

## Sports and Recreation Areas

125 sports clubs, pools and associations  
55 ha (=136 acres) sports facilities, including:

- Football stadium Bieberer Berg (capacity at present: 22 500, 7 500 roofed seats, 7 500 roofed standing rooms)
- Woodland swimming bath Rosenhöhe (summer season: outdoor bath, winter season: air dome)
- Bathing pond Schultheisweiher with footpaths
- 22 sports fields
- 24 gymnasiums (including 20 school gyms, 1 gym „Jahnhalle“ and 3 club-owned facilities)
- 26 Tennis facilities (incl. 21 outdoor courts and 5 covered courts)
- 2 Keep-Fit paths
- 1 roller-skating rink, 2 rinks for inline skaters, 2 playing fields for petanque (boules)
- Opportunities for water sports on the river Main
- 3 outdoor chess fields
- Woodland zoo (Waldzoo)
- 3 passenger-boat routes on the river Main
- Recreation areas with footpaths, bicycle paths and playgrounds
- River bank and embankment with footpaths and bicycle paths

## Transport Conditions

- Rhein-Main-Airport just 15 min. away (by car), 25 min. by suburban railway
- Egelsbach airfield 20 km (=12.4 miles) away
- 4 motorway-connections, motorway crossing
- Street length in the urban area: 212 km (=131.73 miles)
- Train connections (ICE, InterRegio, town- / regional express, commuter trains)
- 4 suburban railway lines with 7 stations in the urban area
- 9 bus lines, Harbour at the river Main

## Economy

- Major urban center (Großstadt), ranking fifth among Hessian towns, civic center for 500,000 inhabitants
- More than 63,000 wage earners, approx. 45,000 thereof subject to social insurance contributions
- Gross value added approx. € 4 Billion, 3/4 thereof in the service sector
- More than 11.000 companies and enterprises
- European headquarters of many companies in the manufacturing sector
- Major industries in the manufacturing sector: mechanical engineering, vehicle manufacturing, chemical industry
- Attractive shopping center with weekly market
- above-average purchasing power
- Creative and innovative business climate due to design college, research and development centers as well as approx. 1000 enterprises in the creative industry
- International fairs and conventions (e.g. International Leather Goods Fair)

## Tourism

Housing firms:	30
Stock of beds:	2 881
Overnight stays (2006)	392 466

## Public Authorities

District Court, German Weather Service (Central Office), Federal Monopoly Administration for Spirits, Procurement office of the Federal Board of Customs and Excise, Municipality, Local tax office

## Elections

Municipal election '06:	CDU	SPD	GRÜNE	FDP	Linke	REP	FWG	Animal Welfare Party
Votes in %:	35,4	32,2	11,0	7,5	5,3	4,0	2,8	1,7

## Municipal bodies

City parliament:  
Seats: CDU: 25, SPD: 23, GR-NE: 8, F.D.P.: 5, LINKE: 3, REP: 3, FWG: 2, Animal Welfare Party: 1, Independent: 1  
Chairman of the city parliament: Erik Lehmann  
Foreigners Advisory Council: Chairman: Abdelkader Rafoud

## Municipal authority (executive committee):

Lord Mayor:	Horst Schneider
Burgomaster (Mayor) and Departmental head for environment, transport and social affairs:	Birgit Simon
City Treasurer:	Michael Beseler
Departmental head for education and public affairs:	Paul-Gerhard Weiß
Honorary town councillors:	6

## Important telephone numbers: Area code: 0 69

Municipality:	80 65-1
Citizen information centre:	80 65-42 22
Lost property office:	80 65-27 77
Complaints office (Beschwerdestelle):	80 65-43 21
Tourist information:	80 65-29 46, -20 52
City clinic (Klinikum Offenbach):	84 05-0

## Emergency Calls

Assault, traffic accident:	110
Fire-brigade:	112
First-aid doctor (Ärztlicher Notdienst):	1 92 92
Police headquarters:	80 98-0
1st Police Station (Mathildenplatz)	80 98-51 00
2nd. Police Station (Berliner Straße)	80 98-52 00

## Further Information

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# Offenbach am Main

## Facts and Figures

Stadt  
Offenbach  
am Main



## History

<b>977</b>	first reference of „Ovenbach“ in a deed signed by Otto II.
<b>1372</b>	Philipp of Falkenstein pledges Offenbach to the council of Frankfurt for 1 000 Guilders
<b>1394</b>	Evidence of a moated castle, located approximately at the place of today's palace
<b>1419</b>	First mention of a ferry across the river Main
<b>1486</b>	The „Isenburgers“ become sole sovereigns
<b>1556</b>	Count Reinhard of Isenburg relocates his Residence to Offenbach, starts to build a palace (completed in 1559, destroyed by fire in 1564, rebuilt until 1578)
<b>1635-1643</b>	Offenbach passes into the possession of the landgraves of Hessen-Darmstadt
<b>1698</b>	Count Johann Phillip of Isenburg-Birstein gives refuge to the Huguenots in Offenbach and bestows them extensive privileges
<b>1733</b>	Privilege for the snuff factory of the Bernard brothers
<b>1748</b>	Opening of a significant oilcloth factory
<b>ca. 1770</b>	the first wallets are manufactured
<b>1799</b>	Setting-up of the 1st lithographic institute by Alois Senefelder, inventor of lithography
<b>1815</b>	Congress of Vienna: Offenbach is assigned to the Austrian Emperor
<b>1816</b>	Offenbach falls to the grand duchy of Hessen-Darmstadt
<b>1828-1835</b>	Offenbach organizes its own fairs
<b>1832</b>	Offenbach becomes district town
<b>1887</b>	The city is granted a Lord Mayor
<b>1888</b>	A mineral spring is found and called „Kaiser Friedrich-Quelle“ in remembrance of the monarch
<b>1917</b>	Foundation of the German Leather Museum and German Shoe Museum
<b>1920</b>	The city acquires the Büsing Palace and utilizes it as town hall
<b>1945</b>	36% of the city are destroyed; the air-raids claimed 467 lives
<b>1953</b>	Opening of the Klingspor Museum
<b>1954</b>	Offenbach becomes a big town (> 100 000 inhabitants)
<b>1956</b>	The city is awarded the Europeprize for its efforts to support the rapprochement in Europe
<b>1977</b>	Offenbach celebrates its millenary
<b>1984</b>	Inauguration of the Büsing Palace after its restoration
<b>1995</b>	Inauguration of the suburban railway
<b>2003</b>	Completion of the City-Tower
<b>2007</b>	Development of the new district South Waldheim

## Sister Cities

Esch-sur-Alzette (Luxembourg)	Rivas (Nicaragua)
Kawagoe (Japan)	Saint-Gilles-lez-Bruxelles (Belgium)
Köszeg (Hungary)	Tower Hamlets (England)
Mödling (Austria)	Velletri (Italy)
Orel (Russia)	Yangzhou (China)
Puteaux (France)	Zemun (Yugoslavia)

## City friendships

Nahariya (Israel)	Vsetin (Czech Republic)
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## Urban area

Geographic position: (City Center / Marktplatz)

Latitude: 50° 6' 19,5" N, Longitude: 8° 45' 56" E

Length of city boundary:	42 km (= 24.86 Miles)
Expanse of urban area:	4 492.03 ha (= 11081.18 acres)
thereof: Farmland:	386.56 ha (= 1159 acres)
Garden plots:	141.68 ha (= 363.55 acres)
Grass land:	113.57 ha (= 304.96 acres)
Wooded area:	1 501.72 ha (= 3669.16 acres)
Water area:	137.11 ha (= 322.26 acres)
Buildings and open space:	1 209.60 ha (= 3007.53 acres)
Circulation area:	598.00 ha (= 1479.55 acres)
Commercial and industrial area:	29.87 ha (= 86.09 acres)
Recreation area, Sports:	242.90 ha (= 576.78 acres)
Cemeteries:	31.01 ha (= 73.64 acres)
Other kinds of utilization:	100.02 ha (= 38.67 acres)
Greatest East-west extension:	8.4 km (= 5.22 miles)
Greatest north-south extension:	10 km (= 6.21 miles)
Altitude of central area:	100 m above sea level
Peak of urban area:	166 m (Schneckenberg)
Lowest point of urban area:	97 m (palace)

## Population (June 2007)

Inhabitants:	117 808	Percentage of Foreign Citizens: 30,2 %
thereof: Males:	57 888	
Females:	59 420	

## Buildings / Housing (June 2007)

Buildings:	13 333
Dwelling stock:	60 237
Rooms:	228 333

## Public Health and Social Services

3 hospitals with 1168 beds
217 medical practices
87 dentists / orthodontists
38 pharmacies
97 play schools (kindergarten) and day-nurseries with 3875 places
11 residential premises for the elderly with 416 dwelling units
7 nursing homes with 623 places
7 clubs and day-nurseries for senior citizens

## Schools / College

15 primary schools
3 primary, elementary and middle schools with mixed ability classes
4 elementary and middle schools with mixed ability classes
4 secondary schools
4 schools for mentally/physically handicapped children
3 vocational schools
3 comprehensive schools
3 schools not administered by the city
1 art academy (design college)

## Culture / Education

### Museums: City Museum and Archive

Klingspor Museum for international modern book and writing arts  
German Leather Museum and German Shoe Museum  
Rosenheim Museum

City Archive, Public library with „Artothek“ (municipal gallery), Adult education classes, Municipal hall, Music school Offenbach am Main Inc., School of arts for children and young people, Cinemas, Capitol theatre and concerts, more than 100 cultural clubs and associations

## Attractions

Isenburg Palace with renaissance facade and art nouveau fountain  
Neo-baroque Büsing Palace  
Rumpenheim palace with palace gardens  
Lili-Park with historical bath temple and „Lili-House“  
French-reformed church and parsonage  
Evangelic town parish church  
Fleamarket on the Main embankment (Saturdays)

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