

Facts & Figures

The region

5 county districts:

Lahn-Dill District, County District of Giessen, County District of Marburg-Biedenkopf, Vogelsberg District, County District of Limburg-Weilburg

3 major centres:

Giessen, Marburg, Wetzlar

18 medium-sized centres

78 small-sized centres

Region of Central Hesse: 5,381 sqm

Population of the Region of Central Hesse 2008:

1,048,683 inhabitants

Source: Hessian Statistical Office, 2009

Economic power

In 2007, Central Hesse's economic power GDP (Gross Domestic Product) was EUR 27,386 per inhabitant (2005: 25,055 and 2003: 22,844 EUR per inhabitant). Statistically, the gross domestic product has increased steadily over the past several years.

Source: Federal and State Statistical Offices, 2009

Employment

According to 2007 statistics, the majority of employees in Central Hesse work in the service sector. Some 325,700 (68.7 %) of a total of 474,300 persons in employment are active in this sector, while approx. 139,400 persons work in the production industry (29.4 %). A further 1.9 % work in the agriculture and forestry sectors.

Source: Federal and State Statistical Offices, 2009

Unemployment

In 2007, Central Hesse's unemployment rate was at 8.8 % (based on the working population). In comparison, the national employment rate was at 10.1 %.

Source: Federal and State Statistical Offices, 2009

Central Hesse's workforce potential

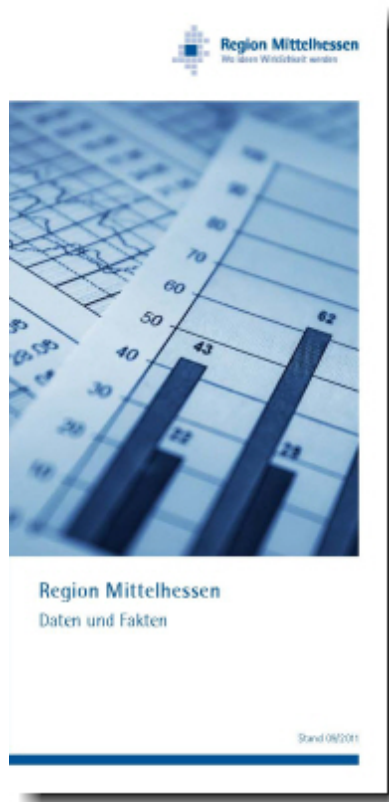
Number of students 2008/2009: 51,817

Number of graduates in 2008: 7,340

58,4 % of all graduates receive diplomas in medicine, pharmaceuticals, business sciences, engineering, process engineering, mathematics, computer sciences, physics and biology.

Source: Hessian Statistical Office, 2009

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