

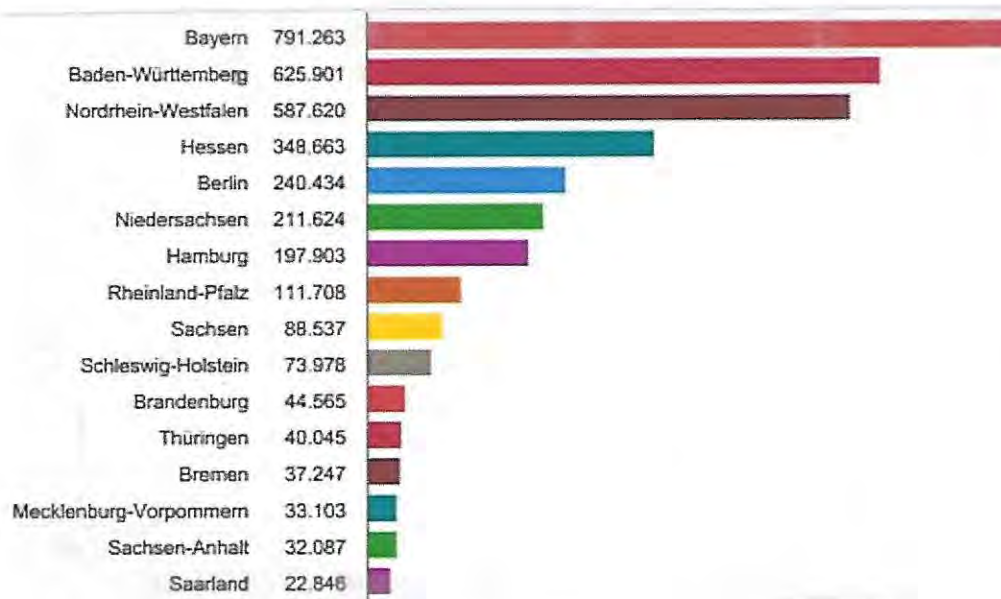
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### ECONOMIC REASONS: Jobs and Careers

The remaining cities and regions in the top twenty are dominated by those in NRW, the state which is not only home to the largest urban area in Germany, but also the most foreigners (2.5 million). These areas include Düsseldorf (12th place), the Aachen region (14th place) and the Märkischer district (15th place).

Of the 1.2 million nationwide openings recorded by the IAB, around 918,000 positions are available in former West Germany and around 265,000 are in the east.

Much further down the BA's list are eastern cities such as Dresden (43rd place), Magdeburg (56th place) and Erfurt (74th). Though the capital of Thuringia, Erfurt, last year showed a considerable increase of 23 percent in registered vacancies.



The number of published job postings in each of Germany's 16 federal states in 2017.

The federal state that published the most print and online employment vacancies in 2017 with 791,260 postings is Bavaria, according to an index released by staffing firm The Adecco Group in January. Runner-up to Bavaria was Baden-Württemberg with 625,900 jobs postings, as the bar graph above shows.

The state that showed the greatest year-on-year growth is Thuringia. With more than 40,000 vacancies last year, this was an increase for the former eastern German state of 19 percent compared to 2016.