

# FrankfurtRheinMain

A Future-Ready Region  
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# The heart of the German and European economy beats in the FrankfurtRheinMain Metropolitan Region.



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# 8.3%

of the gross value added in Germany is generated in FrankfurtRheinMain.

This is where life thrives and business prospers: FrankfurtRheinMain is one of the most international, high-performing, and liveable business locations in Europe. Our metropolitan region combines global connectivity with regional strength, economic excellence with attractive leisure opportunities, and urban dynamism with cultural and natural diversity. With its 18 districts and seven independent cities – including two state capitals – across the three federal states of Bavaria, Hesse and Rhineland-Palatinate, it is the ideal location for companies, talent, and investment. More than 450,000 companies are based in FrankfurtRheinMain. People from over 180 nations study, conduct research, and work here to shape the future together. We have compiled further key figures about the region for you on the following pages.



# We attract people from across Germany and around the world

**83.5 million**

inhabitants

**357,684 km<sup>2</sup>**

area

**€ 3.51 trillion**

gross value added



**5.8 million**

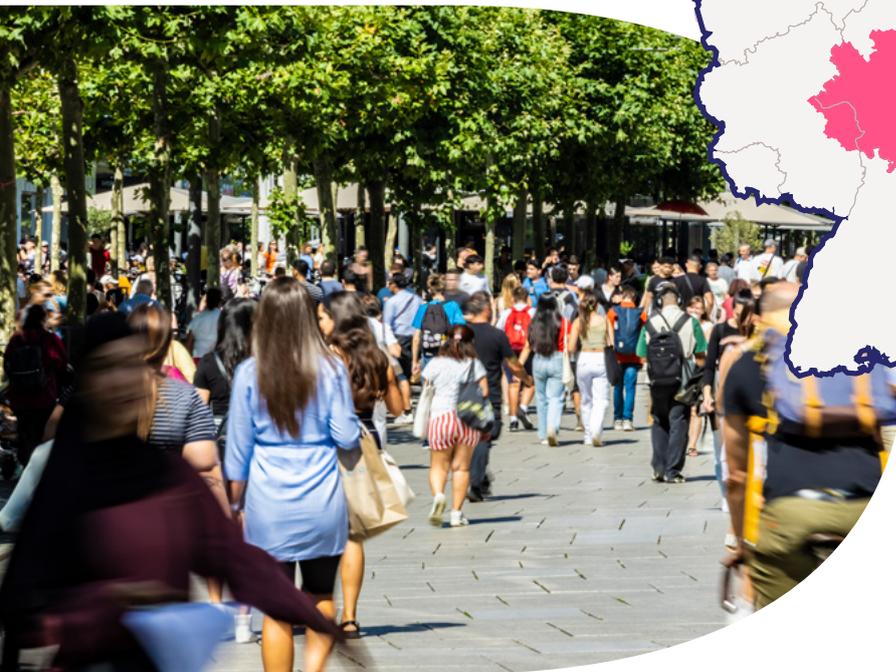
inhabitants

**14,753 km<sup>2</sup>**

area

**€ 292.0 billion**

gross value added



Metropolitan regions exert a powerful attraction on people. They are centres of change that open up new opportunities. FrankfurtRheinMain is popular both nationally and internationally as a place to live, study, and work. People from over 180 nations live together in our metropolitan region. While population density is 233 per square kilometre across Germany, it is as high as 394 per square kilometre in FrankfurtRheinMain. In the core cities of Aschaffenburg, Darmstadt, Frankfurt am Main, Mainz, Offenbach am Main, and Wiesbaden, the average population density is as high as 2,092 per square kilometre.

Where so many different people come together in close proximity, entirely new ideas emerge. It is therefore no coincidence that FrankfurtRheinMain is home to numerous global market

leaders and hidden champions as well as renowned universities, internationally recognised research institutes, and major national and European institutions.

Although FrankfurtRheinMain accounts for only around 4% of the total area of Germany, it generated 8.3% of German gross value added (GVA) in 2022. This is driven not only by the many domestic and international companies based here but also by the growing number of employees subject to social security contributions. Although our metropolitan region has a higher proportion of settlement and transport areas than Germany as a whole, it is remarkably green. Workplaces, friends and family, leisure activities and excursion destinations: in FrankfurtRheinMain, everything is close at hand.

## How is the approximately **1.5 million hectares** of land in FrankfurtRheinMain used?

	FRANKFURTRHEINMAIN		GERMANY	
<b>Settlement area</b>	162,696 ha.	11.0 %	3,393,402 ha.	9.5 %
including residential building area	74,978 ha.	5.1 %	1,424,890 ha.	4.0 %
including industrial- and commercial areas	29,538 ha.	2.0 %	633,813 ha.	1.8 %
including outdoor recreation	23,913 ha.	1.6 %	541,458 ha.	1.5 %
<b>Roads and railways</b>	103,903 ha.	7.0 %	1,813,975 ha.	5.1 %
<b>Vegetation</b>	1,186,429 ha.	80.4 %	29,736,107 ha.	83.1 %
including agricultural land	613,547 ha.	41.6 %	17,989,145 ha.	50.3 %
including forestry	549,125 ha.	37.2 %	10,688,592 ha.	29.9 %
<b>Lakes and rivers</b>	22,308 ha.	1.5 %	824,809 ha.	2.3 %
<b>Total area<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,475,334 ha.</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>35,768,293 ha.</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

## Our annual gross value added (GVA): **€ 292.0 billion**

ECONOMIC SECTOR	FRANKFURTRHEINMAIN NOMINAL GVA	FRM'S SHARE OF GERMANY'S GVA IN PERCENT	GERMANY NOMINAL GVA
<b>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</b>	1,250 Mio EUR	3.5 %	35,673 Mio EUR
<b>Industry<sup>2</sup></b>	64,729 Mio EUR	6.2 %	1,042,947 Mio EUR
including manufacturing	44,123 Mio EUR	6.2 %	714,822 Mio EUR
including construction	13,791 Mio EUR	6.9 %	201,103 Mio EUR
<b>Services<sup>3</sup></b>	226,028 Mio EUR	9.3 %	2,431,008 Mio EUR
of which wholesale and retail trade, transportation, accommodation and food service activities, information and communication	73,453 Mio EUR	9.6 %	767,979 Mio EUR
of which financial and insurance activities, real estates activities	99,744 Mio EUR	11.3 %	883,855 Mio EUR
of which public and other service activities, education, human health and social work activities	52,831 Mio EUR	6.8 %	779,174 Mio EUR
<b>Total<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>292,007 Mio EUR</b>	<b>8.3 %</b>	<b>3,509,628 Mio EUR</b>
GVA per inhabitant in Euro	49,790 EUR		41,882 EUR

1 Minor differences are due to rounding; as of Dec. 2023

2 German Classification of Economic Activities, Edition 2008 - sections B to F

3 German Classification of Economic Activities, Edition 2008 - sections G to T

4 as of 2022



# 2,573,440 employees subject to social security contributions



IN FRANKFURTRHEINMAIN IN 2024

TREND OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS

Agriculture, forestry and fishing	10,429 persons	+ 6.4 %	↗
Industry <sup>1</sup>	531,235 persons	- 2.9 %	↘
including manufacturing	358,365 persons	- 6.8 %	↘
including construction	135,133 persons	+ 5.6 %	↗
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	330,629 persons	- 0.3 %	↘
of which wholesale, retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	47,944 persons	+ 0.3 %	↗
of which wholesale trade	123,397 persons	- 0.2 %	↘
of which retail trade	159,288 persons	- 0.6 %	↘
Transportation and storage	193,538 persons	+ 6.6 %	↗
Accommodation and food service activities	81,819 persons	- 1.7 %	↘
Further services <sup>2</sup>	1,425,777 persons	+ 11.0 %	↗
of which information and communication	130,382 persons	+ 15.6 %	↗
of which financial and insurance activities	154,841 persons	+ 9.8 %	↗
of which real estate activities	29,967 persons	+ 16.7 %	↗
of which professional, scientific and technical activities; other administrative and support service activities	438,972 persons	+ 9.0 %	↗
of which human health and social work activities	323,667 persons	+ 11.4 %	↗
of which other service activities	347,948 persons	+ 11.5 %	↗
of which not classifiable	* persons <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,573,440 persons</b>	<b>+ 5.5 %</b>	<b>↗</b>

- 1 German Classification of Economic Activities, Edition 2008 - sections B to F
- 2 German Classification of Economic Activities, Edition 2008 - sections J to U
- 3 anonymised



# Central transport and logistics hub: FrankfurtRheinMain is a gateway to the world

Transport routes are the lifelines of a business location: They connect the urban centres and rural areas of the region and link FrankfurtRheinMain with destinations in Germany and abroad. FrankfurtRheinMain is one of the most important transport hubs in Germany and Europe. In our metropolitan region, people and goods reliably reach their destinations.

## 2.6 million commuters

travelled daily on the roads and railways of the Rhine-Main area in 2024. Efficient mobility is a key factor in enabling people to commute between home and work whenever remote working is not an option. FrankfurtRheinMain is a region of short distances. A dense road and rail network combined with a well-developed public transport system connects our metropolitan region. In addition to daily commuters, business travellers, tourists, and commercial and delivery traffic can also rely on quickly reaching their destinations.



## 61.6 million passengers

travelled through Frankfurt Airport in 2024. This represents an increase of **3.7%** compared with the previous year and accounts for **29.1%** of all passengers at German commercial airports. Frankfurt Airport is the leading cargo airport and the sixth-largest passenger airport in Europe. It is the global leader in hub connectivity. In 2024, **99** airlines served **311** destinations in **98** countries from Frankfurt. With Frankfurt Airport, Frankfurt-RheinMain enjoys a key locational advantage from which companies in our metropolitan region benefit both directly and indirectly.



**Further figures for Frankfurt Airport in 2024:**

**Air freight and airmail:  
2.1 million tonnes**

(+6.2% compared with the previous year, accounting for 42.9% of all German commercial airports)

**Aircraft operations per year:  
440,853 take-offs and landings**

(2.4% compared with the previous year, accounting for 21.2% of all German commercial airports)

**Aircraft operations per day:  
1,208 take-offs and landings**

(2.4% compared with the previous year, accounting for 21.2% of all German commercial airports)

# 500,000 rail passengers

and well over **1,000** trains used Frankfurt Central Station every day in 2024. It is one of the most important rail hubs in Germany and connects FrankfurtRheinMain with national and international destinations. Passengers can access Intercity (IC), Intercity-Express (ICE), Interregio, and EuroCity (EC) services at **18** stations across the metropolitan region. Amsterdam, Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, Leipzig, Stuttgart, Milan, Munich, Paris, or Zurich – from FrankfurtRheinMain, major cities in Germany and across Europe are within easy reach by train or car.



# 7 Inland ports

# 370,000 vehicles

cross the Frankfurter Kreuz interchange every day. It is one of the busiest road junctions in Europe. Numerous federal motorways, including major European transport corridors such as the A7, A5, A3, A45, and A67, intersect in FrankfurtRheinMain.

are located in the Rhine-Main area. Goods are handled not only at Frankfurt Airport and the freight terminals of our metropolitan region but also at the inland ports in Aschaffenburg, Frankfurt am Main (three ports), Hanau, Gernsheim, and Mainz. The Rhine is the busiest inland waterway in the world. With the Rhine and the Main, two of the most important inland waterways in Europe run directly through our metropolitan region. Both rivers connect the inland ports in Frankfurt-RheinMain with the seaports in the Netherlands. Heading south, vessels can reach the Black Sea via the Main-Danube Canal.



# Major business meeting point and international trading hub

As the geographical centre of Germany and Europe, FrankfurtRheinMain has long been a traditional centre for trade and trade fairs. Frankfurt am Main in particular has been a place of free trade for many centuries. Trade fairs have been documented in the Main metropolis since 1150. The Frankfurt Trade Fair quickly developed into one of the most important trade fairs in Europe.

Not only leading trade fairs, but also important congresses, exhibitions and events attract large flows of visitors to our metropolitan region – including, for example, the See-Conference, one of the largest creative conferences in Germany, the Real Estate Congress Frankfurt-RheinMain baut!, the German Mobility Congress and the Impact Festival, Europe's largest B2B event for sustainable innovations.



## 207 trade fairs, exhibitions, congresses, and events

are held at the Frankfurt exhibition centre alone each year. In 2024, **1,066,673** visitors – **500,850** from abroad – attended to see **35,870** exhibitors, **26,361** of whom travelled from abroad to present to an international audience. In total, the Frankfurt exhibition centre offers **1,113,019 m<sup>2</sup>** of net exhibition space, including special display areas. Messe Frankfurt also organises **107** events abroad each year. In addition to the Frankfurt exhibition centre, numerous other trade fair, congress, and event venues across our metropolitan region bring together people from around the world.



## Leading trade fairs in FrankfurtRheinMain

**Achema** – the world's leading trade fair for the process industries in chemical engineering, process engineering, and biotechnology

**Ambiente** – the world's leading trade fair for consumer goods

**Automechanika** – the leading international trade fair for the automotive industry for equipment, parts, accessories, management, and services

**Christmasworld** – the world's leading trade fair for seasonal decorations and festive ornaments

**CPHI** – one of the most influential and recognised trade fairs for the pharmaceutical industry

**EUROBIKE** – international trade fair for bicycles and e-bikes as well as urban and future mobility

**FI Europe** – the leading trade fair for food ingredients

**formnext** – the leading international trade fair for additive manufacturing technologies

**Frankfurt Book Fair** – the leading book fair and global marketplace for printed and digital content

**Heimtextil** – the largest international trade fair for home and contract textiles

**IFFA** – the world's leading trade fair for innovations in process technology for meat and alternative proteins

**ILM** – the world's leading trade fair and order platform for leather goods

**ISH** – the leading international trade fair for sanitation and heating

**IMEX** – the world's leading trade fair for incentive travel, meetings, and events

**Light + Building** – the world's leading trade fair for lighting and building services technology

**Optatec** – the international trade fair for optical technologies, components, and systems

**Prolight + Sound** – the platform for innovation, exchange, and experiences in event technology

**Techtextil** – the leading international trade fair for technical textiles and nonwovens

**Texcare International** – the world's leading trade fair for the laundry, dry-cleaning, and textile rental sector

**Texprocess** – the leading international trade fair for the processing of textile and flexible materials

# World Design Capital 2026

The city of Frankfurt am Main and the Rhine-Main region hold the title "World Design Capital 2026". Under the motto "Design for Democracy. Atmospheres for a better life", initiatives and projects are being developed to strengthen cohesion within the metropolitan region and improve quality of life. The title is awarded every two years by the World Design Organization to cities and metropolitan regions to support their commitment to promoting design in economic, social, cultural, and environmental fields. Up to 2,000 creative events are planned in FrankfurtRheinMain for 2026.



# One of the most dynamic knowledge and innovation regions in Europe

FrankfurtRheinMain is a recognised knowledge and innovation region. It combines a strong research and higher education landscape with global economic strength. Within a highly interconnected area, academia, businesses, and start-ups work closely together. The exceptionally high level of knowledge transfer is one of the hallmarks of our metropolitan region. Thanks to its excellent connectivity and high quality of life, it attracts bright and creative minds from around the world and has become an innovation hub with global reach.

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## cluster and network initiatives

strengthen the competitiveness of the Frankfurt-RheinMain business location. One of the most well-known: The Rhein-Main-Neckar software cluster, which links the two neighbouring Rhine-Main and Rhine-Neckar metropolitan regions, is one of the world's leading locations for the ICT and high-tech industry and the "Silicon Valley" of Europe for software development.

### Key sectors of the cluster and network initiatives

**Automation** (mechanical engineering, electronics, mechatronics)

**Automotive** (vehicle manufacturing, supplier industry)

**Chemicals, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology**

**Consulting** (legal, tax, and management consulting)

**Financial services** (banking, insurance)

**Healthcare industries** (medical technology, life sciences, healthcare services)

**Information and communication technology**

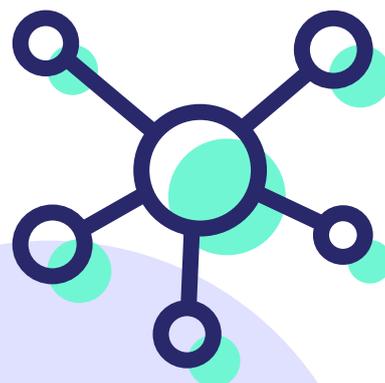
**Creative industries**

**Logistics and transport**

**Aerospace engineering**

**Materials technology**

**Environment and energy**



## DE-CIX the world's largest commercial internet exchange

is located in Frankfurt am Main and celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2025. As a central hub of global data traffic, DE-CIX ensures stable, secure, and high-speed data flows. It not only forms the backbone of the global digital infrastructure but also serves as a flagship for the innovative strength of the entire Frankfurt-RheinMain metropolitan region. Our region is also one of the fastest-growing data centre markets in Europe – with Frankfurt am Main as Europe's data centre capital.

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## renowned top-level research institutions

are based in the FrankfurtRheinMain metropolitan region. These include **6** Fraunhofer Institutes, **7** institutions of the Leibniz Association, **9** Max Planck Institutes, and **1** Helmholtz Institute as well as the Paul Ehrlich Institute and the Sigmund Freud Institute. They are complemented by interdisciplinary centres of excellence such as the "Houses of ...", which bring together basic research and practical application as well as economic and political requirements. These include the House of Finance, the House of Digital Transformation, the House of Logistics and Mobility (HOLM), and the House of Pharma & Healthcare.

Other well-known institutions in our metropolitan region include ATHENE National Research Centre for Applied Cybersecurity, the German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence, and the German Meteorological Service.



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## universities and higher education institutions

- 6** universities (public and private)
- 21** universities of applied sciences (public and private)
- 6** theological higher education institutions
- 3** universities of the arts
- 2** universities of public administration

The renowned universities of applied sciences, universities, and academies in our metropolitan region successfully train the skilled professionals and future leaders of tomorrow from around the world. The dual vocational training system is also highly regarded worldwide. In a dual study programme, students alternate between periods at university and in a company, thereby gaining practical professional experience alongside their academic studies. In addition to academic education, vocational training offers the opportunity for an independent life with strong career prospects. FrankfurtRheinMain has around **11,500** training companies in the skilled trades sector and around **11,200** training companies in the commercial and industrial sector.

# 235,635

students were enrolled in FrankfurtRheinMain in the 2023/2024 winter semester.



# 38,878 apprenticeship contracts in the commercial and industrial sector

as of 2024

<b>Industrial occupations:</b>	<b>14,416 trainees</b>
of which metal:	5,636 trainees
of which electrical engineering:	5,631 trainees
of which mining and quarrying:	586 trainees
of which chemistry, physics, biology:	1,637 trainees
of which printing:	578 trainees
of which other occupations:	348 trainees
<b>Commercial occupations:</b>	<b>24,462 trainees</b>
of which Industrial clerk:	1,979 trainees
of which trade:	7,458 trainees
of which bank clerk:	1,386 trainees
of which insurance clerk:	821 trainees
of which accommodation and food service activities:	2,898 trainees
of which transportation and storage:	1,706 trainees
of which other occupations:	7,909 trainees
of which special jobs by BBiG:	305 trainees



# 10,526 continuing professional development examinations conducted by the Chambers of Commerce and Industry

as of 2024

<b>Industrial-technical occupations:</b>	<b>1,869 examinations</b>
of which bachelor professionals (CCI) in the industrial sector ('Industriemeister'):	1,120 examinations
of which bachelor professionals (CCI) in the technical sector ('Fachmeister'):	311 examinations
of which other occupations (industrial-technical):	438 examinations
<b>Commercial and related occupations:</b>	<b>2,589 examinations</b>
of which master professionals (CCI) in the commercial sector ('Betriebswirte'):	176 examinations
of which bachelor professionals (CCI) in the commercial sector ('Fachkaufleute'):	238 examinations
of which bachelor professionals (CCI) in the commercial sector ('Fachwirte'):	1,740 examinations
of which other occupations (commercial):	435 examinations
<b>Trainer aptitude examination:</b>	<b>6,068 examinations</b>





## 21,885 apprenticeship contracts in the skilled trades and crafts sector\*

as of 2024

Building and interior finishing trade:	3,413 trainees
Electrical and metalworking trades:	12,602 trainees
Woodcrafts:	1,164 trainees
Clothing, textiles and leather crafts and trade:	116 trainees
Food crafts and trades:	564 trainees
Health and personal care trades as well as the chemical and cleaning sector:	2,244 trainees
Graphic design:	179 trainees
Office/commercial occupations:	1,434 trainees
Apprenticeships for people with disabilities:	169 trainees



## 8,155 continuing professional development examinations conducted by the Chambers of Skilled Crafts\*

as of 2024

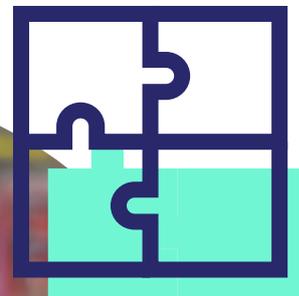
Journeyman's examination	5,546 examinations
Master craftsman examination	1,669 examinations
Further training examination	688 examinations
Trainer aptitude examination	252 examinations



\* District: Darmstadt, Frankfurt am Main, Offenbach am Main and the counties of Bergstraße, Darmstadt-Dieburg, Groß-Gerau, Hochtaunus, Main-Taunus, Offenbach and Odenwald

# Businesses and sector structures: strong entrepreneurial diversity

FrankfurtRheinMain is a dynamic business location and home to small enterprises, medium-sized family businesses, and global corporate headquarters. FrankfurtRheinMain is known as a European financial centre and as a key location for biotechnology, the pharmaceutical, chemical, automotive, and plastics industries as well as for the IT, insurance, and consulting sectors. Our key strength lies in our unique sectoral diversity: It makes our business location particularly competitive and resilient.



# Member companies of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry<sup>1</sup>

ECONOMIC SECTOR		CCI AB <sup>2</sup>	CCI DA <sup>2</sup>	CCI FFM <sup>2</sup>	CCI FD <sup>2</sup>	CCI GI <sup>2</sup>	CCI HU <sup>2</sup>	CCI LM <sup>2</sup>	CCI RH <sup>2</sup>	CCI OF <sup>2</sup>	CCI WI <sup>2</sup>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing		226	532	170	143	438	198	97	348	67	222
Industry <sup>3</sup>		3,238	5,610	8,617	1,322	4,304	2,814	1,390	3,769	3,289	3,566
incl.	Manufacturing	1,543	2,828	2,484	570	1,642	1,345	422	1,404	1,766	1,401
	Construction	1,120	1,918	5,110	294	1,748	1,096	561	1,147	1,523	1,918
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles		8,440	17,768	20,225	4,112	13,409	7,180	3,362	8,418	9,018	7,749
of which	Wholesale, retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	853	2,017	1,749	501	1,653	811	516	970	848	848
	Wholesale trade	1,318	4,372	6,371	607	2,257	1,812	655	2,062	3,066	2,032
	Retail trade	6,269	11,379	12,105	3,004	9,499	4,557	2,191	5,386	5,104	4,869
Transportation and storage		740	2,835	4,209	351	1,128	976	237	1,111	1,695	952
Accommodation and food service activities		1,589	3,586	5,247	871	2,221	1,368	608	2,149	1,785	1,967
Further services <sup>4</sup>		16,240	37,812	66,773	7,928	24,743	14,809	7,133	26,350	20,508	21,659
of which	Information and communication	1,479	4,573	8,322	748	2,362	1,452	318	2,694	2,524	2,468
	Financial and insurance activities	1,348	2,570	6,882	910	1,865	1,363	719	2,225	1,866	1,643
	Real estate activities	1,724	4,153	8,737	822	2,188	1,552	620	3,397	2,317	1,940
	Professional, scientific and technical activities; other administrative and support service activities	8,176	19,323	32,901	3,693	13,381	7,430	3,155	13,452	10,039	11,142
	Human health and social work activities	588	1,303	1,959	296	751	588	198	789	1,374	935
	Other service activities	2,925	5,890	7,972	1,459	4,196	2,424	2,123	3,793	2,388	3,531
<b>Total<sup>5</sup></b>		<b>30,473</b>	<b>68,143</b>	<b>105,241</b>	<b>14,727</b>	<b>46,243</b>	<b>27,345</b>	<b>12,827</b>	<b>42,145</b>	<b>36,362</b>	<b>36,115</b>

1 CCI member companies include companies registered in the Commercial Register, small trades, permanent establishments and registered cooperative companies. As of January 2025.

2 CCI AB = CCI Aschaffenburg, CCI DA = CCI Darmstadt Rhein Main Neckar, CCI FFM = CCI Frankfurt am Main, CCI FD = CCI Fulda, CCI GI = CCI Gießen-Friedberg, CCI HU = CCI Hanau-Gelnhausen-Schlüchtern, CCI LM = CCI Limburg, CCI RH = CCI Rheinhessen, CCI OF = CCI Offenbach am Main, CCI Wi = CCI Wiesbaden

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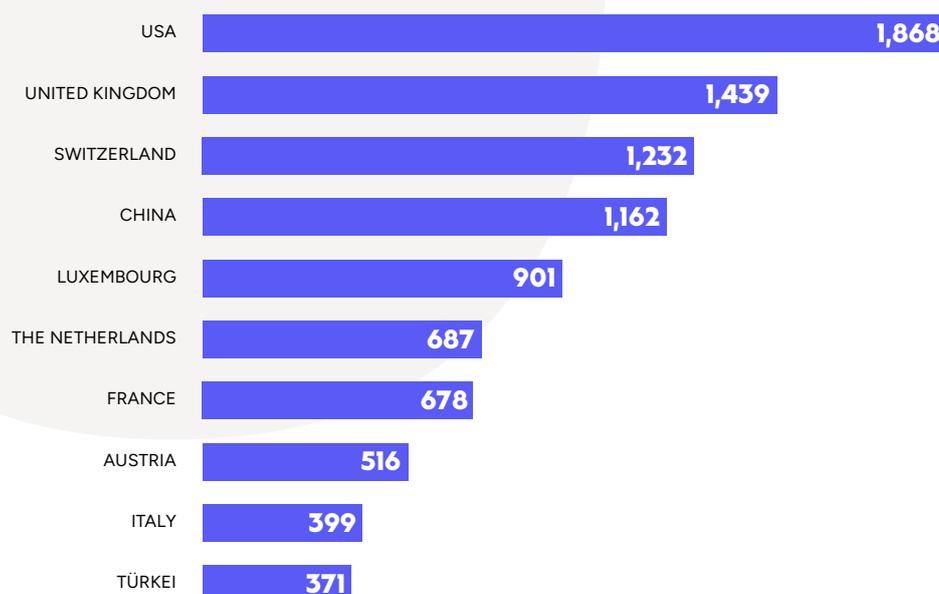
# Member companies of the Chambers of Skilled Crafts<sup>1</sup>

	CSC FRANKFURT- RHEINMAIN	CSC KASSEL	CSC RHEIN- HESSEN	CSC UNTER- FRANKEN	CSC WIES- BADEN
Numbers of businesses by the end of 2023	33,642	3,060	8,094	6,139	27,144
of which					
Crafts requiring a license	19,009	2,091	4,676	3,842	17,351
License-free crafts	10,350	698	2,346	1,480	6,890
Crafts-like trades	4,283	271	1,072	817	2,903

## TOP 10 countries<sup>2</sup>, whose companies have branches in Frankfurt-RheinMain



Thanks to its central location and international outlook, the FrankfurtRheinMain metropolitan region is the ideal base for foreign companies seeking excellent access to the European market.



<sup>1</sup> District: Darmstadt, Frankfurt am Main, Offenbach am Main and the counties of Bergstraße, Darmstadt-Dieburg, Groß-Gerau, Hochtaunus, Main-Taunus, Offenbach and Odenwald

<sup>2</sup> as of Q1 2025



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## start-up centres and co-working spaces

support start-ups in turning their business ideas into reality within our metropolitan region. These include TechQuartier in Frankfurt am Main, which supports the development of the FrankfurtRheinMain region as a central FinTech hub in Germany and Europe, the HUB31 Technology and Start-up Centre in Darmstadt, which provides office and workshop space for technology-oriented start-ups; Heimathafen in Wiesbaden, which supports impact-driven start-ups, InnovationLabz in Mainz, which offers laboratory and office space for biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and life sciences companies, and the Digital Start-up Centre Aschaffenburg, which focuses on digital and innovative business models.

# National and European institutions



Metropolitan regions perform central functions. A gateway function: As centres of trade with excellent accessibility, they enable the swift and seamless exchange of goods, knowledge, and information while offering a wealth of talent and expertise. An innovation and competitiveness function: Cultural diversity and the high concentration of universities and research institutions foster the growth of clusters, networks, and new business models in key future-oriented sectors. And a decision-making and oversight function: Major political and economic institutions choose metropolitan regions as their headquarters or key branch locations – as do large internationally and multinationally active companies.

## Selection of key institutions in FrankfurtRheinMain

Deutsche Bundesbank

Deutsche Börse, including the Frankfurt Stock Exchange

Securities supervision of the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin)

European Central Bank (ECB)

European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB)

European Space Operations Centre (ESOC)

European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)

European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)

European Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA)



# FrankfurtRheinMain is one of the most liveable regions in the world

Unique cultural and natural landscapes from three federal states come together in FrankfurtRheinMain to form a cohesive whole. This makes our metropolitan region one of the most diverse travel and local recreation destinations in Germany and Europe.



# 573,000

hectares of forest and recreational areas

were available in our metropolitan region for sport, leisure, and relaxation in 2023. This corresponds to almost **40%** of the total area of FrankfurtRheinMain. For those wishing to get out into nature: Nature parks and local recreation areas such as the Odenwald, the Spessart, the Taunus, and the Vogelsberg volcanic region are close by. A walk through the idyllic vineyards of the Rheingau or along the Bergstraße can be followed by a tasting of regional wines. Variety and enjoyment are also guaranteed by the culinary offerings of our metropolitan region. These range from authentic restaurants serving regional specialities such as apple wine, Frankfurter sausages, and Handkäse (sour milk cheese) to exclusive bars and clubs to international street food.



In addition, the wide range of leisure activities in FrankfurtRheinMain includes wellness and cultural experiences. Relaxation is offered by the Rhein-Main thermal bath in Hofheim, the Jugendstilbad thermal bath in Darmstadt, and the Kaiser-Friedrich thermal bath in Wiesbaden, among others. Opera, ballet, theatre, concerts, and festivals enrich the events calendar of our metropolitan region alongside the many exhibitions in museums and art galleries.

At **259**  
metres



the tallest completed skyscraper in Frankfurt am Main is the Commerzbank Tower. It is also the tallest skyscraper in Germany and ranks among the highest in Europe. The skyline is undoubtedly an architectural highlight of the Main metropolis. There are also many historic squares and landmarks, including the New Frankfurt Old Town (Dom-Römer Quarter) and St Paul's Church, where the first German National Assembly met and drafted a constitution that later served as an important foundation for the current Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Peter Behrens Building is a jewel of Expressionist architecture in the Höchst Industrial Park. The building of the former chemical conglomerate I.G. Farben now forms part of the Westend campus of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main.

#### Other notable architectural and religious buildings in FrankfurtRheinMain:

**Schloss Johannisburg in Aschaffenburg** – until 1803, the second residence of the Archbishops and Electors of Mainz • **Pompejanum in Aschaffenburg** – an ideal reconstruction of a Roman villa • **Schloss Bad Homburg** – residence of the Landgraves of Hesse-Homburg until 1866 and thereafter, the summer residence of the Prussian kings and German emperors • **Residenzschloss Darmstadt** – built in the Renaissance style by Remy de la Fosse between 1716 and 1727 • **Baroque Quarter in Fulda** with Dom St. Salvator and the Stadtschloss – a magnificent residence for the Prince Abbots and Prince Bishops of Fulda • **Michaelskirche in Fulda** – one of the oldest churches in Germany • **Schloss Philippsruhe in Hanau** – the oldest Baroque palace east of the Rhine built in the French style • **Hoher Dom zu Limburg** – a masterpiece of Late Romanesque architecture and cathedral of the Diocese of Limburg • **Hoher Dom St. Martin zu Mainz (Mainzer Dom)** – a landmark of Romanesque architecture with more than 1,000 years of history as the episcopal church of the city • **St. Stephan Mainz** – choir with Chagall windows • **Dom St. Peter zu Worms** – the smallest and most slender of the three Rhenish Imperial Cathedrals • **“Heiliger Sand” in Worms** – the oldest Jewish cemetery in Europe preserved on its original site • **Einhardbasilika in Seligenstadt** – one of the most important churches of the Carolingian period on German soil • **Kurhaus and Kurkolonnade in Wiesbaden** – at 129 m, the longest columned hall in Europe • **Russisch-Orthodoxe Kirche der Heiligen Elisabeth in Wiesbaden** – built on the model of Church of the Saviour in Moscow • **Kloster Eberbach in Eltville am Rhein** – with its Romanesque and Early Gothic buildings the former Cistercian abbey is among the most prominent monuments of European art • **Basilika St. Ägidius in Oestrich-Winkel** – the oldest church in the Rheingau alongside the abbey church of Eberbach



**26**  
notable museums

line the Museumsufer in Frankfurt am Main alone. The particularly high concentration of internationally renowned exhibition venues makes the banks of the Main one of the world's foremost museum locations. It is also home to the Städelsches Kunstinstitut, Germany's oldest and most renowned museum foundation, which exhibits art from the 14th century to the present day. Also located here are the Liebieghaus Skulpturensammlung, one of the world's leading sculpture museums, and the German Architecture Museum. Beyond the Museumsufer, Frankfurt am Main is home to other major exhibition venues such as the Schirn Kunsthalle in the Old Town. The Senckenberg Natural History Museum in the Westend-Süd district is the largest natural history museum in Germany and features one of the most extensive exhibitions of large dinosaur groups in Europe.

#### Other well-known exhibition venues in the metropolitan region:

**Landesmuseum Mainz** – one of the oldest museums in Germany • **Gutenberg Museum in Mainz** – one of the oldest museums of printing and writing in the world • **Museum Wiesbaden** – one of the foremost collections of 19th- and 20th-century art • **Deutsches Ledermuseum in Offenbach am Main** – a unique collection of objects made of leather and related materials from six millennia and five continents • **Kirchnerhaus Museum in Aschaffenburg** – the birthplace and documentation centre of Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, one of the leading figures of Expressionism • **Brüder Grimm Haus in Steinau an der Straße** – one of the largest and most important museums dedicated to the Brothers Grimm • **Hessisches Landesmuseum Darmstadt** – one of the oldest public museums in Germany • **Keltenwelt am Glauberg in Glauburg** – original finds from the princely tombs dating to the 5th century BC

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## UNESCO World Heritage Sites

FrankfurtRheinMain is also home to UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the **Messel Pit**, a former oil shale quarry, where exceptionally well-preserved fossils have been discovered. The most famous among them: the prehistoric horse. The most recent addition is the **Mathildenhöhe in Darmstadt**, which was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2021. It is the most valuable surviving Art Nouveau ensemble in Germany and an important precursor to the Bauhaus. **Kloster Lorsch** in the town of the same name is a former Benedictine abbey that served as a centre of power, learning, and scholarship well into the High Middle Ages. The **SchUM sites** preserve exceptional early and uniquely well-preserved evidence of a living Jewish tradition in Speyer, Worms, and Mainz. The **Limes** is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and runs through FrankfurtRheinMain. The **Upper Middle Rhine Valley** also holds World Heritage status as the epitome of Rhine Romanticism and for its outstanding architectural monuments.

In addition, there is the **UNESCO Geopark Bergstraße-Odenwald**, which covers an area of 3,800 km<sup>2</sup> as well as two UNESCO Memory of the World documents: the **Golden Bull** (the most important constitutional document of the Holy Roman Empire from 1356 to 1806, which regulated the election and coronation of the Roman-German kings) and the **Constitutio Antoniniana** (an early grant of Roman citizenship dating from 212/213).

# 29.6 million overnight stays

were recorded in our metropolitan region in 2024. In the same year, **14.4** million guest arrivals were recorded; the average stay was **2.0** days. **24.5%** of guests came from abroad.



### OUR TIP

#### Discover industrial heritage and traditional crafts



Industry has traditionally played a key role in driving economic growth, innovation, employment, and prosperity in Frankfurt-RheinMain. Around 1,000 sites of local, regional, and national importance form the "Route of Industrial Heritage Rhine-Main". From port and industrial facilities to bridges, railway stations, sewage treatment plants, workers' housing estates, and modern technology parks, the route brings the many living testimonies of industrial production into public awareness. The annual "Days of Industrial Heritage Rhine-Main" provide access to industrial heritage sites that are otherwise closed to the public.

Anyone interested in traditional crafts and wishing to watch true masters at work will find much to discover at the Hessenpark Open-Air Museum in Neu-Anspach. More than one hundred historic buildings illustrate village life in Hesse over past centuries and showcase the craftsmanship of a wide range of trades.

# APPENDIX

## Contacts and sources

### Business relocation, start-ups, and advisory services:

FrankfurtRheinMain GmbH  
International Marketing of the Region  
[www.frm-united.de](http://www.frm-united.de)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Aschaffenburg  
[www.ihk.de/aschaffenburg](http://www.ihk.de/aschaffenburg)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Darmstadt Rhein Main Neckar  
[www.ihk.de/darmstadt](http://www.ihk.de/darmstadt)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Frankfurt am Main  
[www.frankfurt-main.ihk.de](http://www.frankfurt-main.ihk.de)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Fulda  
[www.ihk.de/fulda](http://www.ihk.de/fulda)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Gießen-Friedberg  
[www.ihk.de/giessen-friedberg](http://www.ihk.de/giessen-friedberg)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Hanau-Gelnhausen-Schlüchtern  
[www.ihk.de/hanau](http://www.ihk.de/hanau)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Limburg  
[www.ihk.de/limburg](http://www.ihk.de/limburg)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Offenbach am Main  
[www.offenbach.ihk.de](http://www.offenbach.ihk.de)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
for Rheinhessen  
[www.ihk.de/rheinhessen](http://www.ihk.de/rheinhessen)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Wiesbaden  
[www.ihk.de/wiesbaden](http://www.ihk.de/wiesbaden)

Chamber of Skilled Crafts  
Frankfurt-Rhein-Main  
[www.hwk-rhein-main.de](http://www.hwk-rhein-main.de)

Chamber of Skilled Crafts Kassel  
[www.hwk-kassel.de](http://www.hwk-kassel.de)

Chamber of Skilled Crafts Rheinhessen  
[www.hwk.de](http://www.hwk.de)

Chamber of Skilled Crafts  
for Lower Franconia  
[www.hwk-ufr.de](http://www.hwk-ufr.de)

Chamber of Skilled Crafts Wiesbaden  
[www.hwk-wiesbaden.de](http://www.hwk-wiesbaden.de)

For information on business relocation and investment opportunities, please also contact the economic development agencies of the cities, municipalities, and districts within our metropolitan region. Advisory services at universities and in start-up centres across FrankfurtRheinMain are also available to support start-ups.

The federal states of Bavaria, Hesse, and Rhineland-Palatinate also provide support for start-ups and new business ventures through various platforms as well as funding and financing schemes such as:

[www.gruenderland.bayern](http://www.gruenderland.bayern)  
[www.starthub-hessen.de](http://www.starthub-hessen.de)  
[startupoffice.rlp.de](http://startupoffice.rlp.de)

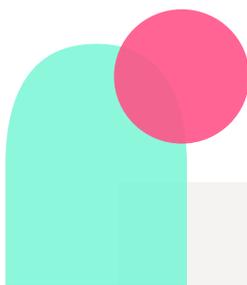
### For skilled professionals moving to FrankfurtRheinMain and the companies supporting them:

FrankfurtRheinMain International  
Office  
[www.find-it-in-frm.de](http://www.find-it-in-frm.de)

In addition, citizens' offices and immigration authorities in each district and city as well as the Employment Agency and migration advisory services provide support. Information on leisure and recreation is available from tourist information centres, city marketing portals, and other sources.

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