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ECONOMIC REASONS: Jobs and Careers
Where the job openings are

Based on data collected by the BA and shared with The Local, these are the top ten (out of 400) German cities and regions in terms of average annual job vacancies that were registered in 2017:

1. Berlin (25,793)
2. Hamburg (16,614)
3. Frankfurt (9,930)
4. Cologne (9,793)
5. Munich (9,712)
6. Hanover region (9,384)
7. Stuttgart (7,618)
8. Esslingen region (7,115)
9. Dortmund (7,030)
10. Nuremberg (6,806)

The majority of these cities and regions had a similar figure in 2016 with either slight increases or decreases. But both the Esslingen region in Baden-Württemberg and the city of Cologne saw significant growth compared to the previous year.

Registered job vacancies in the Esslingen district, which is home to over half a million residents, have grown by 19 percent. Meanwhile in Cologne, the largest city in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) with a population of over one million inhabitants, there was a 9 percent increase in the number of registered job openings in 2017.

Important to note as well is that, excluding Nuremberg and the districts of Esslingen and Hanover, the remaining seven cities in BA's top ten list are also among the biggest cities in Germany.

While the largest number of jobs is available in Berlin, Germany's capital and largest city with over 3.5 million inhabitants, it also showed a 2.8 percent decrease in registered job vacancies compared to the previous year.

Following Nuremberg, in eleventh place comes the only city in the east of the country that made it in BA's top twenty cities and regions with the highest average annual job vacancies nationwide: Leipzig. The biggest city in Saxony saw a substantial year-on-year increase in job vacancies (18.5 percent).