

Sports Grounds and Greenbelt Recreation Areas

86 sport clubs

Sportbad Rosenau

(swimming pools with 5 m diving boards, beginners' pool and paddling pool)

Stadtbad Esperanto

(indoor swimming pool and beginners' pool)

Sportbad Zieher

(indoor swimming pool, beginners' pool and paddling pool)

Zentrale Sportanlage Johannesau

(central sports grounds) consisting of:

1 stadium (stadium capacity: 12.600, including 2.000 seats (755 of them covered), main ground (lawn), track-and-field-sports facilities with 400 m artificial track (8 short tracks), electronic timekeeper and finish facilities, floodlights and shadow, B-ground (lawn) with 400 m cinder track (4 short tracks), C-ground (lawn) with lighting for training sessions,

1 astroturf ground with lighting for training sessions,

1 throwing sports ground, 1 functional building

Further Sports Grounds

5 sports halls

20 sports and gymnastics halls

4 gymnastics rooms

30 sports grounds

8 small sports facilities

22 tennis courts including 2 indoor courts

4 shooting facilities with 47 shooting ranges

2 indoor riding halls

1 flying site for gliding

1 natural ice track, 1 asphalt and ice stock lane

2 skateboard facilities

bowling, squash, palace gardens with crazy golf course and bocce, zoological garden, Frauenberg gardens, recreation areas of Fuldaue / Auweier and Rauschenberg with developed hiking trails, nature trails and playgrounds, beach-volleyball field, recreation area Gerlos with fireplace and shelter, Kneipp and fitness trail, institution of environment, bare foot path, nature adventure area

Economy

Employees obligated to pay social security contributions (2010-06-30) 43.160

Economic structure Production sector

Service sector, textile industry (industrial textiles and felts, floor covering), tyre production, chemical industry (wax processing industry, production of paints and varnishes), mechanical engineering, steel construction, precision mechanics, construction of musical instruments, plastic processing industry, printing industry, paper production, paper and cardboard processing industry, manufacturing industry, food industry, small and medium-sized businesses, product development, production facilities development, construction and small-series production for automobile and aerospace industry, information technology.

Wholesale Trade

Raw products, steel and iron as well as NE metals, sanitary goods, electronic goods, hides and furs, building materials, petroleum products, textiles, food and semi-luxuries.

Supraregional provision with goods and services of everyday need especially via retail trade, hotel and catering industry, catering trade, electricity provider, gas and water supply and transport services.

Tourism

Hotels and guesthouses 41

Number of beds 3.336

Overnight stays 2010 456.455

Elections

Local elections 2011

Number of CDU SPD GRÜNE FDP REP CWE Linke/OL

Votes in % 51,0 18,4 17,8 3,4 1,8 4,6 3,0

Municipal Bodies

Municipal Assembly:

CDU: 30, SPD: 11, GRÜNE: 10, FDP: 2, REP:1, CWE: 3,

DIE LINKE/Offene Liste: 2

President of the municipal assembly: Margarete Hartmann

Municipal Government:

Lord Mayor: Gerhard Möller, CDU

Mayor: Dr. Wolfgang Dippel, CDU

Planning Officer: Cornelia Zuschke

Honorary town councillors: CDU: 6, SPD: 2, GRÜNE: 2, CWE: 1

24 parish councils in the town districts

Phone Numbers

Dialling code 06 61

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Fulda Hospital 84-0

Emergency Calls

Police/Emergency number 1 10

Fire brigade/Rescue Service 1 12

Medical Emergency Service 1 92 92

Police Headquarters 1 05-0

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Town History

744	Foundation of Fulda by the Benedictine monk Sturmian, on behalf of Boniface
751	Boniface arranges with Pope Zachary that the Fulda monastery is directly subject to Holy See
754	St. Boniface is buried in Fulda
782	Emperor Charlemagne visits Fulda
791–819	The Romanesque collegiate basilica is built, at that time the biggest sacral building north of the Alps
822	St. Michael's Church, one of the oldest preserved church buildings in Germany, is consecrated
1019	Fulda is granted market and coinage rights
1020	Emperor Heinrich II and Pope Benedict VIII visit Fulda
1114	On a coin, Fulda is called a town (Civitas)
1704–1712	After the Romanesque collegiate basilica was pulled down, the Cathedral is erected in the Baroque style by Johann Dientzenhofer
1706–1721	The City Palace is erected (formerly the Residence of the prince abbots and prince bishops, now headquarters of the municipal administration)
1752	The Diocese of Fulda is founded
1734–1805	The University of Fulda exists with all faculties (closed in 1805)
1802	In consequence of the secularization, after 1058 years the secular rule of the prince abbots is abolished. The principality of Fulda is assigned to Hereditary Prince Wilhelm Friedrich of Orange-Nassau
1806	Fulda becomes a French province
1810	The town becomes a department of the Grand Duchy of Frankfurt
1816	With part of the old princely abbey Fulda is annexed, as the Grand Duchy of Fulda, by the Hesse Electorate
1835	For the first time, Fulda has a Lord Mayor
1866	Fulda is annexed by Prussia and together with the Hesse Electorate assigned to Prussia
1927	Fulda becomes a non-district town
1944	Heavy air raids on the town
1972	In consequence of a regional reorganisation 24 municipalities around Fulda are integrated into the municipality of Fulda
1980	Following a law by the Hesse Landtag from 10.07.1979 Fulda is assigned various district functions based on a "special functional status"
1990	The 30 th "Hessentag" takes place in Fulda
1994	Fulda celebrates its 1250 th anniversary and is the venue of the 1 st Hessian Gardening Exposition under the motto "Fulda, the Garden of Hesse"
2002	The town and the diocese celebrate the 250 th anniversary of the diocese of Fulda
2004	Celebrations on the occasion of the 1250 anniversary of the death of St. Boniface - "Apostle of Germans", Opening of the boniface - pilgrim way and world premiere of the musical "Bonifatius"
2008	108. "Deutscher Wandertag" in Fulda

Ecumenicalism – Religious Centre of Germany

1867	Since then, the German Bishop's Conference convenes annually in Fulda
1949	The Protestant German Church Congress establishes its permanent offices in Fulda

Twin Towns

Como (Italy).....	since 30.03.1960
Arles (France)	since 05.09.1964
Sergiew Posad (Russia)	since 19.05.1991
Wilmington, Delaware (USA)	since 16.10.1997
Leitmeritz (Czech Republic)	since 26.08.2001

Sponsorships

Oberglogau (Schlesia)	since 29.05.1955 (Pentecost)
Leitmeritz (Bohemia)	since 06.08.1961
Boeing 737-300 D ABXP "Fulda"	since 23.06.1988
Minesweeper "Fulda"	since 29.09.1997
ICE „Fulda“	since 27.11.2002
Sailplane ASW 28-18 E	since 27.10.2007

Town Friendships

Weimar (Thuringia)	since 17.02.1990
Dokkum (Netherlands)	since 20.06.1998
Crediton (Great Britain)	since 03.06.2000

City Area

Length of the city boundary	69 km
City Area	10.404 hectares
built-up area and open spaces	1.795 hectares
recreation area	325 hectares
traffic area	976 hectares
agricultural area	4.655 hectares
forest	2.513 hectares
water	110 hectares
other areas	30 hectares
Maximum distance east-west	11,7 km
Maximum distance north-south	14,5 km
Altitude of the town centre	261,5 above sea level
Highest point in the urban area	435,3 above sea level
Lowest point in the urban area	229,5 above sea level

Inhabitants (own records)

Population (2010-12-31)	64.854
Males	31.194
Females	33.660
Foreign residents	6.318
Inhabitants per square kilometre	624

Housings

Number of housing units (2010-12-31).....	30.491
Housings finished 2010	77
Planning permissions granted 2010	307

Healthcare and Social System

2 hospitals (including the Municipal Hospital with 934 beds).....	1.143 beds
205 doctors	
64 dentists	
26 pharmacy	
day-care facilities for children	
total	2.541 places
thereof	
for children from 0 till 3 years	304 places
from 3 years till start of school	2.182 places
for schoolchildren	55 places
day-care centres workshops for handicapped people (Caritas)	872 places

Schools, college and faculty

16 elementary and secondary schools.....	2.686 pupils
3 special schools	385 pupils
1 comprehensive school	863 pupils
3 secondary schools (leading to intermediate qualification).....	1.947 pupils
4 highschools.....	4.647 pupils
highschools senior classes	697 pupils
vocational schools	7.349 pupils
university of applied sciences/college..	5.632 students
theological faculty	32 students

Traffic Connections

Direct connections to the Kassel-Fulda-Würzburg motorway A7, to the A 66/B40 Frankfurt-Fulda, railway junction, ICE-EC/IC-IR-RE und SE railway station, starting point for bus routes to the regions of Rhoein and Vogelsberg, urban bus routes, central railway station for changes of train	
Number of motor vehicles (2010-12-31)	39.143
thereof cars.....	33.184

Cultural Institutions

Palace Theatre 690 seats (regular performances of guest ensembles)	
1 movie centre	
Hesse State Library	
Museums: Vonderau-Museum	
Historical Rooms of the City Palace	
Cathedral Museum	
German Fire Brigade Museum	
Black-Horse-Museum	
Children's Academy ,Adult Education Programme, Youth Music School	
Boniface House (adult education centre of the diocese)	
Catholic family educational institution Fulda	