

11.1.c Density of settlements

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	Population, in 1,000										
Germany, total	80,255	80,328	80,524	80,767	81,198	82,176	82,522	82,792	83,019	83,167	83,155
Non-rural areas	33,932	34,106	34,346	34,579	34,866	35,374	35,620	35,799	35,951	36,052	36,005
Rural areas	46,323	46,222	46,177	46,188	46,332	46,802	46,902	46,994	47,068	47,115	47,150
	Settlement and transport area, in square kilometres										
Germany, total	47,680	48,110	48,346	48,575	48,871	49,043	49,254	49,505	49,819	49,983	50,196
Non-rural areas	10,485	10,531	10,566	10,600	10,629	10,663	10,697	10,732	10,753	10,773	10,790
Rural areas	37,194	37,579	37,780	37,975	38,242	38,380	38,557	38,773	39,066	39,210	39,405
	Inhabitants per square kilometre of settlement and transport area										
Germany, total	1,683	1,670	1,666	1,663	1,661	1,676	1,675	1,672	1,666	1,664	1,657
Non-rural areas	3,236	3,239	3,251	3,262	3,280	3,318	3,330	3,336	3,344	3,346	3,337
Rural areas	1,245	1,230	1,222	1,216	1,212	1,219	1,216	1,212	1,205	1,202	1,197

Notes:

- Population: As of 31 December of the respective year. Recalculated and extrapolated data based on the 2011 census.
- Settlement and transport area: Due to methodological changes in the official survey of land (introduction of the official land register information system [ALKIS] from the 2016 reporting year), the results from 2016 are only comparable with previous years to a limited extent (break in time series).

Data sources:

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