

An aerial photograph of Meschede, Germany, taken during sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper center, casting a warm, golden light over the town and the surrounding rolling hills. The town below is a dense cluster of buildings, with a prominent railway line cutting through the lower left. The hills in the background are layered, creating a sense of depth and a hazy atmosphere. In the top right corner, there is a colorful logo consisting of several curved, overlapping lines in shades of pink, orange, yellow, and blue, resembling a stylized sunburst or a fan.

Meschede

# WELCOME TO MESCHEDE

ECONOMY | NATURE | TOURISM | CULTURE | EDUCATION

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Invest. Develop. Take Off – in the District and University Town of Meschede

*At the Heart of Sauerland, in the Centre of South Westphalia.*

# WHERE WE ARE

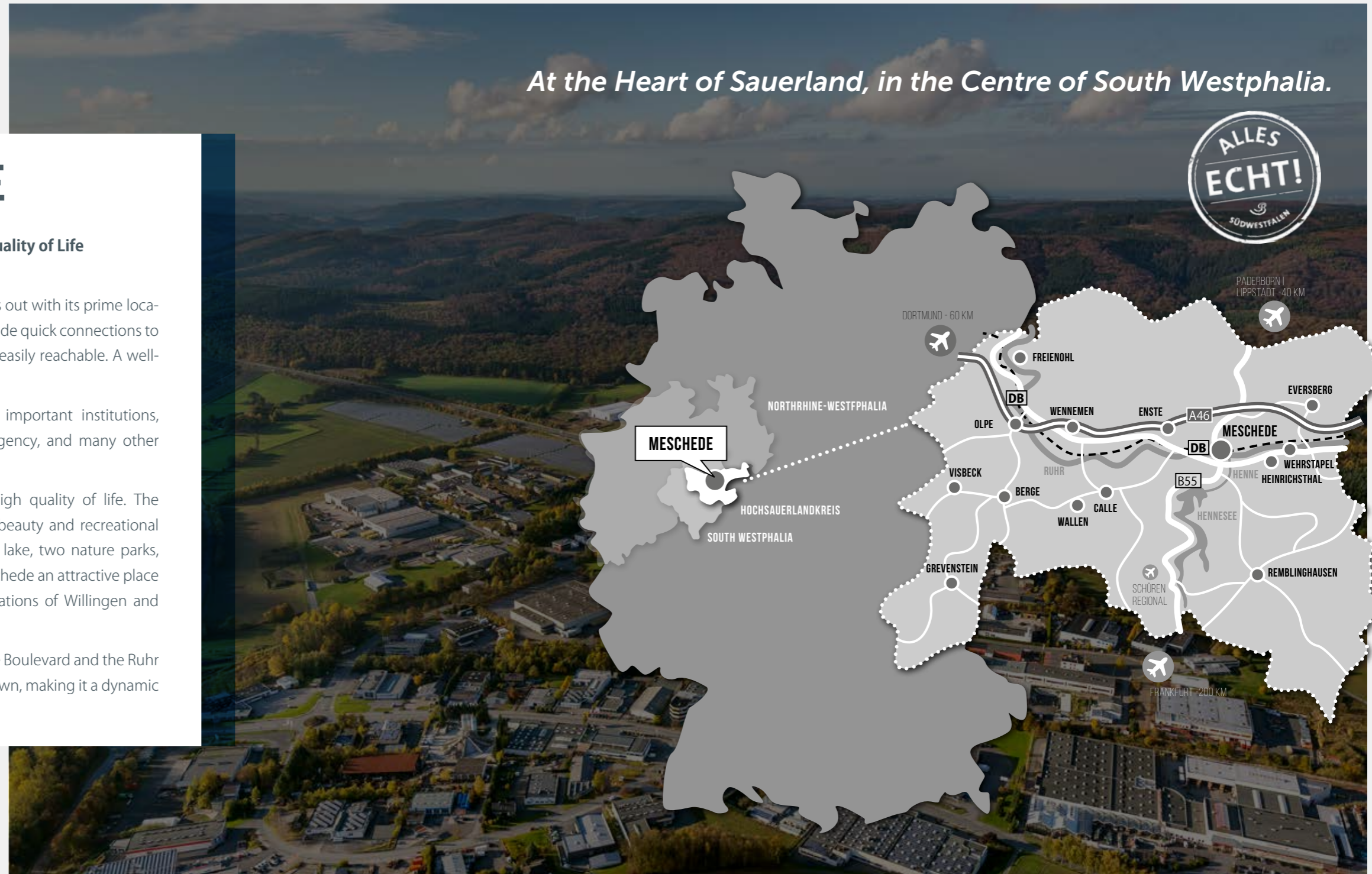
**Strong Economy | Excellent Infrastructure | High Quality of Life**

Meschede, as both a district and university town, stands out with its prime location and accessibility. The A46 and A44 motorways provide quick connections to key economic regions, with Dortmund and Paderborn easily reachable. A well-connected railway network further enhances mobility.

As an administrative centre, Meschede is home to important institutions, including the district hall, local court, employment agency, and many other central services.

Beyond its economic strength, Meschede offers a high quality of life. The town combines urban infrastructure with the natural beauty and recreational opportunities of the Sauerland region. The Hennesee lake, two nature parks, and a wealth of leisure and cultural activities make Meschede an attractive place for skilled workers and businesses. The nearby destinations of Willingen and Winterberg further enhance its appeal.

Modern urban development projects such as the Henne Boulevard and the Ruhr Promenade bring a vibrant, urban atmosphere to the town, making it a dynamic and exciting place to live and work.



# FACTS & FIGURES



**POPULATION**  
30,324  
(2024)

**TOTAL AREA**  
218.50 KM<sup>2</sup>



Other areas  
(of which 1.5% water)

Forests

Agricultural land

Traffic area

Residential, industrial & commercial areas

## ACCESS TO TRANSPORT

- A 46 | A 445 (Dortmund – Kassel)  
B 7 (Aachen – Leipzig)  
B 55 (Olpe – Gütersloh)
- Upper Ruhr Valley railway (Hagen – Warburg, Dortmund – Winterberg)  
ICE connection (from Kassel, Dortmund & Hamm)
- Paderborn | Lippstadt airport (40 km distance)  
Dortmund airport (60 km distance)

2 **WORLD MARKET LEADERS**

10 German **TOP COMPANIES**

1,195 **COMPANIES**  
with at least one employee



subject to social security contributions  
**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**  
15,159



**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**  
4,7 %



Daily **COMMUTERS** (IN & OUT)  
21,327

**COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL SPACE**  
230 HA

**INDUSTRIAL ESTATES: 7**  
in planning: 2



Find out more:  
**INDUSTRIAL ESTATES**

## SCHOOLS

- 1 UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
- 2 VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
- 6 secondary SCHOOLS
- 5 PRIMARY SCHOOLS



**PUPILS & STUDENTS**  
7,636

**PURCHASING POWER**  
105 MIO. EURO

**RETAIL CENTRALITY INDEX**  
101.7

**PURCHASING POWER INDEX**  
100.6





# MESCHEDE

## **A Business Location with a Future – at the Heart of Sauerland, in the Centre of South Westphalia**

Meschede is situated in the heart of South Westphalia – one of the most economically dynamic regions in North Rhine-Westphalia. The town combines entrepreneurial spirit with a high quality of life, offering ideal conditions for businesses, skilled professionals, and investors alike.

Driven by a strong SME sector, innovative “hidden champions,” and globally active companies, Meschede is a key industrial hub. Its economy is particularly shaped by the metalworking and electrical industries, mechanical engineering, the automotive sector, plastics processing, breweries, innovative craft businesses, and administrative services.

Internationally renowned companies based in Meschede include the C. & A. Veltins brewery, Martinrea Honsel Germany, and ITH Schraubtechnik. A thriving start-up scene adds to the town’s dynamic business environment. Companies benefit from excellent infrastructure and close ties to research, science, and public administration.

Meschede also offers comprehensive medical services through a modern hospital campus operated by the Hochsauerland Clinic, alongside a large network of dedicated general practitioners and specialists – ensuring high-quality healthcare for residents.





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# MESCHEDE ECONOMY

## Where Tradition Meets Innovation

Meschede brings together innovation, education, and a high quality of work to create a thriving business location. The town stands for future-focused growth, combining academic potential with economic strength.

A strong backbone of medium-sized enterprises, a vibrant retail sector, and a stable service industry shape Meschede's economic landscape. Across seven established and two planned business parks, companies will find ideal conditions for relocation, expansion, or new ventures. The Meschede Economic Development Agency offers dedicated support throughout the process.

Meschede is also a hub for modern, hands-on education and active knowledge transfer. Its proximity to the Ruhr metropolitan region, combined with excellent accessibility, further enhances its appeal as a business location.

A strong network of companies, initiatives, and economic development organisations fosters collaboration and trust. At the same time, the city is actively advancing broadband expansion and a forward-looking energy supply – laying the foundation for a digital and modern infrastructure.



# MESCHEDE - A CITY OF EDUCATION

Meschede has been a university town for over 60 years and is a key educational hub in the Sauerland region. The South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences offers Bachelor's and Master's programmes in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and business — serving as a vital link between science and industry.

The HSK vocational school supports students in transitioning from school to the workplace. In addition, the town's educational landscape is broad and diverse, with two grammar schools, two secondary schools, two lower secondary schools, and five primary schools.

Career guidance is a top priority in Meschede. The Careers Information Centre and the annual Meschede Company Weeks connect more than 120 local businesses with young talent each year.

There are also numerous opportunities for lifelong learning — from the HSK Adult Education Centre and the Kolping Education Centre, to the nursing school and the technical college for agriculture.

With this wide range of educational offerings, Meschede stands as a strong centre of learning on the Ruhr, providing excellent prospects for personal and professional growth.



# NATURE, LEISURE & CULTURE

Meschede offers the perfect blend of natural beauty, recreational fun, and cultural highlights. The Ruhr Promenade and Henne Boulevard are ideal for relaxed strolls, while the iconic “Stairway to Heaven” at the Henne Dam rewards visitors with breathtaking views over Lake Hennesee. For those who enjoy an active lifestyle, the lake is a hotspot for swimming, sailing, stand-up paddling, beach volleyball – and starting in autumn 2025, leisurely boat trips aboard the new EMS Hennesee.

Families will love the Berghauser Badebucht, home to the popular ‘Pirate Bay’ adventure playground. The surrounding Sauerland region is a paradise for hikers and cyclists, with scenic routes winding through the low mountain landscape and past panoramic viewpoints such as the Küppelturm and Lörmecketurm. Highlights include the Ruhr Valley Cycle Path — stretching from Winterberg to Duisburg — and the Sauerland Cycle Ring, which showcases the region’s diverse nature.

For thrill-seekers, the Eversberg high ropes course offers adrenaline-packed fun, while balloon rides and sightseeing flights from Schüren Airfield provide unforgettable views of the Sauerland from above. In winter, the region transforms into a snowy playground, perfect for skiing, cross-country adventures, and tobogganing.

Meschede’s cultural scene is just as vibrant. The ‘Old Synagogue’ hosts intimate jazz concerts, while the town’s concert hall features comedy, orchestral performances, and theatre. A traditional cinema, open-air events on Stiftsplatz and by the lake, and the ever-popular pub night with live music round out a lively cultural calendar.

Whether you’re drawn to nature, sport, or culture – Meschede has something to discover in every season.

*Find out more:*  
EVENTS



# SAUERLAND & SOUTH WESTPHALIA

## Quality of Life | Affordable Living | Great Potential

Meschede lies at the heart of the Sauerland region, in the centre of South Westphalia – the most densely forested and one of the most industrialised regions in North Rhine-Westphalia.

South Westphalia offers a unique blend of natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and cultural diversity. Its rolling landscapes and idyllic settings provide a high quality of life, while a vibrant cultural scene adds variety and inspiration.

Economically, the region stands out for its strong mix of traditional businesses and innovative medium-sized enterprises. Excellent transport connections ensure swift access to key markets and business partners. Companies benefit from a highly skilled workforce, nurtured by local universities and educational institutions.

Attractive funding programmes and a business-friendly environment support both start-ups and established businesses looking to expand. South Westphalia is a region that embodies modernity, strong regional identity, and a forward-looking vision.

Altogether, Meschede offers not only outstanding conditions for business but also a great place to live – whether for families or individuals. The unique combination of economic opportunity, natural surroundings, and affordable living makes the region an appealing and sustainable place to call home.

Find out more:  
SOUTH  
WESTPHALIA



## ACCOMMODATION

getaway, you'll find the perfect retreat. Enjoy warm hospitality and indulge in the beauty of nature, exciting leisure activities, and delicious regional cuisine.



Find out more:  
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