## The region's educational centre

Gießen is a young and international city with over 140 different nationalities; its population is constantly on the rise and currently stands at 76,000. Public and private services are crucial for Gießen's economy. Urban life is also characterised by the 32,000+ students enrolled at two universities in Gießen, making it the most important student city in Germany.

The city can be seen as the region's educational centre with two universities, 32 general and vocational schools, and two administration schools.

There are sports and cultural activities in all areas. Its location along the River Lahn makes it the perfect place for boating and cycling tours. Cultural life in Gießen is very colourful. There's a theatre for music, dance and drama, a concert hall, an art gallery, five museums (including the Mathematikum and Liebig Museum), various event venues, and a free cultural scene with music, art and theatre. The oldest botanical garden in Germany can be found at the heart of the city; it's a great place to attend cultural events and relax amongst nature.

## Links

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