

Tourism

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Tourist information

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Sights

The old waterworks by the river "Lippe"
Technical monument since 1983

Berlin Gate (Berliner Tor)
Only remaining gate of original fort from
1722

"Schill"-monument
Monument to the eleven "Schill'sche"
officers of 1835

**Church of peace named "to the holy
angels"** Church on foundations of a fortress
in Fusternberg 1958

Geographic midpoint of Wesel
Peninsula on the Auesee in the immediate
vicinity of the circular hiking trail

Historical town hall facade
Late Gothic-Flemish style originally from
1476

Luther house
Protestant preaching church from the 17th
century

Bridge "Niederrheinbrücke" Wesel
Steel cable construction from 2009

Castle and castle church Diersfordt
Rebuilt castle from the 1930s and the
castle church built in Rococo style

Assumption Church St. Mariä Himmelfahrt
11th century Pilgrimage church in the village
of Ginderich

Water tower Brandstraße
Technical monument from 1886

Willibrordi Cathedral
Late Gothic basilica from the 16th century

Citadel
Built on remains of the 18th century fortifi-
cation

Kaiser-Wilhelm I memorial
Statue from 1907 lying in a showcase at the
citadel

Hörstein memorial "V-sign at the Rhine"
Foundling with an information board and
QR code radio play to remember the allied
Rhine crossing in 1945

Cultural institutions

Music school and school of arts
Over 1,000 students in the fields of music,
art and dance for young and old. Numerous
concerts, performances and exhibitions

Town theatre
Drama, cabaret, boulevard and studio theatre
and children's theatre, also a high class con-
cert-series with the civic Music Club

Library
Stock of 100,000 media (including novels,
children's and youth adult books, DVDs,
games, etc.)

Archive
Rich archive stock up to present day, certi-
ficate inventory since 1241, deposit archive
Diersfordt castle and extensive genealogic
sources for Wesel and surroundings

Civic Museum
Art collection of more than 600 exhibits
from medieval times until the present day,
regular exhibitions related to contemporary art

Brisürenkasematte
Located in the LVR museum, a venue for civil
weddings and historic exhibitions

Schillkasematte
Permanent presentation of the history of the 11
"Schill'sche" officers who were kept
imprisoned and hung in Wesel

Hanseforum Berliner Tor
Presents the history of the Hanse and trade
history of Wesel

LVR Museum
Applied geography and regional history

Deichdormuseum Bislich
Cultural and natural history

Eiskeller Diersfordt
Heritage house and exhibition room
Heritage society "Herrlichkeit Diersfordt e.V."

SCALA Kulturspielhaus
"Kulturwohnzimmer" for music, film, comedy
and more

Krachgarten
Rehearsal rooms, event-location, creative centre

Sport, leisure, relaxation

Sport clubs approx. 67
(about 15,035 athletes)
Types of sports approx. 45

Sporting facilities of public institutions

Sports fields 9
Including the Westenergie Auestadion:
a local athletics base
Gym and sports halls 22
Indoor swimming pools 2
Outdoor swimming pool 1
Leisure centre Rheinaue-Park
Marina

Sport club facilities and private facilities

Indoor tennis courts 7
Outdoor tennis courts 28
Athletics hall 1
Ice rink 1
Miniature golf 1
Soccer hall 1
Airfield 1
Riding centre 2
Beach sport area 2

Welfare and health care

Marien-Hospital 432 beds
Protestant Hospital 349 beds
General medical specialists 53
GPs 40
Dentists 32
Chemists 13
Nursing services for people at home 12

7 care homes 575 places
short-term care for elderly 47 places
Solitaire short-term care 10 places
8 day care institutions 113 places
(17 short-term care places and 84 long-
term care places in planning)

Economy

Amount of workers paying social insurance
contributions on 31.12.2021
(place of work: Wesel) 26,055

incl.:
- Agriculture, forestry and fishery 104
- production industry 5,872
- Trade, traffic and hotel industry 6,243
- other services 13,836

Urban area

Geographical position 6°36 east longitude
51°39 north latitude

Altitude 23 m ASL
Surface Area 123 km²
Incl.:
Residential 17.4 %
Traffic 6.4 %
Vegetation 62.2 %
Water 14 %



Facts and figures 2023

City of Wesel
The most important information
at a glance

History

1241	Town privileges granted by Count Dietrich of Kleve
1407	Admission to the Hanse
1586–1590	Occupation of Wesel by the Spaniards
1629	Liberation of Wesel by the Netherlands
1718	Completion of main gate of the citadel
1722	Berliner Tor built
1814	Wesel expands to a garrison town
1940	Initial air raids on the town
1945	97 % destruction of town centre by the allied forces
1969	Annexation of Obrighoven - Lackhausen and Flüren
1974	Completion of the new town hall at Klever-Tor-Platz
1975	End of reformation of region NRW: Büderich, Ginderich, Diersfordt and Bislich now belong to Wesel
1976	Opening of the first pedestrian zone
2009	Opening of "Niederrheinbrücke Wesel"
2013	Reopening of the pedestrian zone after redesign
2019	Ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the southern bypass
2020	Commemoration of the destruction of Wesel 75 years ago
2021	Inclusion of the Lower Rhine Limes in the list of World Heritage sites

2022	Opening of "Hanseforum" in the Berliner Tor
2022	70 years of town twinning Wesel - Hagerstown

Twin Towns

Hagerstown (USA)	since 1952
Felixstowe (Great Britain)	since 1974
Salzwedel (Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany)	since 1990
Ketrzyn (Poland)	since 2002

Sponsorship

Tender "RHEIN"	since 1961
Lufthansa Boeing 737-530	1991–2013
Lufthansa Airbus A320	since 2014

Population

Development of the number of inhabitants:		
	1913 – 25,798	
	1918 – 26,247	
	1933 – 24,596	
	1939 – 25,115	
	1945 – 1,900	
	1969 – 46,802	
	1975 – 56,584	
	2005 – 61,711	
	2011 – 60,227	Census
	2020 – 60,329	Census
	2021 – 60,688	

Religious denomination

	absolute	in %	
Roman Catholic	21,663	34.4 %	
Protestant	16,922	26.8 %	
Various	569	0.9 %	
Non-specified, No community	23,867	37.9 %	

Council of Wesel

Mayoress	
Ulrike Westkamp (SPD)	since 2004
First deputy mayoress	
Birgit Nuyken (CDU)	since 2014
Second deputy mayoress	
Ruth Freßmann (SPD)	since 2016
Third deputy mayoress	
Marlies Hillefeld (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen)	2014-2020 since 2021

Legislative period 2020 - 2025

CDU faction	17 seats
SPD faction	17 seats
Faction Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	7 seats
FDP faction	3 seats
Faction Wir für Wesel	3 seats
Faction Die Linke	2 seats
Non-affiliated	1 seats

Budget 2023

Town council:	
Household wealth	230,140,892 €
Annual yield	-8,717,636 €
Offset reserve (12/23)	33,618,585 €
Investment	80,248,398 €
Trade income tax	46,000,000 €
Local tax A and B	12,140,000 €

Real tax rates 2020

Local tax A	265 p.c.
Local tax B	493 p.c.
Trade tax	448 p.c.

Motor vehicles

Motor vehicle inventory	
Total motor vehicles:	43,546
Total cars:	37,009

Traffic connections

Cycle path network: 182 km
Road: A3, A57, B8, B58, B70, B473
Rail: Emmerich – Koblenz line (via Düsseldorf and Köln)
Wesel – Bocholt line
Düsseldorf – Arnheim line
Water: Rhine, Wesel-Datteln-canal
Airport: Düsseldorf: 55 km
Weeze: 40 km

Development of cycling in Wesel

1995	nomination cyclist-friendly town
2005	22 % proportion of cyclists
2006	Winner of the German bicycle prize
2010	Opening of the Wesel bike station at the train station
2020	28 % proportion of cyclists
2021	Presentation of the extension certificate pedestrian and cyclist-friendly town

Buildings and flats

Residential buildings	14,932
Flats in dwellings	29,242
Living space in residential buildings	2,732,235 sqm
Persons per flat	2.08
Living space per person	45.02 sqm

Institutions for children and teenagers

35 nurseries	2,147 places
10 full time schools	1,259 places
Day care for children	194 places
6 full day care centres	52 places
Playgrounds and playing areas for ball games	92
Youth clubs	11
Various holiday projects for children in town and surrounding villages	

Schools and education

9 primary schools	2,279 pupils
1 Realschule	577 pupils
2 comprehensive schools	1,736 pupils
2 grammar schools	1,887 pupils
2 special schools	369 pupils
1 vocational school	2,974 pupils

- Adult education centre
- Evening school
- FOM university (private)
- Study institute Lower Rhine
- Diakonisches Werk
- Catholic education forum
- Lotte-Lemke-family education centre AWO
- Catholic workers education centre
- CJD job skills centre Wesel
- CJD institute for further education NRW
- Educational centre for building trade
- Multigeneration house "Bogen"
- Educational centre Lower Rhine (care school)

Events, markets and sporting events

Events:	
21.01.	Wesel in candlelight
19.02.	Bestowal of "donkey-award"
20.02.	Carnival Monday procession
02.04.	Spring festival – in the green areas, Cycling-event-day, Sunday opening
16.04.	Spring jumble sale
28.04.-01.05.	May fair
19. – 20.05.	Donkey-rock festival
16. – 18.06	"Wesel erleben"
29.06.-02.07.	NRW cycling tour 2023

02.07.	Lower Rhine cycling day
04.08.	Fair featuring shooting competitions
04.–06.08.	PPP-days
10.–13.08.	STADTWERKE Summer-Cinema
11.–13.08.	Wine festival
24.–26.08.	Intercultural days
31.08.–03.09.	Bulli Summer Festival Auesee
08.–10.09.	Culture Festival with Sunday opening
12.–16.09.	Wesel Reading Week
16.09.	Culture night and Children’s culture night
17.09.	Autumn jumble sale
27.–29.10.	Historical Hanse festival with Sunday opening
24.11.–17.12.	Wesel in winter
02.–03.12.	Advent market at the cathedral with Sunday opening

Evening markets:
04.05. / 01.06. / 06.07. / 03.08. / 05.10

Sporting Events:
04.02. Wesel sports night
01.05. Flüren Sparkassen half-marathon and run for all
12.05. Moonlight run and "donkey-walk" Wesel
04.06. "Dreiwiesellauf"
10.09. Sparkassen triathlon
16.09. Hanse-City race