars	48	5	11	10	848	119	334	246	1,621
Public houses	137	8	19	12	1,601	357	505	544	3,183
Bars, amusement centres, nightclubs, dance halls	31	1	1	3	47	8	13	13	117
Kiosks	3	0	0	0	192	3	9	59	266
Canteens and caterers	43	6	6	9	248	37	93	59	501
Travel sector									
Travel agents	187	11	32	34	241	42	89	84	720
Tour operators	56	3	8	7	98	20	27	20	239
Coach operators	12	3	10	6	12	8	10	14	75
Leisure sector									
Operating cultural and entertainment facilities	71	0	8	4	487	20	90	84	764
Operation of sports facilities	30	8	25	16	12	13	21	20	145
Saunas, solariums, fitness centres	58	7	19	14	287	85	130	121	721
Sports, gambling and lottery	69	24	44	30	176	41	71	66	521
Total	1,083	102	237	210	4,498	866	1,544	1,437	9,977

Source: IHK Cologne. Status: 31/12/2007.

Trade fairs and exhibitions

Exhibitors/Visitors	Total	Foreign	Domestic	Share of foreign companies in %
Exhibitors	30,400	18,200	12,200	59.9
Other companies represented	1,400	700	700	50.0
Visitors	1,561,000	542,000	1,019,000	34.7

Exhibition area 284,000 sq. mtrs. Source: Koelnmesse GmbH. Status: 2007. Provisional figures

► Information and communication industry (ITC) in the IHK Cologne region

ITC companies

Economic sectors	2007	2006	Change in %
Manufacturer	31	30	3.3
Telecommunications installation	102	97	5.2
Trade	3,322	3,268	1.7
Telecommunications services	196	179	9.5
Data processing	6,995	6,806	28
IT training	171	180	-5.0
Total	10,817	10,560	2.4
of which telecommunication companies	539	488	10.5

Source: IHK Cologne. Status: March 2008

► Building and living in the IHK Cologne region

Planning permissions

Administrative district	Non-residential buildings	Residential Buildings with	
		1 and 2 flats	3 flats or more
Cologne	14	858	22
Leverkusen	7	212	10
Rhein-Erft-District	79	224	13
Oberberg District	63	542	43
Rhein-Berg District	48	392	24
IHK-Cologne region	211	2,228	112
NRW	3.891	17.922	1.578

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: 2007.

Commercial rental prices

	Shop premises in prime location Euro/m ²	Shop premises in good location Euro/m ²	Warehouse/Production area Euro/m ²
Cologne			
Borough 1 City Centre	50.00 - 200.00	11.00 - 18.00	2.00 - 5.00
Borough 2 Rodenkirchen	12.00 - 35.00	6.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 5.00
Borough 3 Lindenthal	12.00 - 35.00	7.00 - 13.00	2.00 - 5.00
Borough 4 Ehrenfeld	10.00 - 30.00	7.00 - 11.00	2.00 - 5.00
Borough 5 Nippes	10.00 - 30.00	7.00 - 11.00	2.00 - 5.00
Borough 6 Chorweiler	10.00 - 20.00	6.00 - 10.00	2.00 - 5.00
Borough 7 Porz	10.00 - 30.00	6.00 - 11.00	2.00 - 5.00
Borough 8 Kalk	10.00 - 25.00	6.00 - 10.00	2.00 - 5.00
Borough 9 Mülheim	12.00 - 25.00	6.00 - 10.00	2.00 - 5.00
Leverkusen	10.00 - 25.00	5.00 - 10.00	2.00 - 4.50
Oberberg District			
Bergneustadt (town)	4.00 - 11.00	4.00 - 7.00	1.50 - 3.50
Engelskirchen (village)	4.00 - 9.00	4.00 - 6.00	1.50 - 3.50
Gummersbach (town)	9.00 - 30.00	4.00 - 8.00	2.00 - 4.00
Hückeswagen (town)	5.00 - 10.00	4.00 - 7.00	1.50 - 3.50
Marienheide (village)	6.00 - 10.00	3.50 - 5.00	1.50 - 3.50
Morsbach (village)	4.00 - 8.00	3.50 - 6.00	1.50 - 3.50
Nümbrecht (village)	5.00 - 10.00	3.50 - 7.50	2.00 - 4.00
Radevormwald (village)	5.00 - 10.00	4.00 - 7.50	2.00 - 3.50
Lindlar (village)	5.00 - 10.00	4.00 - 7.00	1.50 - 3.00
Waldbröl (town)	5.00 - 10.00	3.50 - 6.00	1.50 - 3.00
Wipperfürth (town)	5.00 - 15.00	4.00 - 7.00	1.50 - 3.00
Reichshof (village)	5.00 - 9.00	3.50 - 6.00	1.50 - 3.00
Wiehl (town)	5.00 - 15.00	4.00 - 8.00	1.50 - 3.00
Rhein-Erft-District			
Bedburg (town)	5.00 - 10.00	4.00 - 8.00	1.50 - 4.00
Bergheim (town)	10.00 - 20.00	5.00 - 10.00	2.50 - 4.00
Brühl (town)	20.50 - 36.00	5.00 - 10.00	2.50 - 4.00
Elsdorf (village)	5.00 - 10.00	4.00 - 8.00	1.50 - 4.00
Erfstadt (town)	12.50 - 16.00	5.00 - 10.00	2.50 - 4.00
Frechen (town)	12.50 - 20.00	6.00 - 11.00	2.50 - 5.00
Hürth (town)	12.50 - 16.00	5.00 - 11.00	2.50 - 5.00
Kerpen (town)	12.50 - 16.00	5.00 - 10.00	2.50 - 4.00
Pulheim (town)	10.00 - 23.00	5.00 - 9.00	2.50 - 4.50
Wesseling (town)	12.50 - 18.50	5.00 - 10.00	2.50 - 4.50
Rhein-Berg District			
Bergisch Gladbach (town)	15.00 - 50.00	5.50 - 12.00	2.50 - 5.00
Burscheid (town)	6.00 - 12.00	4.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 4.00
Kürten (village)	6.00 - 10.00	3.50 - 6.00	2.00 - 4.00
Leichlingen (town)	5.00 - 15.00	4.00 - 8.00	2.00 - 4.00
Overath (village)	6.00 - 15.00	4.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 4.00
Rösrath (village)	6.00 - 20.00	4.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 4.00
Wermelskirchen (town)	6.00 - 15.00	4.00 - 7.50	2.00 - 4.00
Odenthal (village)	6.00 - 12.00	4.00 - 8.00	2.50 - 3.50

► Public finance in the IHK Cologne region

Public finances			
Administrative district	Gross revenue (in 1,000 euros)	Gross expenditure (in 1,000 euros)	Debts (in 1,000 euros)
Cologne	3,366,476	3,889,626	3,042,792
Leverkusen	417,257	540,391	291,072
Rhein-Erft-District	1,358,106	1,294,836	624,406
Oberberg District	738,665	828,861	734,282
Rhein-Berg District	730,760	777,264	501,935
IHK-Cologne region	6,611,264	7,330,978	5,194,487

Source: Regional Office for Data Processing and Statistics, NRW. Status: 2006.

Business rates				
Local Authority	Business rates		Tax on land and buildings	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Cologne	450	450	500	500
Leverkusen	460	460	500	500
Oberberg District				
Bergneustadt	430	430	410	400
Engelskirchen	430	430	391	391
Gummersbach	430	430	391	391
Hückeswagen	440	440	395	395
Lindlar	450	450	410	410
Marienhöhe	440	430	400	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
Rhein-Erft District				
Bedburg	460	460	450	450
Bergheim	450	450	430	430
Brühl	430	430	390	390
Elsdorf	450	450	395	395
Ertstadt	440	440	400	400
Frechen	420	420	391	391
Hürth	420	420	381	381
Kerpen	460	460	450	450
Pulheim	420	420	401	401
Wesseling	403	403	381	381
Rhein-Berg District				
Bergisch Gladbach	455	455	455	455
Burscheid	430	430	420	420
Kürten	430	430	410	410
Leichlingen	430	430	430	430
Odenthal	424	424	401	401
Overath	440	440	410	410
Rösrath	440	440	410	410
Wermelskirchen	410	410	381	381

Source: Local authority budgets. Status: March 2008.

► Vocational training in the IHK Cologne region

Distribution of newly registered apprenticeships in the key occupations				
Occupations	2007	2006	Difference	Changes in %
Industrial clerk	543	496	47	9
Shop assistant	690	488	202	41
Retail clerk	848	742	106	14
Wholesale and export trade clerk	478	461	17	4
Bank clerk	336	370	-34	-9
Insurance and finance clerk	316	293	23	8
Chain catering specialist	98	62	36	58
Hotel clerk	358	330	28	8
Chef	386	325	61	19
Other hospitality trade	205	171	34	20
Travel agent	94	96	-2	-2
Transport and logistics clerk	156	150	6	4
Warehouse logistics specialist	254	201	53	26
Warehouse clerk	209	162	47	29
Office administrator	682	591	91	15
Office communications clerk	438	326	112	34
Audio-visual media clerk	50	40	10	25
Property clerk	125	98	27	28
IT systems clerk	80	84	-4	-5
IT clerk	31	40	-9	-23
Event management clerk	125	98	27	28
Other commercial occupations	766	674	92	14
Commercial total	7,268	6,298	970	15
Industrial mechanic	296	285	11	4
Machine and plant operator	60	47	13	28
Draughtsman	43	43	0	0
Tool maker	45	57	-12	-21
Mechatronics technician	103	84	19	23
Skilled employee for event management	53	40	13	33
Automotive mechatronics technician	32	30	2	7
Electronics technician	269	238	31	13
Electronics technician for IT systems	83	72	11	15
IT specialist	303	277	26	9
Architectural draughtsman	32	25	7	28
Construction industry	113	83	30	36
Chemical laboratory assistant	45	38	7	18
Chemical worker	129	132	-3	-2
Media designer for digital and print media	125	134	-9	-7
Media designer for image and sound	104	65	39	60
Other industrial occupations	664	546	118	22
Industrial/technical total	2,499	2,196	303	14
Commercial and industrial/technical total	9,767	8,494	1,273	15

Source: IHK Cologne. Status: 31/12/2007.

Training and development		
	2007	2006
Apprenticeships		
total in 198 occupations requiring formal training	24,317	23,101
commercial	16,840	15,857
industrial-technical	7,477	7,250
Number of people taking exams		
Final examinations in 142 occupations requiring formal training	10,098	10,247
commercial	7,015	7,121
industrial-technical	3,083	3,126
Intermediate examinations	7,439	7,761
Commercial	6,080	6,349
Industrial-technical	1,359	1,412
Exams for advanced training in 33 commercial fields	1,904	2,877
Business management IHK	92	109
Technical management	203	169
Foreign language examinations	282	294
Advanced training exams in 19 industrial-technical fields	364	954
Industrial foreman and foreman in specialist field	479	372
Examinations with regard to instructor qualifications regulations	1,188	1,207
Examinations on specialist knowledge in road haulage and transport of passengers	383	225
Examinations in specialist knowledge in the security sector (34 a GewO)	502	621
Insurance broker	290	n. a.
Total number of examinations	23,224	23,892
Companies actively training apprentices	5,905	5,159
Active instructors	7,225	6,937
Examination boards		
Training	412	405
Further training	90	94
Members of examination boards		
Training	4,381	4,335
Further education	1,335	1,314
Arbitration	91	103
Training adviser	24	23
Company visits	3,644	3,066
Instruction		
Instruction in the restaurant sector in accordance with clause 4 paragraph 1 no. 4	688	1,000
Instruction in the security sector (34 a GewO)	470	643
Advice on further training	14,678	8,536
Person-related	11,470	6,834
Company-related	3,208	1,702
Courses and seminars		
Number	305	340
Participants	5,733	8,777

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