JOINING FORCES

Verband Region Stuttgart is the political entity for the Stuttgart Region. Since it was founded in 1994, it has joined the forces of the region with its 179 towns and municipalities in order to safeguard the region's diversity, high quality of life and economic strength in the long term. The association is responsible for local public transport significant for the region, including funding and organising the "S-Bahn" commuter rail network.

Its core statutory tasks also include regional planning, business development as well as regional transport management. With co-funding programmes for the Stuttgart Region Landscape Park, for the Model Region for Sustainable Mobility, inter-municipal projects in the fields of business and tourism as well as for regionally significant industrial areas, Verband Region Stuttgart provides impetus for a liveable and futureproof region. In order to be successful in the face of global competition, the Stuttgart Region also collaborates with numerous partners in Germany and abroad.

ACCESSIBILITY

VERBAND REGION STUTTGART

Population density 761 inhabitants / km²
Percentage of non-Germans 19 %
Non-Germans 527,136
Including
Housing 278 km² (18 %)
Trade/Industry 122 km² (17 %)

Townships and municipalities 179 (16 %)
Population (based on census) 2,786,982 (25 %)
Including
Non-Germans 527,136 (31 %)
Percentage of non-Germans 19 % (15 %)
Population density 761 inhabitants/km²
(federal state: 309 inhabitants/km²)

Employees covered by social security insurance 1,260,597 (27 %)
Including
Manufacturing 416,321 (25 %)
Services 840,660 (28 %)

Commuters across municipal borders 900,509 (28 %)

Regional area: The districts of Böblingen, Esslingen, Göppingen, Ludwigsburg, Rems-Murr and the state capital of Stuttgart
Main body: The Regional Assembly elected directly by the citizens
Main tasks: Regional planning with aspects such as settlement development, protecting open spaces, regional transport planning; regional local public transport, including acting as the funding authority for the 'S-Bahn' commuter rail network, the regional express buses RELEX, partner to Stuttgart 21, regional transport management including Park+Ride, regional business development and tourism marketing
International involvement: Verband Region Stuttgart together with WRS Stuttgart Region Business Development Corporation is represented in Brussels with a European office, for example
Other tasks: Culture and sport, among others Budget volume: roughly 350 million euro (2019)

FACTS & FIGURES

S-Bahn commuter rail network
Number of S-Bahn lines 7
Number of S-Bahn passengers per working day 435,000

Total GDP € 144,057 m (30 %)
Manufacturing € 54,030 m (32 %)

Per capita
B.-W. € 43,488/inhabitant

Purchasing power € 26,062/inhabitant
B.-W. € 24,461/inhabitant

Housing
Total residential buildings 531,868 (22 %)
Total housing units 1,324,097 (25 %)
Total number of universities 22 (29 %)
Students at universities 83,626 (23 %)

Tourism
Beds 58,748 (14 %)
Overnight stays 9,097,347 (17 %)

TOTAL

May 2019 (latest data available)

THE LANDSCAPE PARK

River valleys with steep vineyards, fields, meadow orchards and woodland: the Stuttgart Region has a wide range of landscapes to offer. Improving access to this countryside and making local recreation even more attractive is the idea behind the Landscape Park Stuttgart, which makes a major contribution to the quality of life in the region.

THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Stuttgart Region has the only directly elected "regional parliament" in Baden-Württemberg. Every five years, an electorate of about two million people decide who will represent their interests. The statutory tasks are carried out by the Regional Assembly, the honorary Chairperson and the full-time Regional Director.
**The S-Bahn Commuter Rail Network**

The S-Bahn is the backbone of local public transport in the Stuttgart Region. Every day, around 840 trains on seven S-Bahn lines serve more than 80 stops and provide more than 430,000 passengers with a comfortable and eco-friendly way to get to their destinations. The network continues to grow: Stuttgart 21 includes a new mobility hub at the airport, there are plans to extend the network to Neuhausen on den Fildern, and a new S-Bahn station called Mittnachtstraße is to be built between Stuttgart’s main station and Bad Cannstatt. Because all S-Bahn trains will stop at this station, passengers coming from Feuerbach will be able to change here for Bad Cannstatt and vice versa. With the purchase of 58 new S-Bahn trains, further improvements have recently been made for the running of the S-Bahn. Verband Region Stuttgart has been the authority responsible for the S-Bahn since 1996.

**Further Information**

- [www.region-stuttgart.org](http://www.region-stuttgart.org)
  Website of Verband Region Stuttgart: tasks, members of the Regional Assembly, meeting documents, downloads of publications, links to parliamentary parties and groups, information concerning current political resolutions.

- [www.region-stuttgart.de](http://www.region-stuttgart.de)
  Internet portal of the Stuttgart Region

- [www.bahnprojekt-stuttgart-ulm.de](http://www.bahnprojekt-stuttgart-ulm.de)
  DB Projekt Stuttgart – Ulm GmbH

**SHAREHOLDINGS**

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**Regional Organisations**

**Culture, Sports and Social Affairs**

- **KulturRegion Stuttgart e. V.**
  Merger of towns and cultural associations at regional level
  - [www.kulturregion-stuttgart.de](http://www.kulturregion-stuttgart.de)

- **SportRegion Stuttgart e. V.**
  Regional sports development and location marketing are the focus of this network.
  - [www.sportregion-stuttgart.de](http://www.sportregion-stuttgart.de)

- **Hochschul- und Wissenschaftsregion Stuttgart e. V. (University and Science Region Stuttgart)**
  The aim is to position the Stuttgart Region even better as a place for academic study and science and to expand contacts between higher education institutes and companies in the region.
  - [www.campus.region-stuttgart.de](http://www.campus.region-stuttgart.de)

- **Dialogforum der Kirchen in der Region Stuttgart (Dialogue forum of the churches in the Stuttgart Region)**
  The Evangelical-Lutheran and Catholic churches advocate for social, cultural and ecological issues.
  - [www.dialogforum.de](http://www.dialogforum.de)

- **JugendRegion Stuttgart e. V. (Youth Region Stuttgart)**
  The association deals with topics relevant for young people going forward.
  - [www.region.sjr-stuttgart.de](http://www.region.sjr-stuttgart.de)

- **International Building Exhibition 2027 StadtRegion Stuttgart GmbH**
  IBA’27 develops projects for life, housing and work in the future.
  - [www.iba27.de](http://www.iba27.de)

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