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A LOOK AT GREIFSWALD

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Our Greifswald

Dear Readers,

Greifswald has been called a „University and Hanseatic City“ since 2005. The name refers to two characteristics of the city that illustrate its historical roots and create identity. Our population is growing. It is mainly due to Greifswald university that we are the youngest city in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. As the largest employer the university also represents an important economic factor. In recent years, Greifswald has developed into a nationally and internationally recognized science, technology, and research location, particularly in the fields of health, maritime affairs, and plasma physics as well as their interdisciplinary applications.
In addition to interesting jobs, the city offers a high quality of life, characterized by its location in one of Germany’s most beautiful sailing areas as well as a wide range of educational, cultural and sports activities. As the birthplace of the painter Caspar David Friedrich Greifswald attracts thousands of visitors every year.

Dr. Stefan Fassbinder
Lord Mayor

Small town chronicle

1199 Cistercian monks found the Hilda monastery, which has been called Eldena since the 14th century, on the southern bank of the Ryck estuary, close to rich salt deposits

1248 First documentary mention of the „oppidum Gripheswald“ among the possessions of the monastery

1250 Granting of Lübish law and thus elevation of the market settlement to town status

1278 Greifswald becomes a member of the Hanseatic League

1456 Opening of Greifswald University, the second oldest in Northern Europe, initiated by the mayor Heinrich Rubenow

1648 Greifswald and Western Pomerania fall to Sweden in the Peace of Westphalia

1774 Caspar David Friedrich, the most important painter of German Romanticism, is born in Born in Greifswald

1815 Transfer of Swedish Pomerania and thus also Greifswald to Prussia

1945 30 April - surrender without a fight of the undestroyed city to the Soviet army

2000 Opening of the Picture Gallery of the Pomeranian State Museum

2005 Greifswald is a university and Hanseatic city

2010 100th anniversary of the Friedrich Loeffler Institute, Federal Research Institute for Animal Health on the island of Riems

2011 Loss of the city‘s district status

2016 28 April - after five years of construction, the Greifswald barrage was put into operation as part of the storm surge protection system taken

2024 The University and Hanseatic City of Greifswald celebrates its 250th anniversary „Caspar David Friedrich - From Greifswald to the world“

2025 Greifswald celebrates its 775th anniversary

Greifswald location

Island of Rügen 30 km	Berlin 200 km

Among the oldest buildings in the town are the ruins of the Eldena monastery and the three large town churches. Their construction began in 13th century and over long periods of time. The gabled house (Markt 13) is considered to be the oldest building in the town. It was built around 1290 as a Hanseatic merchant's house. The Fangenturm as part of the town fortifications (defence structure) was built in 1270/80.

13° 22' 50" EAST

54° 05' 45" NORTH

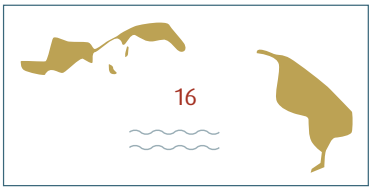
Harbours

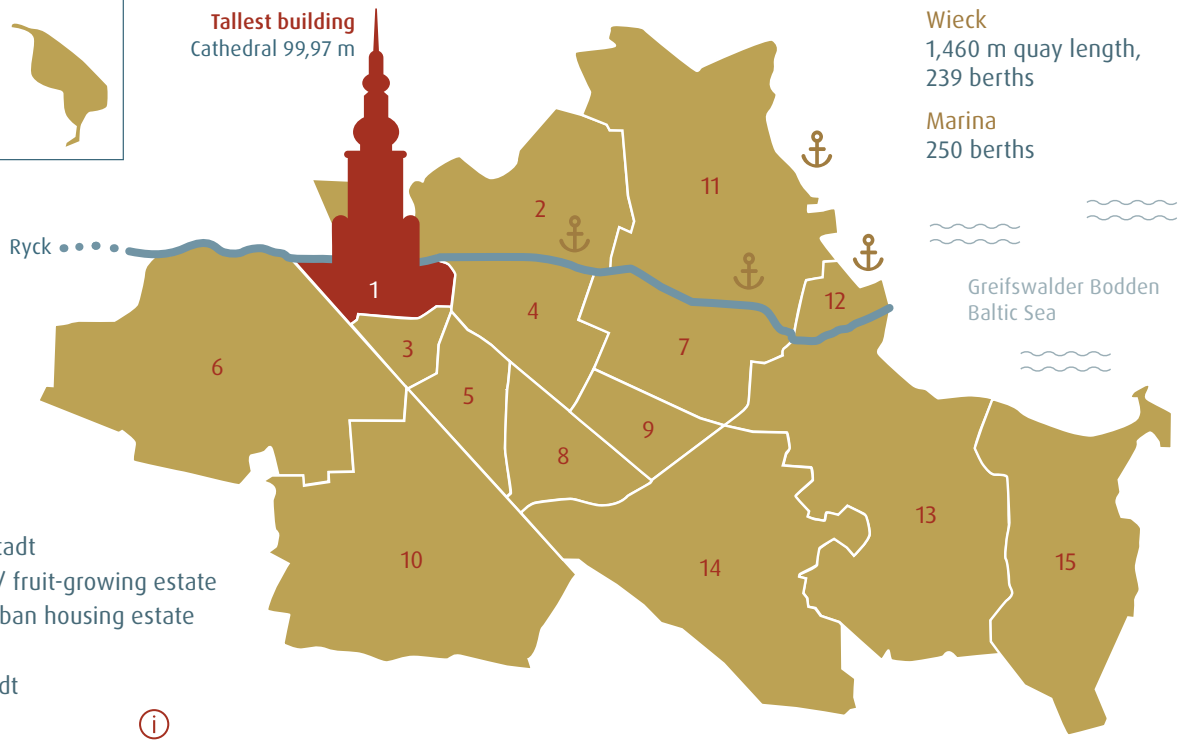
Museum harbour
700 m quay length,
variable berths,
46 historic ships,
Oldest ship: Zeesboot Pommernland (1880)

Ladebow
400 m quay length,
4 berths

Wieck
1,460 m quay length,
239 berths

Marina
250 berths





51 km²
Urban area

CITY PARTS

1 City center
2 Steinbeckervorstadt
3 Butchers' suburb
4 Northern Mühlenvorstadt
5 Südl. Mühlenvorstadt / fruit-growing estate
6 Fettenvorstadt / suburban housing estate
7 Baltic Sea district
8 Schönwalde I / Südstadt
9 Schönwalde II
10 Industrial area
11 Ladebow
12 Wieck
13 Eldena
14 Groß Schönwalde
15 Friedrichshagen
16 Riems / Koos Island

Greifswald has
12 monument areas,
421 individual monuments,
of which 2 housing estates
with a total of 65 buildings 1
movable monument:
Sailing training ship Greif

Altitude
7 m above sea level

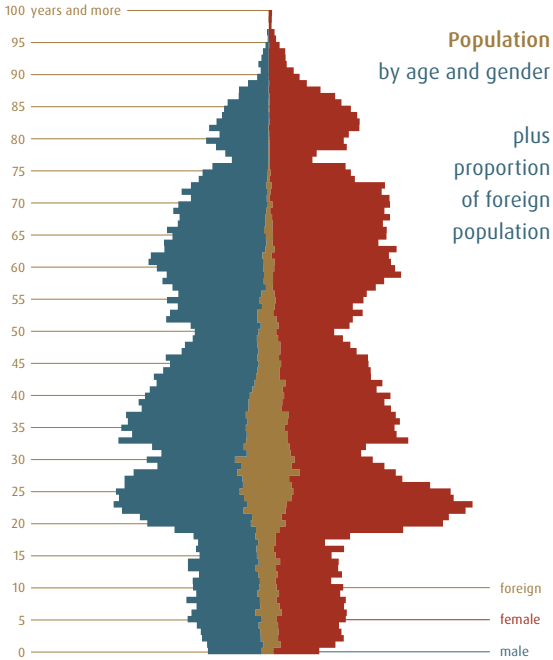
Highest elevation
Ebertberg 29,6 m above sea level

Population

62.589

RESIDENT POPULATION

58.779 with main residence	**3.810** with secondary residence
4.389 Immigration	**3.662** Departures



Population
by age and gender

plus
proportion
of foreign
population

43 years

AVERAGE AGE

387 Live births	**770** Deceased

Every fifth inhabitant of Greifswald is between 18 and 30 years old. The city's young image is predominantly characterised by its students.

Economy and labour market

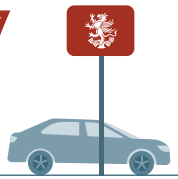
Employees subject to social security contributions

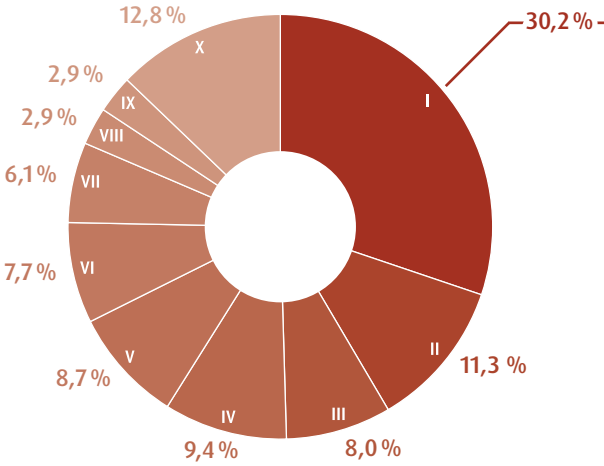
30.543	23.925
at the place of work	at the place of residence

2.117 → 6,7 %

Unemployed (annual average)

13.447	6.895
Commuters	Commuters





Over 20% of employees in Greifswald have an academic degree. This is a top figure in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Largest employers

by number of employees

4.595	**University Medicine Greifswald**
1.567	Corporate Group Pommersche Diakonie
1.491	University of Greifswald
1.283	District of Vorpommern-Greifswald
1.100	Braun Group
985	Johanna Odebrecht Foundation
733	University and Hanseatic City of Greifswald
708	Hanse Yachts AG
625	ml&s manufacturing, logistics and services GmbH & Co. KG
576	Sparkasse Vorpommern
540	MEDIGREIF Group of Companies
517	Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut
307	BDH Clinic Greifswald
272	Stadtwerke Greifswald GmbH
190	Teleperformance Greifswald

Sources: Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Report by Nord/LB, as of Dec. 2022 and internet research; figures sometimes from different years (own website; enquiries to companies)

Economic sectors

of employees subject to social insurance contributions at the place of work

I	9.280	**Healthcare and social services**
II	3.483	Trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles
III	2.466	Other economic services
IV	2.886	Freelance, scientific and technical services
V	2.676	Education and teaching
VI	2.362	Manufacturing industry
VII	1.880	Public administration, administration of justice; social security
VIII	880	Other services
IX	880	Hospitality industry
X	3.947	other

Politics, administration and authorities

MAYOR
Dr. Stefan Fassbinder
Bündnis 90 / DIEGRÜNEN

1. STAFF REPRESENTATIVE
Achim Lerm
Head of Building Department

2. STAFF REPRESENTATIVE
Tobias Schreiber
Head of Legal Department

SITZVERTEILUNG of the citizenship by political group
43 seats · municipal council

FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES
based in Greifswald

- Greifswald Employment Agency
- Job Centre Vorpommern-Greifswald North
- Office for Spatial Planning and Regional Planning M-V
- Building and Real Estate Management M-V
- State Development Institute M-V
- State Office for Health and Social Affairs
- Greifswald State Archives
- State Constitutional Court M-V
- Higher Administrative Court M-V
- Fiscal Court M-V
- Greifswald Administrative Court
- Local Court Greifswald

University

www.uni-greifswald.de

9.868
STUDENTS

thereof 6.121 Women (62 %)	thereof 878 foreign Students (9 %)

119 study programmes
with Bachelor's, Master's and state examination degrees, Church examination, master's degree and diploma

Exchange relationships to over 200 Universities worldwide

Students from over 104 countries

5 Faculties:
- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Law and Political Science
- University Medicine
- Faculty of Philosophy
- Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

3 Main research areas:
- Baltic Sea region
- One Health
- Prevention

The University of Greifswald was founded in **1456** and is one of the oldest academic educational institutions in Germany and the Baltic region.

University Medicine

www.medizin.uni-greifswald.de

21 Clinics and polyclinics	19 Institutes

Greifswald University Medicine has its origins in the founding of the university on 17 October 1456, which also saw the establishment of the Faculty of Medicine. Today, Greifswald University Medicine covers a wide range of services in which clinics/polyclinics, institutes and other central facilities work together. The facilities are grouped together on the Beitz-Platz campus. This enables an efficient infrastructure. Innovative, interdisciplinary work is lived practice here.

6.192
EMPLOYEES

1.491 University	4.701 University Medicine
thereof 110 professors & 55 female professors	thereof 55 professors & 20 female professors

World-class research

- **Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute (FLI)**
  The Federal Research Institute for Animal Health is an independent higher federal authority within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The work of the FLI focuses on the health and welfare of farm animals and the protection of humans from zoonoses, i.e. infections that can be transmitted between animals and humans. Around 850 employees currently work in twelve specialised institutes at five locations throughout Germany. The head office is located on the island of Riems, which belongs to Greifswald.

- **Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics (IPP)**
  The Wendelstein 7-X experimental facility at the IPP sub-institute in Greifswald is intended to demonstrate the suitability of stellarator-type fusion for power plants. The aim of fusion research is to develop a climate and environmentally friendly power plant. Similar to the sun, it will generate energy from the fusion of atomic nuclei. With around 1,100 employees, 320 of whom are based in Greifswald, the IPP is one of the largest centres for fusion research in Europe.

- **Leibniz Institute for Plasma Science and Technology e.V. (INP)**
  The Leibniz Institute for Plasma Science and Technology has been conducting applied basic research and development in the field of low-temperature plasmas for over 25 years under the motto „From idea to prototype“. More than 200 employees work at the INP, the largest non-university research facility for low-temperature plasmas in Europe. This technology is used, among other things, for coating surfaces, decontaminating air and liquids, sterilising food, well as in medical and electrical engineering.

- **Center for Community Medicine**
  Centre „Willam B. Kannil Center for Community Medicine“ (CM) research building is currently under construction on the university campus. The federal government and the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are jointly investing around 65.7 million euros here. In future, around 380 employees will be researching diseases such as diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular diseases and their increasing incidence in connection with demographic change in the population.

- **WITENO GmbH**
  WITENO GmbH is a subsidiary of the City of Greifswald, the University of Greifswald and Sparkasse Vorpommern. As an interface between science and business, it comprehensive advice, coaching and attractive space. Europe's most innovative mile for plasma technology and life sciences runs directly along the university campus, where the BioTechnikum and Z4 are located. The focus is on the areas of biotechnology, bioeconomy, IT, medical technology, pharmaceuticals, environment, energy and plasma technology. With the opening of Z4 in 2023, WITENO will unite research, development and production under one roof. The centers are optimally integrated into the campus infrastructure and offer an excellent environment for growth-oriented companies.

Construction and housing

36.993

TOTAL FLATS

36.270 in residential buildings	723 in non-residential buildings

612 flats per 1.000 inhabitants

9,98 €/m²

Average net cold rent (source: Immoportal.de 11/2024)

7.619

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

3.979 with a flat

487 with two flats

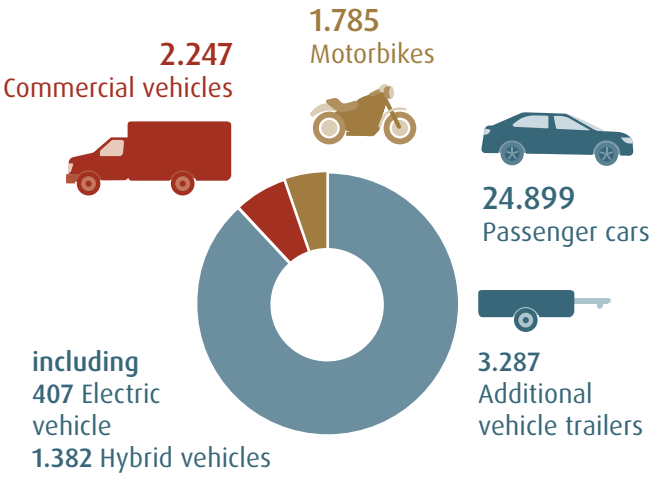
3.108 with three or more flats

92 NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE YEAR

Transport

28.931

REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES



LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

1.987.593

PERSONS TRANSPORTED PER YEAR

976.129 Timetable kilometres	71 Stops
4 Lines	70,1 km Length

22 Buses
of which 17 natural gas buses

Education

6 Primary schools
2.223 pupils

2 Regional schools
1.021 pupils

3 Grammar school
1.525 pupils

3 Integrated comprehensive school
1.355 pupils

4 other schools
760 pupils

18 general education schools

12	6
in public sponsorship	independently organised
4.490 pupils	**2.394 pupils**

6.884

TOTAL PUPILS

287	300
boys enrolled in school	girls enrolled in school

286 graduates / leavers

254 graduates

- general higher education entrance qualification: **212**
- Fachhochschulreife (school-based part): **23**
- Secondary school leaving certificate: **169**
- Vocational maturity: **65**
- Special school leaving certificate: **29**
- without a degree: **42**

6 vocational schools

2	4
in public sponsorship	independently organised
2.584 pupils	**892 pupils**

3.476

TOTAL PUPILS

507 graduates / leavers	**633** graduates / leavers

- with final certificate: **933**
- with leaving certificate: **207**

Youth and social affairs

FACILITIES

4.659

CHILDREN IN CARE

758 1.900 2.001

OPEN CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTERS

- **TAKT Youth Leisure Center** www.Jfztakt.wordpress.com
- **Labyrinth** www.im-labyrinth.de
- **KLEX Youth Center** www.das-klex.de

Sports

1 SKATEPARK

1 CLIMBING FOREST

2 BATHING FACILITIES
(Eldena leisure pool and bathing area)

21 SPORTS HALLS

20 SPORTS COURTS

32 OTHER SPORTS FACILITIES

Culture and leisure

- **POMERANIAN STATE MUSEUM**
  14,000 years of history in Pomerania & picture gallery
  www.pommersches-landesmuseum.de

- **THEATER VORPOMMERN/STADTHALLE**
  www.theater-vorpommern.de

- **ST. SPIRITUS**
  Socio-cultural centre
  Exhibitions, workshops, cultural events
  www.kulturzentrum.greifswald.de

- **CASPAR DAVID FRIEDRICH (1774–1840)**
  Caspar-David-Friedrich-Bildweg
  Caspar-David-Friedrich-Centre
  www.caspar-david-friedrich-greifswald.de

- **LITERATURE CENTRE VORPOMMERN**
  Wolfgang Koeppen (1906–1997)
  www.koeppenhaus.de

- **HANS-FALLADA COMPANY**
  Birthplace of Hans Fallada (1893–1947)
  www.fallada.de

- **LIBRARIES**
  Hans Fallada City Library
  stadtbibliothek.greifswald.de

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
(here you can find information about all the university's departmental libraries))
www.ub.uni-greifswald.de

- **THINGS TO SEE IN GREIFSWALD**

Embankments
and parts of the medieval city wall

Botanical Garden & Arboretum

Old cemetery

Home animal park

Main building of University

Rubenow monument

Monument Museum harbour with fishing tower

Bockwindmühle Eldena

Fishing village Greifswald-Wieck with wooden drawbridge

Wieck barrage

Eldena monastery ruins

European Route of Brick Gothic

Sweden Road

Jakobsweg

Tourism

309.125
Overnight stays

102.552
Arrivals

2.129 Beds

3,0 Average days of stay

2 Campsites/ caravan sites

33 Hotels & accommodation

935 City tours

20.229 Participants in city tours

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Capacity in places

Cultural railway station (KuBa)

600 seats

120 seats

Z4

STRAZE

200 seats

100 seats

Technology - centre - Western Pomerania

Alfried Krupp Wissenschafts-kolleg

130 seats

100 seats

Pomeranian State Museum

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www.stadtrad-greifswald.de

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Market and fish market
- Gothic gabled houses at Markt 11 and 13
- Town hall
- Museum harbour & museum shipyard
- St Nicholas Cathedral
- St Jacobi parish church
- St Mary's parish church
- Provost's Church of St Joseph
- Eldena monastery ruins
- and many more...

You can find city tours, guest rooms and much more at www.greifswald.info or in the Greifswald information centre in the town hall on the market square.

Fixed dates

2025
775th anniversary of the town

2037
International Hanseatic Day

EASTER SATURDAY
- Easter market

APRIL
- Maritime season opener

MAY
- Garden market (beginning of May)
- Nordic sound – The Festival of the North (beginning of May)
- Festival week (14 to 18 May 2025)

JUNE
- Eldena Monastery Market (mid-June)
- Greifswald Bach Week - The Festival of Sacred Music in the North
- Koeppentage – Greifswald Literature Festival

JULY
- Eldena Jazz Events (1st weekend in July)
- Gaffelrigg fishing festival (3rd weekend in July)

AUGUST
- A day with Caspar David Friedrich (Last Saturday in August)

SEPTEMBER
- Greifswald Culture Night

OCTOBER
- Harvest market (1st Sunday in October)

NOVEMBER
- PolenmARkT – Festival of Polish Culture

DECEMBER
- Christmas market

Further information on events in Greifswald can be found at **www.kulturkalender.greifswald.de**

International relations

PARTNER CITIES

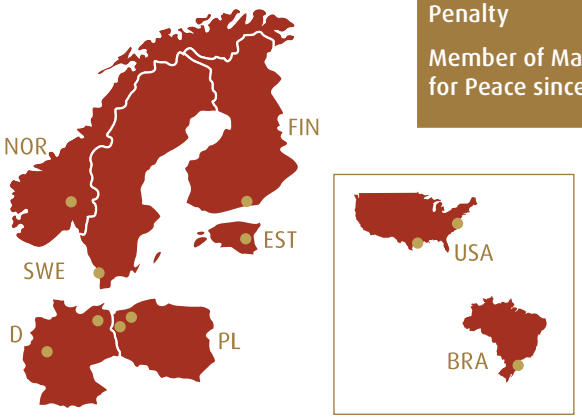
twin town	since	Inhabitants
Szczecin/Stettin (PL)	2010	ca. 395.000
Newport News (USA)	2007	ca. 186.000
Osnabrück (D)	1988	ca. 167.000
Lund (SWE)	1990	ca. 87.000
Kotka (FIN)	1959	ca. 51.000
Hamar (NOR)	1997	ca. 33.000
Goleniów/Gollnow(PL)	2006	ca. 22.000

since 1994 Member of the Hanseatic League in modern times

since 1999 Member of the Union of Baltic Cities

since 2016 Member of the Cities for Life - Cities against Death Penalty

Member of Mayors for Peace since 2016



CITY FRIENDSHIPS

friendly cities	since	Inhabitants
Pomerode (BRA)	2001	ca. 34.500
Tartu (EST)	2006	ca. 98.000

COOPERATIONS

	since	Inhabitants
Benxi (CHN)	2014	ca. 1.326.000
Drohobytsch (UKR)	2016	ca. 73.000
Insel Samos (GRC)	2017	ca. 33.000

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