

1. An overview of the region

Structural data	Germany	Lower Saxony	Oldenburger Münsterland
Population (30/09/2010)	81.802.300	7.923.536	294.214
Development since 2000	-0,6%	0,0%	6,6%
Forecast for 2031	77.032.000	7.442.242	339.404
Forecast development until 2031	-5,8%	-6,1%	15,4%
Population share under 20 years in 2008	19,4%	20,7%	25,5%
Population share under 20 years in 2031	16,7%	16,7%	19,9%
Births per 1,000 inhabitants in 2009	8,1	7,8	9,9
Movings in per 1,000 inhabitants in 2009	53,3	57,4	90,6
Area in km ²	357.022	47.616	2.230
Population density 2010	229	166	132
Industrial employees in 2009	5.734.108	491.024	30.102
Development since 2000	-10,8%	-13,0%	15,4%
Industrial density 2009 (Industrial employees per 1,000 inhabitants)	70,1	62,0	102,3
Industrial turnover 2009 in 1,000 €	1.377.078.585	153.321.992	8.838.607
Development since 2000	5,4%	13,9%	68,0%
Industrial export 2009 in 1,000 €	583.484.352	59.577.102	1.801.139
Development since 2000	23%	10,0%	173,8%
Industrial export quota in 2009	42,4%	38,9%	20,4%
Gross domestic product 2009 in million €	2.397.100	205.715	7.681
Development since 2000	16,2%	14,2%	26,3%
Gross value added on the service sector 2009 in million €	1.556.780	131.835	4.252
Development since 2000	22,5%	23,5%	43,2%
Gross value added in the processing trade 2009 in million €	408.800	33.250	1.741
Development since 2000	-4,0%	-13,1%	13,3%
Gross value added in the building trade 2009 in million €	92.140	7.889	485
Development since 2000	-4,2%	-6,5%	8,1%
Gross value added on the agricultural sector 2009 in million €	17.310	2.588	277
Development since 2000	-26,2%	-28,8%	-11,5%
Employees subject to social security contributions as of 30/06/2010	27.710.487	2.455.391	103.055
Development since 2000	-0,4%	0,8%	20,6%
of that: agriculture, forestry and fishery (D: 2009)	218.551	30.036	3.956
Development since 2000	-38,4%	-17,5%	25,0%
of that: processing trade	6.256.234	553.430	34.856
Development since 2000	-14,0%	-13,4%	12,6%
of that: building trade	1.605.110	158.473	10.154
Development since 2000	-28,0%	-22,1%	-9,7%
of that: Services G-S	19.034.061	1.655.162	51.922
Development since 2000	9,8%	8,8%	33,8%
Hotel and restaurant industry	846.373	71.793	1.603
Development since 2000	10,1%	2,8%	19,1%
of that: transport and communication	1.407.546	122.850	4.309
Development since 2000	15,2%	21,8%	61,9%
of that: provision of B2B services (J-N)	5.442.891	412.458	11.960
Development since 2000	26,1%	25,3%	90,5%
Unemployment rate 2010 (share of all civil unemployed persons)	7,7	7,5	5,2
Overnight stays 2010	380.334.025	38.478.945	678.208
Development since 2000	16,5%	8,5%	183,1%

Source: Landesbetrieb für Statistik und Kommunikationstechnologie Niedersachsen (LSKN),
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Economic development in Weser-Ems since 2000

Gross domestic product	in million €										Development since 2000			Share of LS 2009	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	in million €	in % ¹⁾		in % ²⁾
Lower Saxony	180.117,4	181.851,5	181.670,1	183.390,3	187.171,0	192.558,4	199.813,8	207.752,2	213.202,7	205.715,1		25.597,7	14,2%	100,0%	100,0%
Oldenburger Münsterland	6.081,4	6.571,3	6.738,4	6.574,1	6.862,8	6.955,5	7.298,6	7.764,8	8.053,9	7.681,0		1.599,6	26,3%	6,2%	3,7%
Delmenhorst	1.438,0	1.386,3	1.394,6	1.389,1	1.501,6	1.533,3	1.569,2	1.628,1	1.645,0	1.633,0		195,0	13,6%	0,8%	0,8%
Emden	2.002,6	2.144,5	1.914,6	1.947,1	1.794,1	2.004,6	2.175,2	2.275,6	2.133,2	1.955,5		-47,0	-2,3%	-0,2%	1,0%
Oldenburg	5.072,6	5.156,1	5.076,8	5.182,7	5.278,6	5.376,8	5.386,3	5.851,5	5.660,4	5.719,5		646,9	12,8%	2,5%	2,8%
Osnabrück	6.015,6	5.846,6	5.909,2	5.935,8	6.200,6	6.068,9	6.316,4	6.567,9	6.672,9	6.475,6		460,0	7,6%	1,8%	3,1%
Wilhelmshaven	3.010,4	2.442,0	2.297,8	2.286,3	2.453,3	2.497,5	2.657,9	2.730,8	2.855,9	2.740,6		-269,8	-9,0%	-1,1%	1,3%
District Ammerland	2.156,8	2.299,1	2.344,8	2.201,4	2.329,1	2.275,6	2.368,3	2.511,4	2.585,4	2.503,4		346,6	16,1%	1,4%	1,2%
District Aurich	2.858,5	3.036,9	3.067,2	3.021,8	3.221,7	3.104,3	3.163,4	3.308,1	3.642,6	3.572,3		713,8	25,0%	2,8%	1,7%
District Emsland	7.133,0	7.464,9	7.542,3	7.678,3	7.969,4	7.925,2	8.506,6	8.946,0	9.169,1	8.679,4		1.546,5	21,7%	6,0%	4,2%
District Friesland	2.054,4	1.984,2	1.989,3	1.900,6	1.858,4	1.901,6	1.814,3	1.854,1	1.946,6	1.959,6		-94,8	-4,6%	-0,4%	1,0%
County Bentheim	2.597,3	2.517,1	2.494,4	2.522,1	2.633,4	2.601,1	2.853,3	3.032,8	3.176,6	3.020,9		423,6	16,3%	1,7%	1,5%
District Leer	2.604,0	2.705,0	2.745,7	2.880,7	2.775,7	3.034,0	3.204,6	3.425,3	3.620,0	3.521,2		917,2	35,2%	3,6%	1,7%
District Oldenburg	2.047,1	2.029,4	2.023,7	2.004,6	2.110,0	2.073,1	2.295,5	2.341,9	2.375,7	2.261,3		214,2	10,5%	0,8%	1,1%
District Osnabrück	6.407,2	6.622,9	6.749,7	6.895,3	7.089,9	7.296,0	7.617,1	8.016,8	8.189,3	7.736,6		1.329,3	20,7%	5,2%	3,8%
District Wesermarsch	2.018,2	2.260,3	2.094,7	2.082,2	2.197,3	2.433,6	2.379,7	2.380,4	2.855,1	2.808,6		790,4	39,2%	3,1%	1,4%
District Wittmund	982,2	946,8	947,8	960,4	970,5	1.014,5	1.045,3	1.079,0	1.120,2	1.106,1		123,9	12,6%	0,5%	0,5%
Employees subject to s.s.contributions on 30.06.	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Development since 2000			Share of LS 2009
												absolute	in % ¹⁾	in % ²⁾	
Lower Saxony	2.436.003	2.420.079	2.411.598	2.376.123	2.340.735	2.305.451	2.320.167	2.356.527	2.415.107	2.416.282	2.455.391	-19.721	-0,8%		100,0%
Oldenburger Münsterland	85.429	86.366	88.461	88.941	89.665	89.649	91.374	94.759	97.807	99.816	103.055	14.387	16,8%	73,0%	4,2%
Delmenhorst	19.069	18.996	19.355	18.770	17.863	17.407	17.432	17.725	17.935	17.792	17.739	-1.277	-6,7%	-6,5%	0,7%
Emden	28.088	28.117	27.702	26.973	26.548	26.675	27.137	27.350	28.222	28.192	29.072	104	0,4%	0,5%	1,2%
Oldenburg	65.050	66.198	65.364	65.186	64.220	64.049	64.558	65.357	67.849	68.263	70.742	3.213	4,9%	16,3%	2,9%
Osnabrück	82.771	83.241	82.116	80.866	79.932	78.388	79.645	80.622	82.680	81.074	81.017	-1.697	-2,1%	-8,6%	3,3%
Wilhelmshaven	27.412	26.929	26.555	25.825	25.346	25.199	24.665	25.119	25.263	25.812	26.481	-1.600	-5,8%	-8,1%	1,1%
District Ammerland	31.715	31.770	32.073	31.383	31.316	31.439	31.687	32.252	33.207	33.470	34.147	1.755	5,5%	8,9%	1,4%
District Aurich	42.744	42.437	42.369	41.436	41.044	40.608	41.277	42.610	43.872	44.888	46.491	2.144	5,0%	10,9%	1,9%
District Emsland	90.007	90.655	91.854	90.722	89.460	89.365	92.169	96.981	101.045	102.098	105.313	12.091	13,4%	61,3%	4,3%
District Friesland	25.622	25.382	25.482	24.793	24.268	23.349	23.205	23.603	24.066	24.524	24.064	-1.098	-4,3%	-5,6%	1,0%
County Bentheim	36.101	35.512	35.309	34.061	33.530	33.067	34.655	35.827	37.062	37.412	38.424	1.311	3,6%	6,6%	1,6%
District Leer	35.297	35.300	35.033	34.218	33.136	32.942	34.293	36.074	37.308	38.362	38.813	3.065	8,7%	15,5%	1,6%
District Oldenburg	26.515	26.576	26.711	26.425	25.778	25.435	26.013	26.767	27.535	28.155	29.041	1.640	6,2%	8,3%	1,2%
District Osnabrück	94.132	94.348	94.547	93.205	91.944	90.647	92.083	94.597	97.155	96.849	100.153	2.717	2,9%	13,8%	4,1%
District Wesermarsch	24.877	25.250	25.262	24.740	23.886	23.596	23.822	24.347	24.385	25.444	25.531	567	2,3%	2,9%	1,0%
District Wittmund	12.947	12.708	12.459	12.247	12.068	11.985	12.195	12.383	12.656	12.975	13.302	28	0,2%	0,1%	0,5%

¹⁾ development within the respective unit.

²⁾ share of the respective unit in the development in Lower Saxony