

The County of Steinfurt



The County of Steinfurt is an innovative and modern economic region situated at the centre of a triangle formed by the successful university cities Enschede, Osnabrueck and Muenster. Furthermore, the region, which measures over 1,800 square kilometres, has a population of approximately 440 thousand - an above average percentage of these are young people.



economy

The economical structure is dominated by a high proportion of small and medium-sized companies operating across a very broad range of sectors. These include automotive engineering, machine construction, plastics manufacturing, textiles/garments, chemical industry, food, services and logistics.

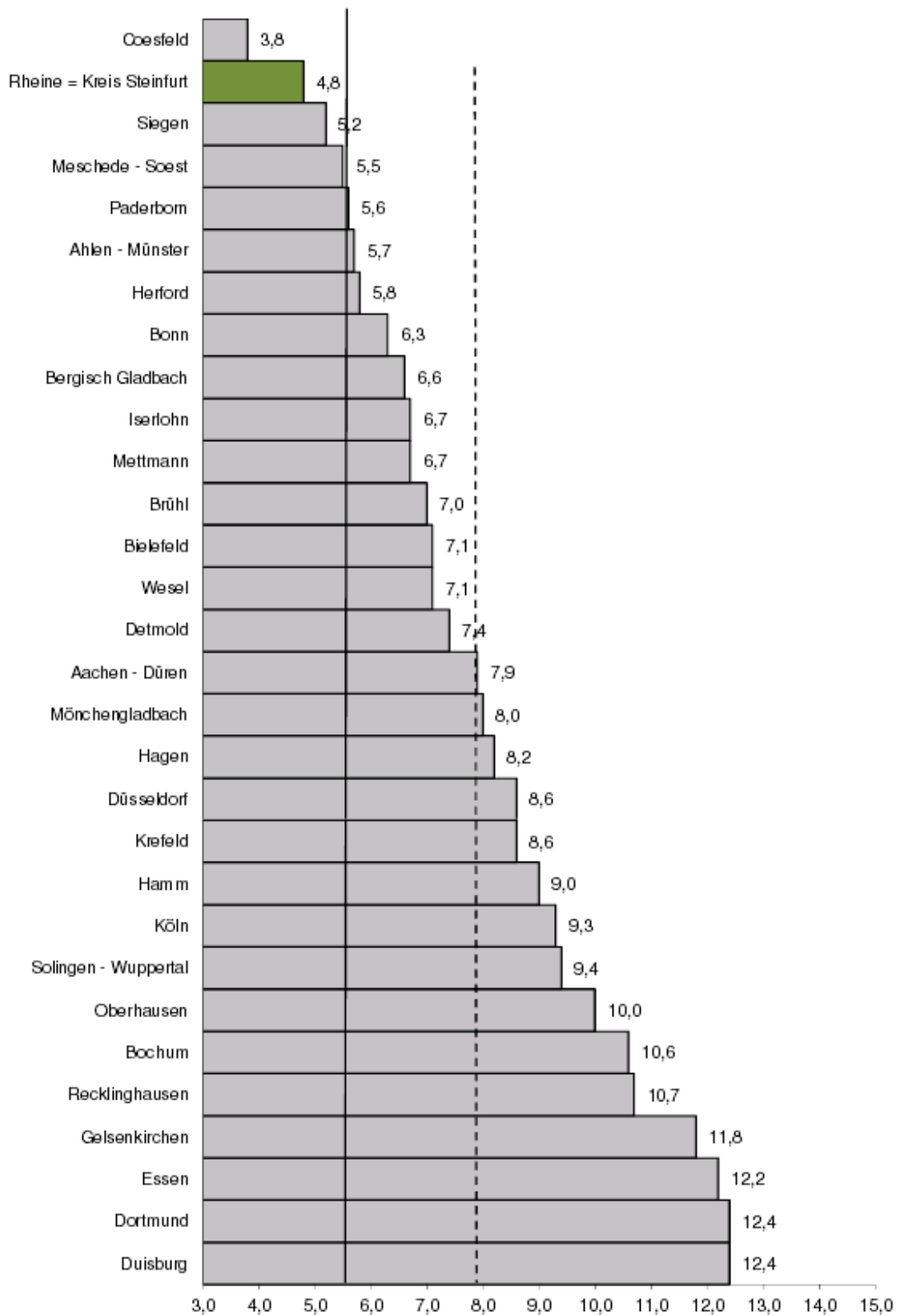
Market leaders like Apetito in Rheine (frozen foods), the international logistics company Fiege in Greven, Copenrath & Wiese in Mettingen (producers of frozen cakes) and Schmitz-Cargo-Bull in Altenberge (builders of lorry hangers) are just a few examples of the diversity and potential of the companies in the County of Steinfurt.

An indicator for the sound economical situation of the County of Steinfurt is the persistently low unemployment rate (October 2014: 4.8%) which has been securing one of the highest rankings in North Rhine-Westphalia for years.

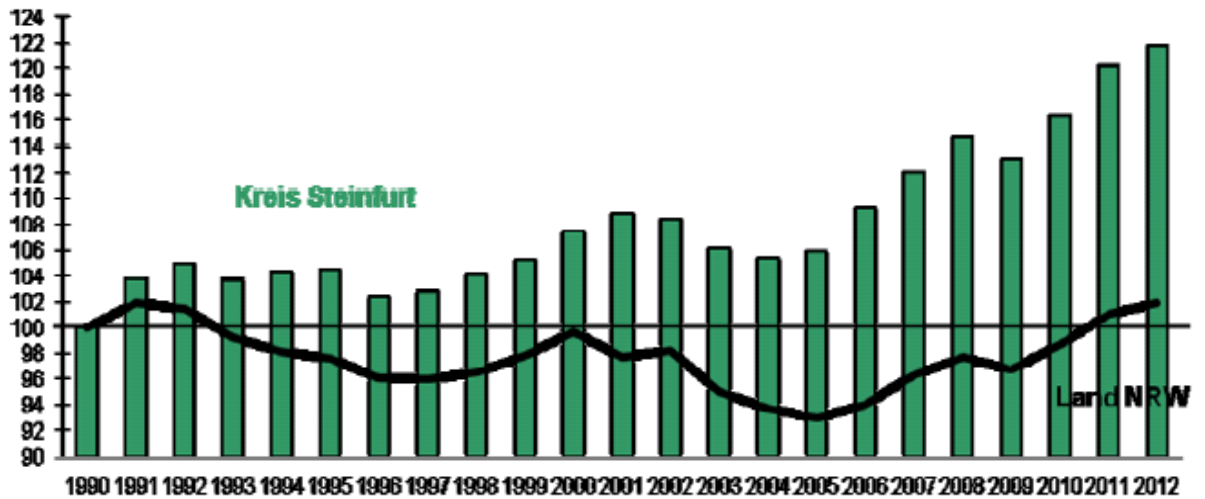
In Addition, full order books and increasing sales show how well the companies in the County of Steinfurt are bearing up against the international competition.

To put it in a nutshell, there is large potential in the companies and work force in the County of Steinfurt. In order to strengthen them the economic development department of the County of Steinfurt is committed to bring this forward.

Unemployment rate in October 2014: The Countys of North Rhine-Westphalia ($\bar{\emptyset}$ =7,9%), West-Germany ($\bar{\emptyset}$ =5,6%)



Employees contributing to social security from 1990 to 2012 in the County of Steinfurt/North Rhine-Westphalia (1990 = 100)



Year	County of Steinfurt	Index	North Rhine-Westphalia	Index
1990	111.462	100	6.005.472	100
1991	115.625	103,7	6.122.841	101,4
1992	116.905	104,9	6.091.895	101,4
1993	115.524	103,6	5.957.934	99,2
1994	116.296	104,3	5.890.744	98,1
1995	116.542	104,6	5.859.213	97,6
1996	114.062	102,3	5.767.025	96,0
1997	114.560	102,8	5.763.170	96,0
1998	116.136	104,2	5.794.260	96,5
1999	117.299	105,2	5.872.675	97,8
2000	119.764	107,5	5.983.900	99,6
2001	121.341	108,9	5.864.634	97,7
2002	120.846	108,4	5.898.000	98,2
2003	118.262	106,1	5.705.923	95,0
2004	117.440	105,4	5.626.090	93,7
2005	118.020	105,9	5.579.226	92,9
2006	121.793	109,3	5.648.222	94,1
2007	124.913	112,1	5.781.379	96,3
2008	127.788	114,7	5.865.946	97,7
2009	126.062	113,1	5.807.067	96,7
2010	129.678	116,3	5.922.760	98,6
2011	133.944	120,2	6.067.637	101,0
2012	135.797	121,8	6.121.188	101,9

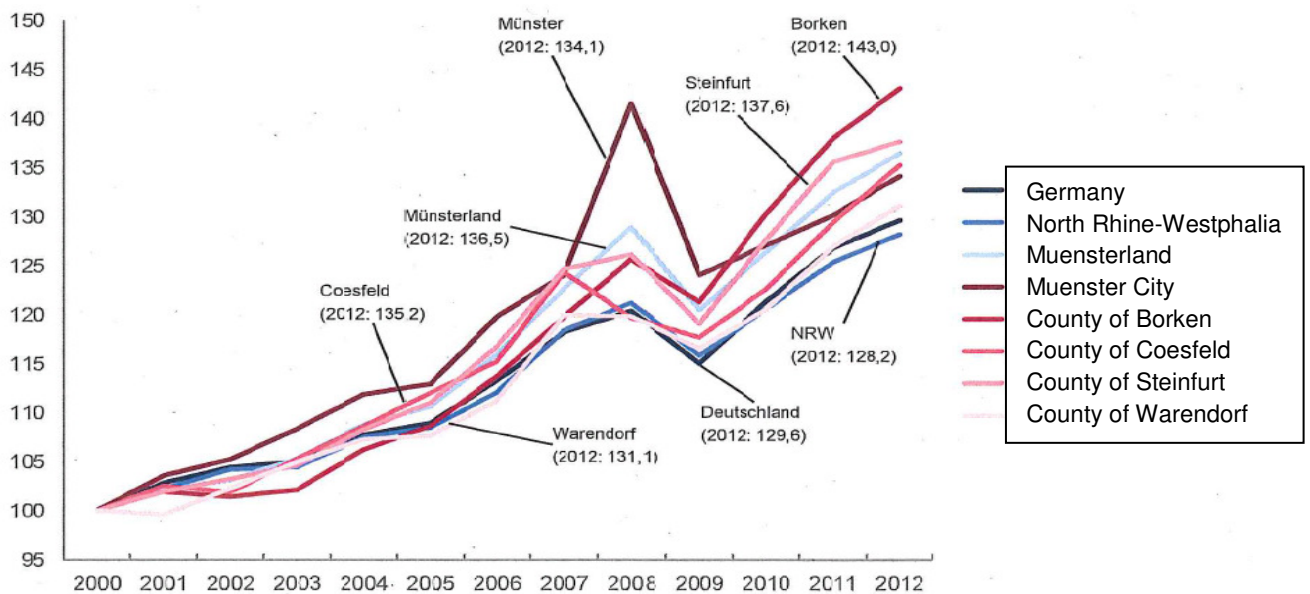
Employees contributing to social security depending on the economic branch (January 2013)

24,9%	33.782	manufacturing
17,8%	24.154	trading; servicing and repair of motor vehicles
13,6%	18.418	human health and social work activities
7,8%	10.573	other miscellaneous business support services
7,3%	9.942	transportation and storage
7,2%	9.733	construction
4,2%	5.745	public administration and defence
3,8%	5.139	other professional, scientific and technical services

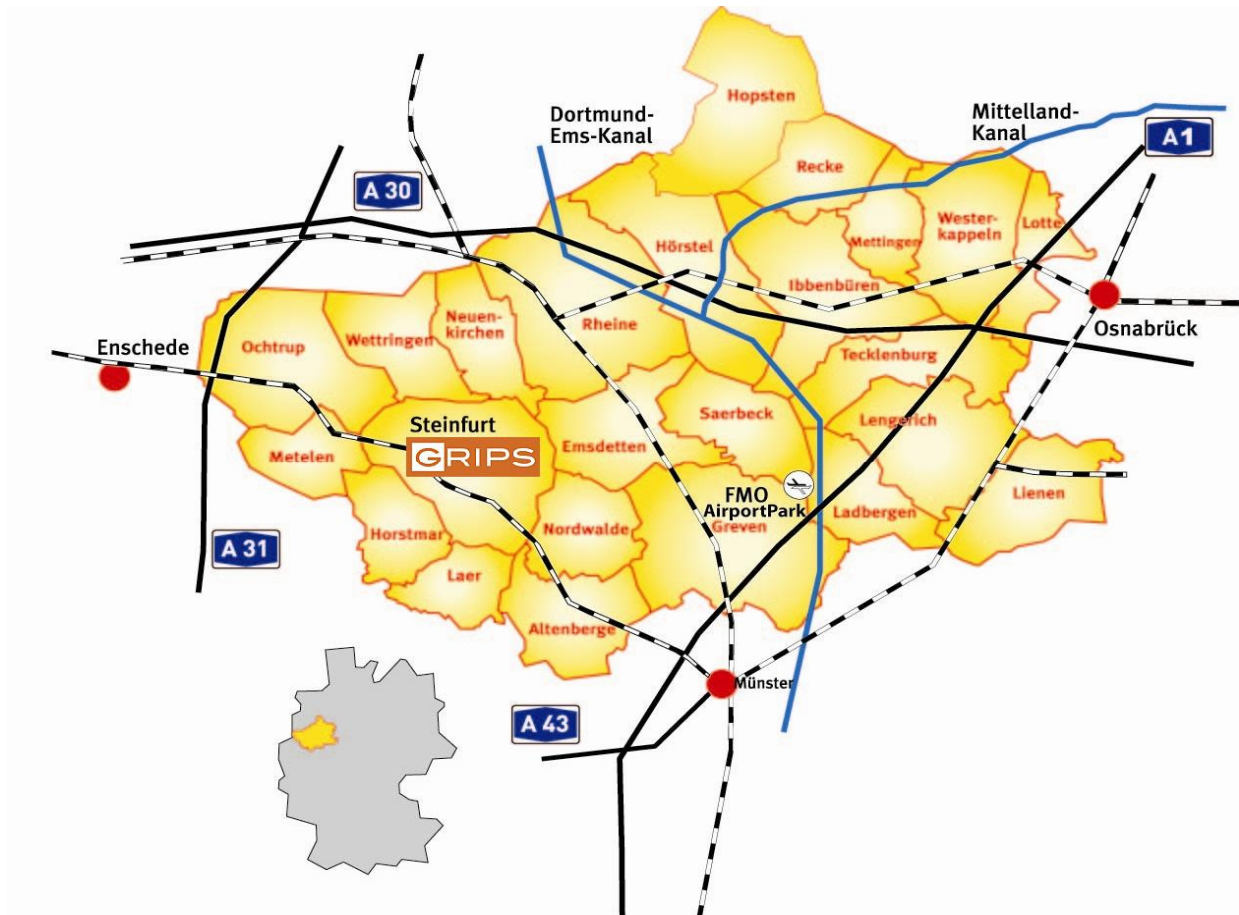
13,6% 18.311 other

135.797 Insgesamt (+1,4% against the previous year)

development of the gross value added by 2012 (Index, 2000=100)



Quelle: VGR der Länder (Statistischen Ämter der 16 Bundesländer), Hrsg.: Statistisches Landesamt Baden-Württemberg



Infrastructure

A good traffic connection is of existential importance for the positive economical development of a region. In this context, the county of Steinfurt has an outstanding outset position as well: The international airport Muenster – Osnabrueck provides for fast connections worldwide and is thus drive of the economical development of the whole region.

Round about 1.0 million air passengers per year travel via the FMO and approximately 11 million tons of air freight and post are sent into the world from here.

On top of this there are first class possibilities for settlement for companies. Right across from the runway the AirportPark is built, an intermuniciple business- and service park. The motorways A 1, A 31 (North-South axis) and the A 30 (East-West axis), the intercity rail traffic (Cologne-Hamburg and Amsterdam-Berlin) as well as the Dortmund-Ems Canal and the Mittelland Canal are components of important European development axes.



science

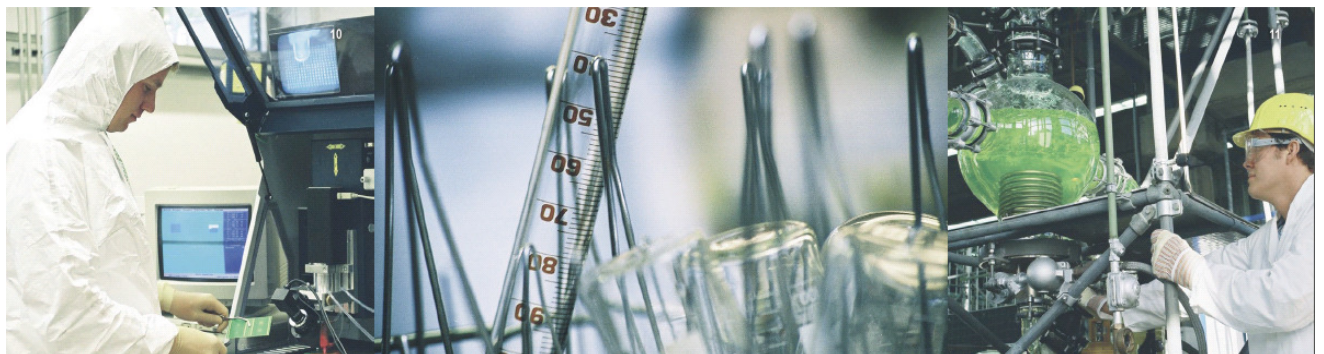
Science in the County of Steinfurt means that top-class research establishments of the universities and Universities of Applied Sciences and high tech- and industrial companies create concentrated know-how which may not rest unused. Thus science and economy in the County of Steinfurt work hand in hand.

The University of Applied Sciences in Muenster with its technology stronghold in Steinfurt plays an important role. After all it belongs to the largest and best research Universities of Applied Sciences in Germany. With its five branches for engineering the school in Steinfurt is a future oriented think tank for the region, with excellent research capacities in the areas of optical technologies, laser technologies, materials sciences, medical science and Nano- and bio technologies for example.

Many companies without their own research department successfully convert the scientific findings of the University of Applied Sciences into innovative products.

Furthermore, the study centre of the distance-learning college „Fernuniversität Hagen“ in Rheine as well as the University of Applied Sciences „Matthias Hochschule Rheine“ complete the multifaceted study options in the County of Steinfurt.

In brief, the industry profits from the knowledge transfer, joint projects and a large pool of qualified people.



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