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## Welcome to the district of Viersen

### The district of Viersen



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A warm welcome to you!

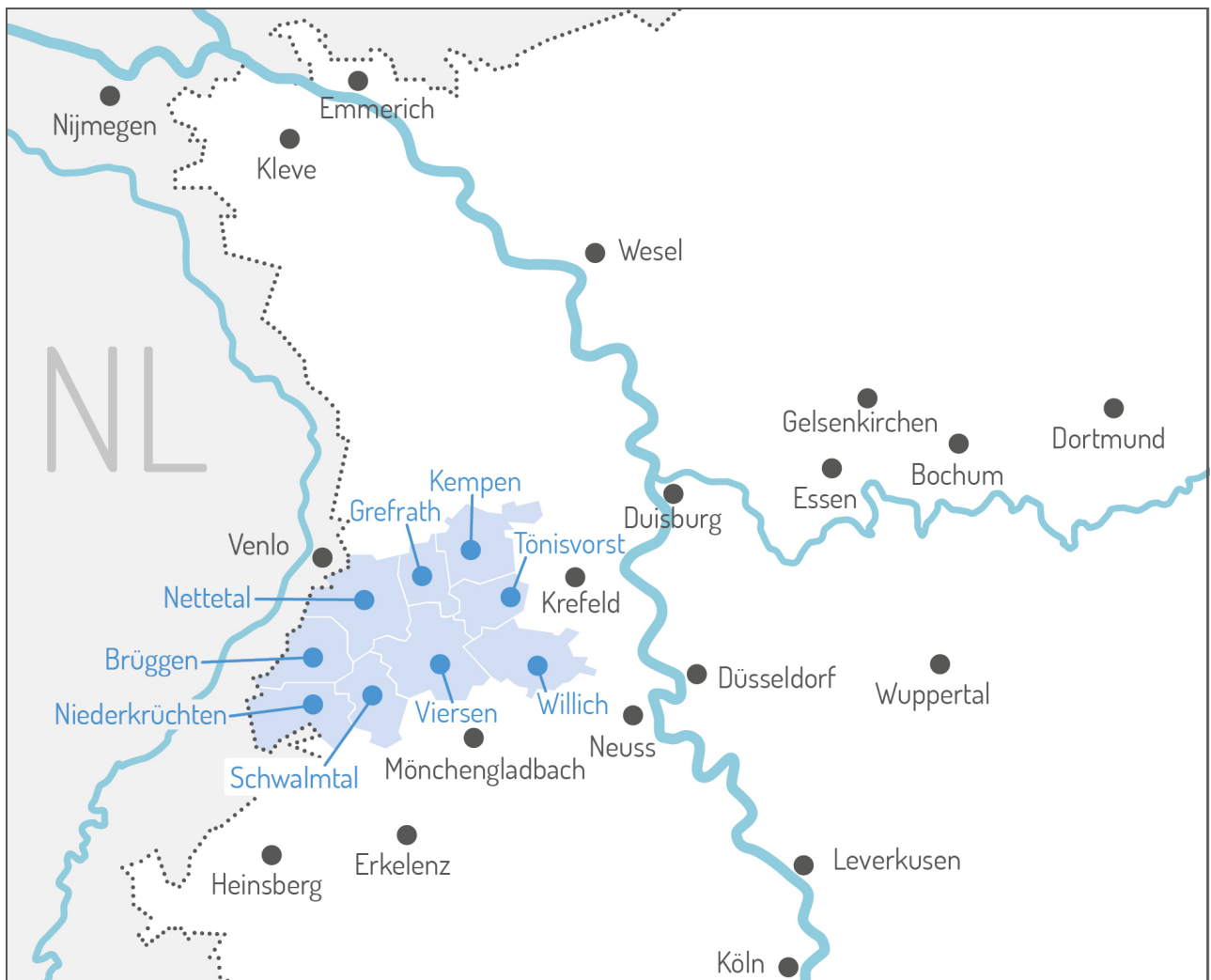
We are delighted to welcome you to the district of Viersen. Leaving your home country and making a new start in another country is a big change. In the first few months you will have many questions about everyday life in Germany. We have designed this app to make your arrival in our region easier. It is designed to help you find your way around in the first few months and give you answers to your most important questions. The app also contains lots of useful information, addresses and important contact points in the district of Viersen to help you find your way around.

The app is multilingual, free of charge and can also be used offline. We hope that it will be a good help to you and wish you a good arrival here in the district of Viersen.

Your district of Viersen

### About the district of Viersen

The district of Viersen is located in the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia and has just under 300,000 inhabitants. The district comprises a total of nine towns and municipalities. In close proximity to the Dutch border, the Ruhr region and the cities of Krefeld, Mönchengladbach and Düsseldorf, there is plenty to discover in the surrounding area.



In the district of Viersen, you can expect an appealing mix of city and nature, business and culture. This diversity contributes to the high quality of life. This also includes family friendliness. There are plenty of childcare facilities, good schools and housing and care options for senior citizens. Rents are affordable - and you get good neighbourliness on top. Nature lovers will get their money's worth in the Schwalm-Nette Nature Park or in our numerous forests and lakes. Those interested in culture can take a trip to the Lower Rhine Open-Air Museum in Grefrath. Adults and children alike can gain an insight into the farming and craft culture of pre-technological times. If you want to learn even more, you are sure to find what you are looking for in the wide range of programmes offered by our adult education centre and our music school.

The district of Viersen has been recognised for its bicycle-friendliness. Cyclists have countless routes available for a tour. We are also constantly expanding the network of routes for commuters who cycle to work.


But the social and health network with hospitals, doctors' surgeries, welfare organisations, retirement homes and other facilities is also good.


**The Viersen district is a good place to live. Try it for yourself!**

### Local offices and authorities

#### Viersen district administration

## Kreishaus Viersen

 [Rathausmarkt 3, 41747 Viersen](#)

 [+49 \(0\) 2162390](tel:+49(0)2162390)


 <https://www.kreis-viersen.de/>

 Service hours: Monday to Friday: 08.00 am to 5.00 pm

## Ausländerbehörde Kreis Viersen

 [Rathausmarkt 3, 41747 Viersen](#)

 <https://www.kreis-viersen.de/themen/einreise-und-...>


 Appointments by prior arrangement only

## Gesundheitsamt Kreis Viersen

 [Rathausmarkt 3, 41747 Viersen](#)

 [@gesundheitsamt@kreis-viersen.de](mailto:gesundheitsamt@kreis-viersen.de)

 <https://www.kreis-viersen.de/themen/gesundheit>

 Service hours: Monday to Friday: 08.00 to 17.00

## Kommunales Integrationszentrum Kreis Viersen

 [Rathausmarkt 3, 41747 Viersen](#)

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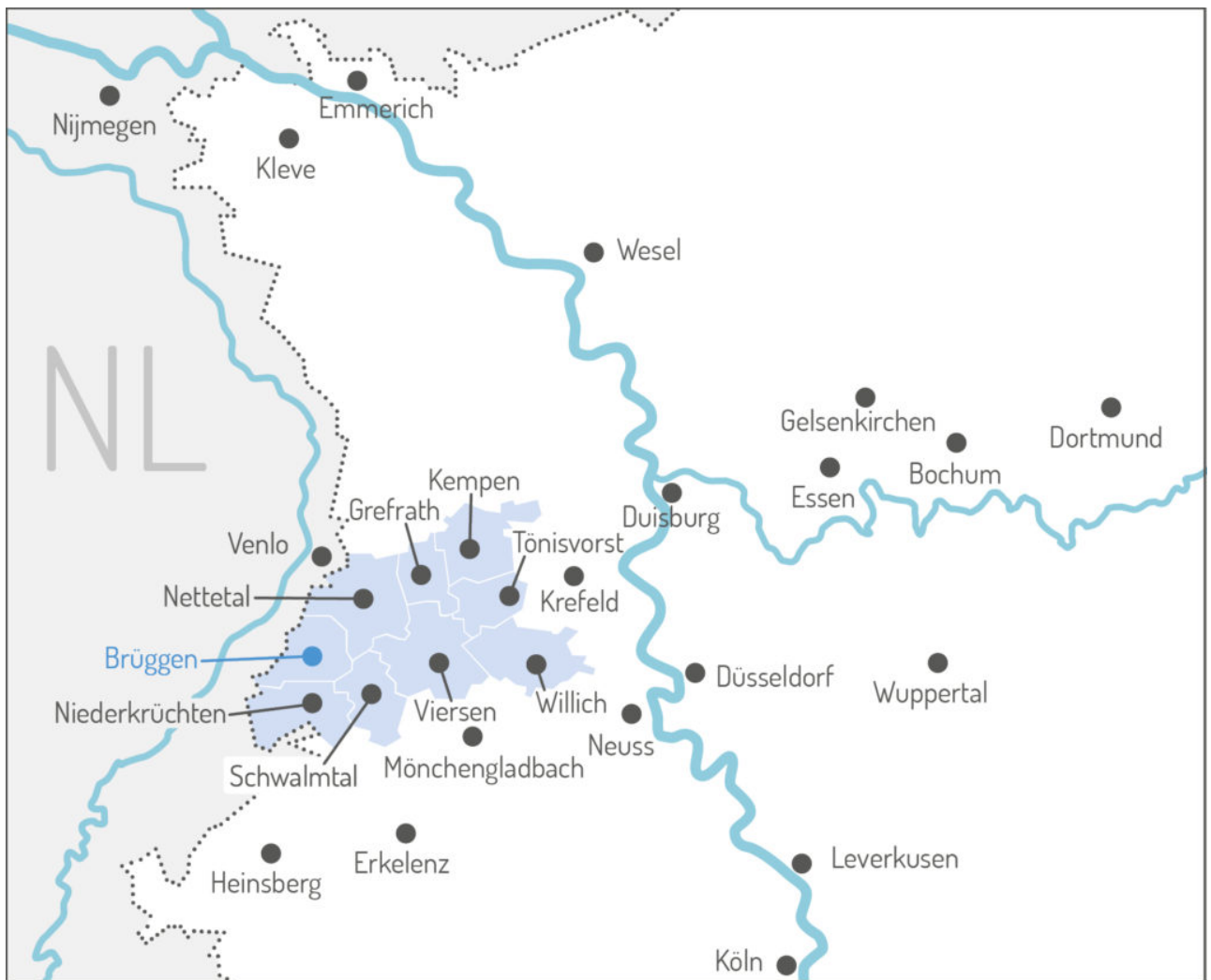
 <https://www.kreis-viersen.de/themen/soziales/komm...>

 Service hours: Mondays to Fridays: 08.00 to 17.00

## Bruges

Brüggen is a friendly and beautiful municipality. Many visitors come here. Everyone enjoys the hospitality of the people who live in Brüggen.

Brüggen lies in the centre of a very large nature park. It is the Schwalm-Nette nature park with its meadows, forests and fields.



The castle community of Brüggen consists of several districts. They are called Brüggen, Bracht and Born.

There are still many old houses in Brüggen. Some even date back to the Middle Ages, which means they are many hundreds of years old.

There are many small and narrow streets, a castle and many mills.

There is a lot to see on a walk through Brüggen. You can feel at home in Brüggen.

### Local offices and authorities


### Citizen services (residents' registration office / social benefits)

The Brüggen municipal administration has a town hall in the centre of Brüggen and the Bracht administrative office at Marktstraße 36. The Bracht administrative office houses the [social services](#) department. You will also find the [citizens' service](#) here and in Brüggen town hall.


### Bürgerservice

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Citizens' service: Thursday: until 18.00 hrs

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 Benefits according to SGB XII: Tuesday and Thursday: 08.30 to 12.30 or by appointment  
 Asylum: Tuesday and Thursday: 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. or prior appointment with the [clerk](#)

## Registry office

The registry office has several tasks: For example, when a child is born, the parents are obliged to report the birth of the child to the registry office in person (birth certification). If you want to get married, the registry office is responsible for registering your marriage.

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[Apply for certificates online](#)

## Job centre

The services of the job centre are offered locally in the towns and municipalities belonging to the district. Local support and advice is provided in the local employment and service centres (BLZ):

## BLZ Brüggen / Nettetal | Jobcenter Kreis Viersen

 [Poststr. 19, 41334 Nettetal](#)

## Grefrath

The municipality of Grefrath has 15,500 inhabitants.

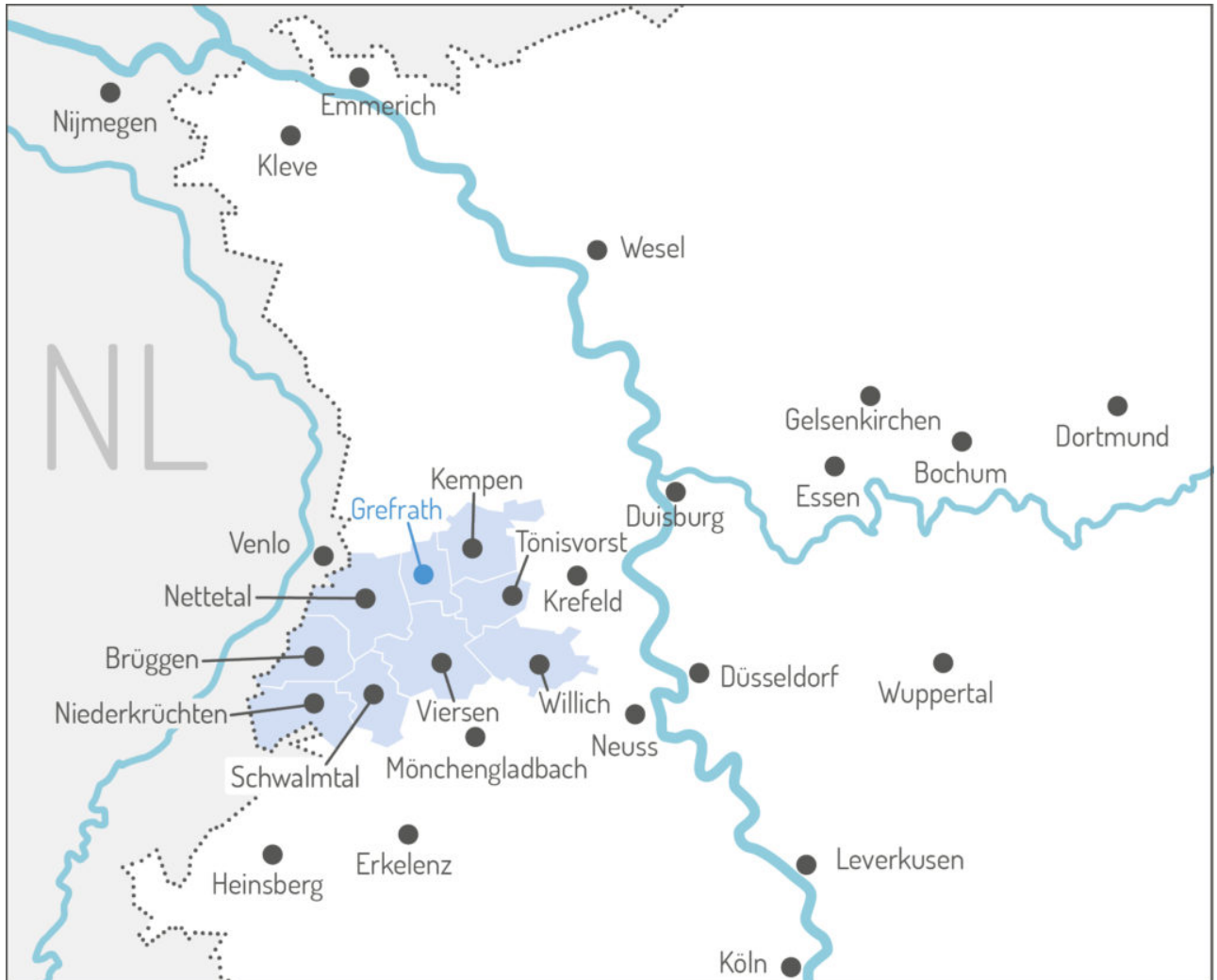
It advertises with the phrase: "Sport and leisure".

The municipality was formed in 1970 from the villages of Grefrath and Oedt.

There are many opportunities for sport and leisure in the municipality.

For example, there is an ice sports centre with over 8000 square metres of ice surface.

This is one of the largest artificial ice rinks in Germany.  
 There is an ice rink and a 400 metre long ice rink for fast skating.  
 The ice rink is outside, but there is light.  
 There is also an outdoor rink with a roof.  
 It's all perfect for ice sports enthusiasts.  
 In summer, well-known artists come to Grefrath, for example Udo Jürgens or Joe Cocker.  
 There are also other events that are very well known.



### Open-air museum attracts visitors

Grefrath hosted the state garden show in 1970.  
 The Schwingbodenpark was built for the garden show.  
 The park is right next to the Lower Rhine Open-Air Museum.  
 The museum belongs to the district of Viersen.  
 The museum houses

- a toy museum
- old farms
- an ironing railway
- a pancake house
- a corner shop

- a schnapps distillery
- a smithy

There are also special exhibitions and events in the museum.  
For example

- tractor meeting
- romantic Christmas market
- Fairground ride on cold-blooded horses.

Visitors love this.  
Grefrath also has

- an indoor swimming pool and an outdoor pool
- the Niershorst airfield.


## **Abbey, castle and monastery**


The most important venue for events is the Albert-Mooren-Halle in the Oedt district.  
The hall is a community centre with a hall, beer garden and restaurant.  
There is also the Dorenburg.  
This is an old castle dating back to 1326.  
The local heritage organisation has restored Uda Castle.  
The castle was built around 1300.  
There is also the Niershoff estate and the Dückerhaus.  
There are 2 convents for nuns in Grefrath.  
Mariendonk Abbey has been the spiritual centre of the Benedictine nuns on the Lower Rhine for over 100 years.  
The "Our Lady" congregation runs a grammar school in the Mülhausen district.  
The grammar school is also known outside Grefrath.

### **Local offices and authorities**

#### **Citizens' Service (Residents' Registration Office)**

##### **Rathaus Grefrath**


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### Registry office

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If you want to get married, the registry office is also responsible. You must register your marriage there.

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## Job centre

The job centre service is offered in the towns and municipalities. Counselling takes place near your place of residence.

## BLZ Kempen / Grefrath / Tönisvorst | Jobcenter Kreis Viersen

[📍 Arnoldstr. 13c, 47906 Kempen](#)

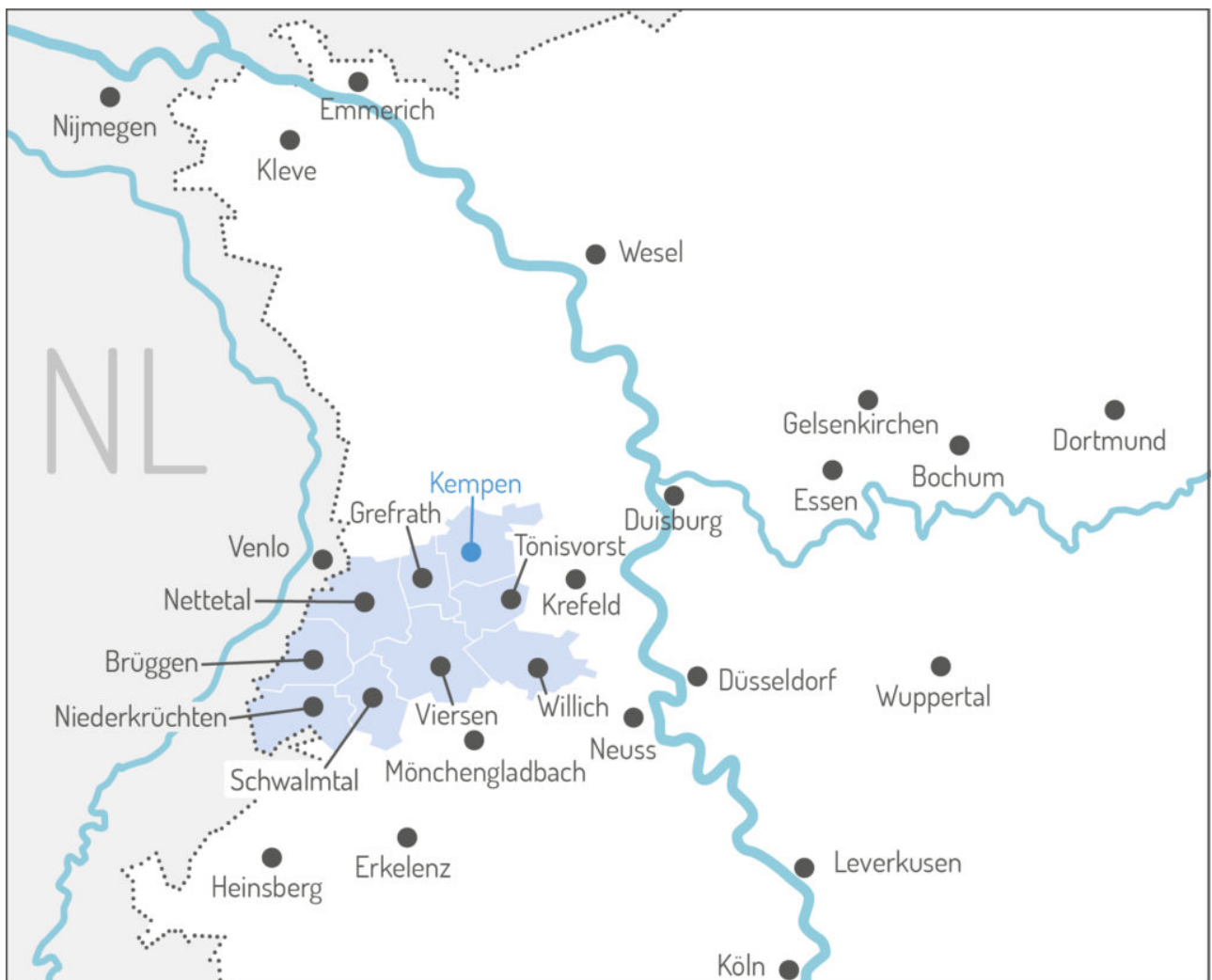
## Kempen

The city of Kempen has 35,700 inhabitants. It is the most beautiful town on the Lower Rhine. No other town in the district of Viersen has so many monuments and old manor houses. The old town centre of Kempen looks like it did in the Middle Ages. That's why many visitors come to the town. Visitors particularly like to see these things:

- The half-timbered houses on Alte Schulstraße (1609)
- The Kurkölnische Landesburg (1396)
- The cow gate (1350)
- The Horten House (1773)
- Haus Horten is the headquarters of a well-known family that owns department stores.

These things are also worth seeing:

- The Berfes defence tower in the St. Hubert district
- The tower is from the 16th century
- The Kastenbock windmill in Tönisberg (1804)
- The Velde house in Schmalbroich (13th century)
- House Velde is the oldest knight's seat of the former Electorate of Cologne.



### **Thomas a Kempis is the patron saint of the town of St Thomas**

There are beautiful town houses within the town wall.

There is a monument to Thomas a Kempis (1380 - 1471) at the provost church.

He was an important citizen of the town and wrote the book "Nachfolge Christi".

After the Bible, this book is the most widely read religious book in the world.

The town of Kempen was already mentioned in the registers of the Benedictine abbey of Werden around 890.

The town was first mentioned in documents in 1186.

Kempen has been a town with city rights since 1294.

From 1815 to 1975, Kempen was a district town.

The district administration was then moved to Viersen.

## **Classical music festival with stars such as Bruno Ganz and Uri Caine**

Kempen has a very good cultural scene.

The town can be proud of this.

For example, there is the Franziskanerkloster cultural forum.

It houses the Kramer Municipal Museum and the Museum of Lower Rhine Sacred Art.

There is classical music and exhibitions.

The Kempen Monastery Concerts are very well known.

Every 2 years there is a festival organised by the "Kempen Klassik" association.

The festival is very well known.

Famous people perform there.

For example, the actor Bruno Ganz or the jazz pianist Uri Caine.

There are also great town festivals, markets and Christmas markets in Kempen.


The St Martin's festival with its castle firework display is especially great.

### **Local offices and authorities**


### **Service centres (registration office / social benefits)**

#### **Service-Stelle Kempen | Rathaus Kempen**


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#### **Service-Stelle St. Hubert | Rathaus Kempen**


 [Königsstr. 13, 47906 Kempen](#)


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#### **Service-Stelle Tönisberg | Rathaus Kempen**

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 Wednesdays 8.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.


### **Registry office**


The registry office has several important tasks.

When a child is born, the parents must register the birth in person at the registry office. This is called notarising the birth.


If you want to get married, the registry office is also responsible. You must register your marriage there.

### **Standesamt Kempen**

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 <https://www.kempen.de/stadt-rathaus-politik/buerg...>

 Monday to Friday: 8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Mondays 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Thursdays 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

### **Job Centre**

The services of the job centre are offered locally in the towns and municipalities belonging to the district. Local support and advice is provided in the local employment and benefit centres (BLZ):

### **BLZ Kempen / Grefrath / Tönisvorst | Jobcenter Kreis Viersen**

 [Arnoldstr. 13c, 47906 Kempen](#)

### **Nettetal**

The town of Nettetal has 41,700 inhabitants.

It is a young and lively town.

The 6 districts of Nettetal are all special.

This makes the city very interesting.

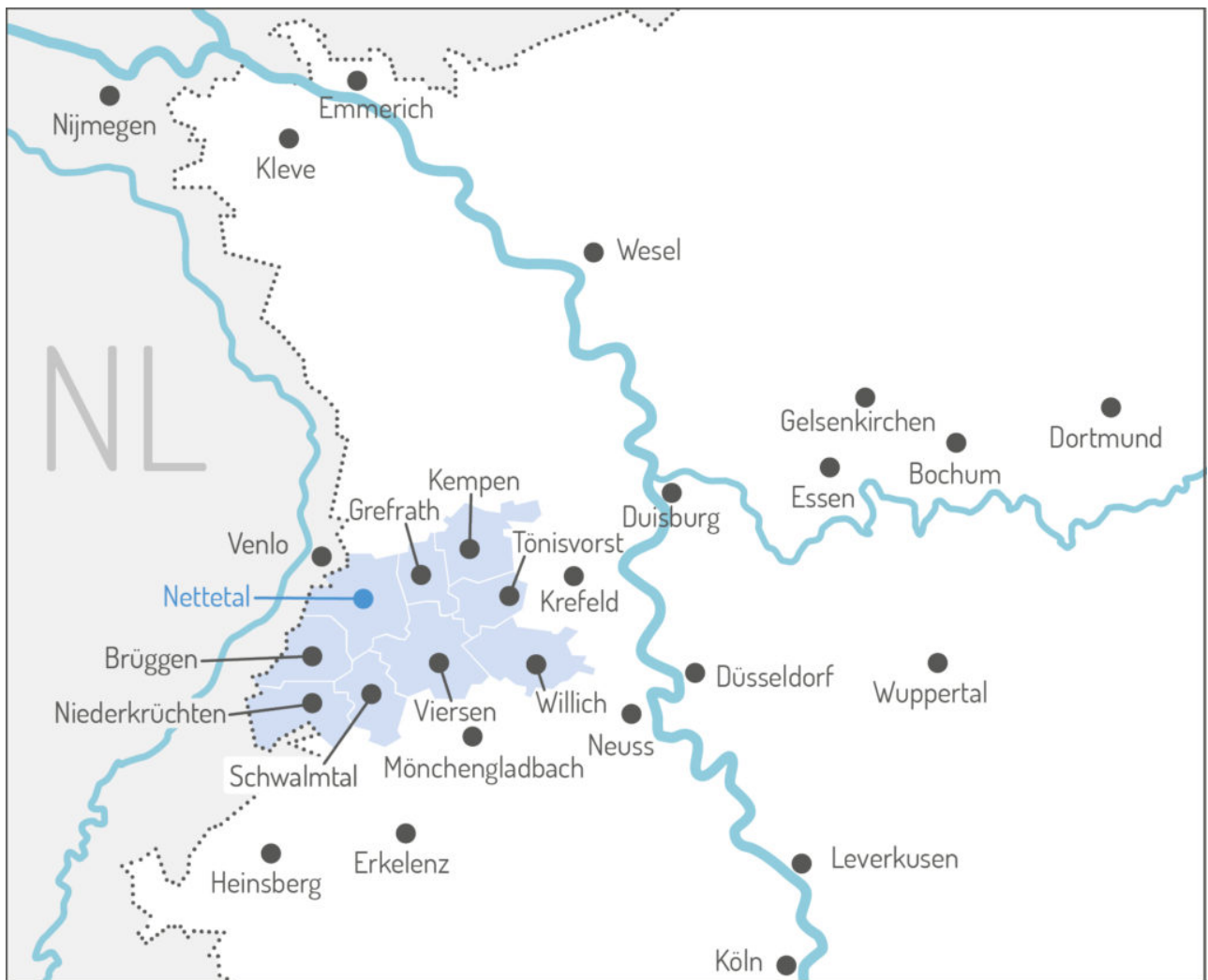
There is good food in old and modern restaurants.

There are also beer gardens and country cafés.

You can walk through the pedestrianised streets of Nettetal and relax afterwards.

The districts of Hinsbeck and Leuth are state-recognised resorts.

That's why they are a destination for people.



## The naturalness of the Nette

The Netetal is a special place for the science of the earth.

There is a very interesting landscape here with lots of nature and culture.

For example, there is the border forest, the Hinsbeck Heights and the Krickenbeck Lakes.

There are also moorlands, heathlands and large meadows.

3 areas show the special features of the landscape.

There are also information centres.

For example:

- The Krickenbeck Lakes Biological Centre
- The nature conservation centre
- The Baerlo Landscape Farm
- The Sequoia Farm
- The geo-hydrological water garden

Here you can learn a lot about nature and the environment.

A small river flows through the valley.

The river is called the Nette and the valley is therefore called the Netetal.

The river flows through 12 lakes in the city.

There are water lilies in the lakes.

The water lily is the symbol in the coat of arms of the town of Nettetal.


## Culture is very important

The town has a theatre with 500 seats.  
The theatre is called Werner-Jaeger-Halle.  
There is theatre, music and cabaret.  
There are also concerts and outdoor events.  
The textile museum is called DIE SCHEUNE.  
There you can learn about the history of textile production in the Lower Rhine region.  
There is also a fire brigade museum and a local history museum.  
And there is the artists' village of Hinsbeck.  
You can see interesting things there.  
Art is very important in Nettetal.  
There are always new exhibitions in the galleries.


## Local offices and authorities

### Citizen service (general services, registration matters and civil status)

#### Rathaus Nettetal


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 <https://www.nettetal.de/>


Citizen service:

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Civil status office:


 Mondays to Wednesdays 8.30 am - 12.30 pm, Thursdays 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm, Fridays 8.30 am - 12.00 pm

### soziale Betreuung, Asyl und Wohnungslose | Sozialamt Nettetal


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### Agentur für Arbeit Nettetal

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## Job Centre

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Local support and advice is provided in the local employment and benefit centres (BLZ):

### BLZ Brüggen / Nettetal | Jobcenter Kreis Viersen

 [Poststr. 19, 41334 Nettetal](#)

 Mondays 08.00 - 12.00 and 14.00 - 16.00  
Tuesdays 08.00 - 12.00 and 14.00 - 16.00 by appointment only  
Thursdays 08.00 - 12.00 and 14.00 - 16.00  
Fridays 08.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

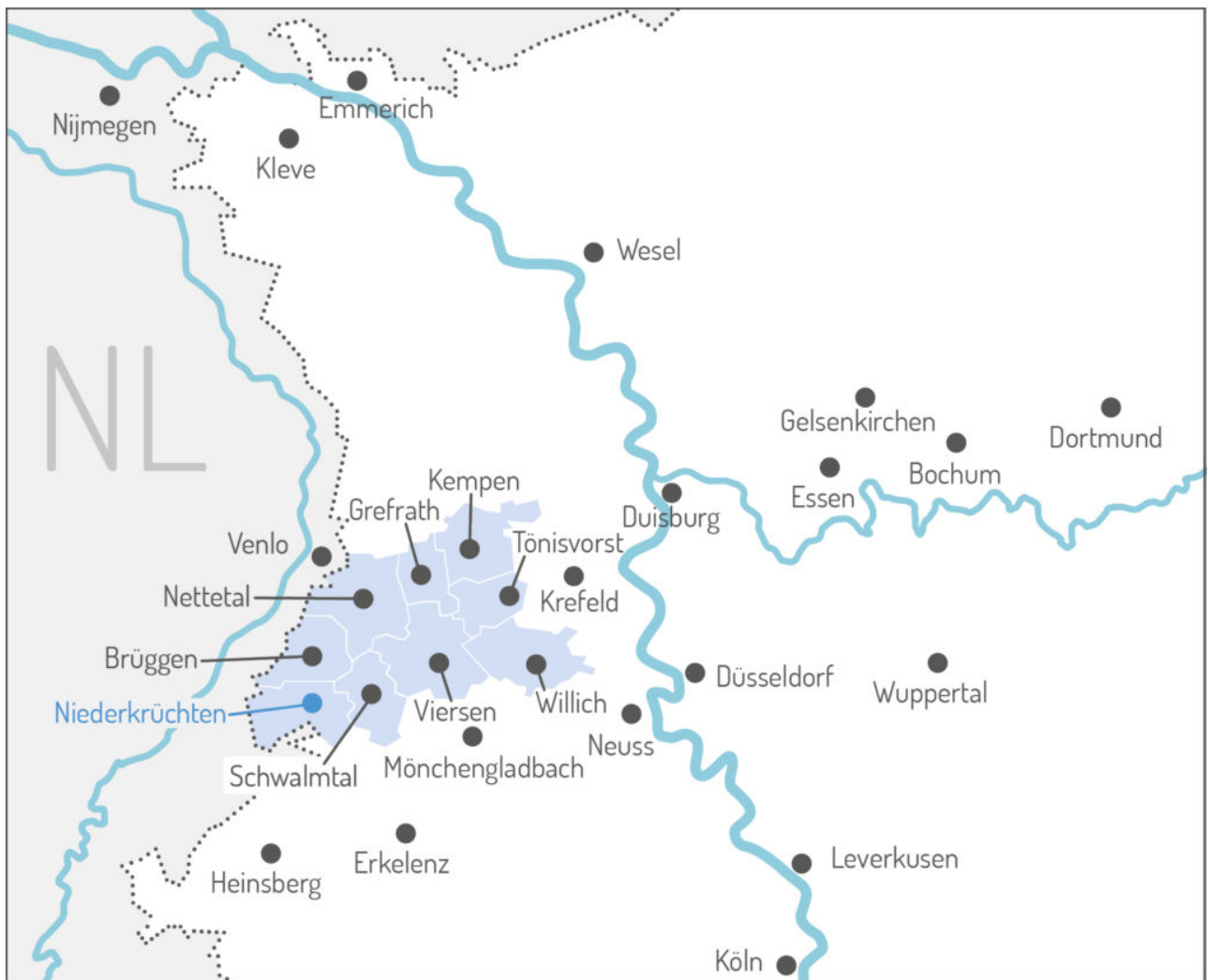
## Niederkrüchten

The municipality of Niederkrüchten has 15,400 inhabitants.

It is the centre of the international nature park Maas-Schwalm-Nette.

The area of the municipality is 6707 hectares.

There are many forests and meadows.



## Nature conservation and nature experience

There is a special nature reserve.  
 It is called Elmpeter Schwalmbruch.  
 It is 55 hectares in size.  
 The area has the largest juniper heath on the left bank of the Lower Rhine.  
 There are 2 other nature reserves on the Dutch border.  
 They are called Lüsekamp and Boschbeeketal.  
 Together they cover 250 hectares.  
 There are around 200 kilometres of hiking trails in the areas.  
 The paths are well maintained.  
 Walkers, hikers and cyclists can enjoy nature.

## Excursion destination Brempt am Hariksee

Water sports enthusiasts can spend their leisure time at the Venekotensee and Hariksee lakes.  
 The district of Brempt is on the western shore of Hariksee.  
 Brempt is a popular excursion destination.  
 The Brempt mill on the Schwalm and St George's Chapel are very old.  
 They show how things used to be.  
 Restaurants and cafés invite you to stay.


There used to be a British military airport in Elmpt.  
This airport now offers opportunities for the future.

## Flandrian carved altar


There are many beautiful buildings in Niederkrüchten.  
House Elmpt is particularly important.  
The house dates back to the 15th century and is a reminder of the Lords of Elmpt.  
Many monuments are from the church.  
The Elmpt chapel of St Maria an der Heiden from 1703 in Overhetfeld is important.  
There is also an old house chapel from Dilborn Castle.  
A hall was added to the chapel in 1734.  
There is a 16th century Flemish carved altar in the chapel.

### Local offices and authorities

#### Bürgerservice | Rathaus Niederkrüchten

 [Laurentiusstr. 19, 41372 Niederkrüchten](#)


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#### Bürgerservice Elmpt | Gemeinde Niederkrüchten

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#### Registry office

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This is called notarising the birth.

If you want to get married, the registry office is also responsible.  
You must register your marriage there.

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## Job centre

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### **BLZ Schwalmtal / Niederkrüchten | Jobcenter Kreis Viersen**

[📍 Hospitalstr. 16, 41366 Schwalmtal](#)

## Schwalmtal

The municipality of Schwalmtal has 18,900 inhabitants.

The municipality invites you to take a mill tour.

The best way to do this tour is by bike.

There are many offers.

For example, there are tips for cycle tours from the Viersen district tourist office.

There is also a two-country route and a Lower Rhine route.

The Viersen district railway cycle route is new.

The route follows old railway lines.

You can also go fishing or hiking around a lake.

You can also go rowing or pedal boating.

Or you can take a boat trip on the excursion boat "Patschel".

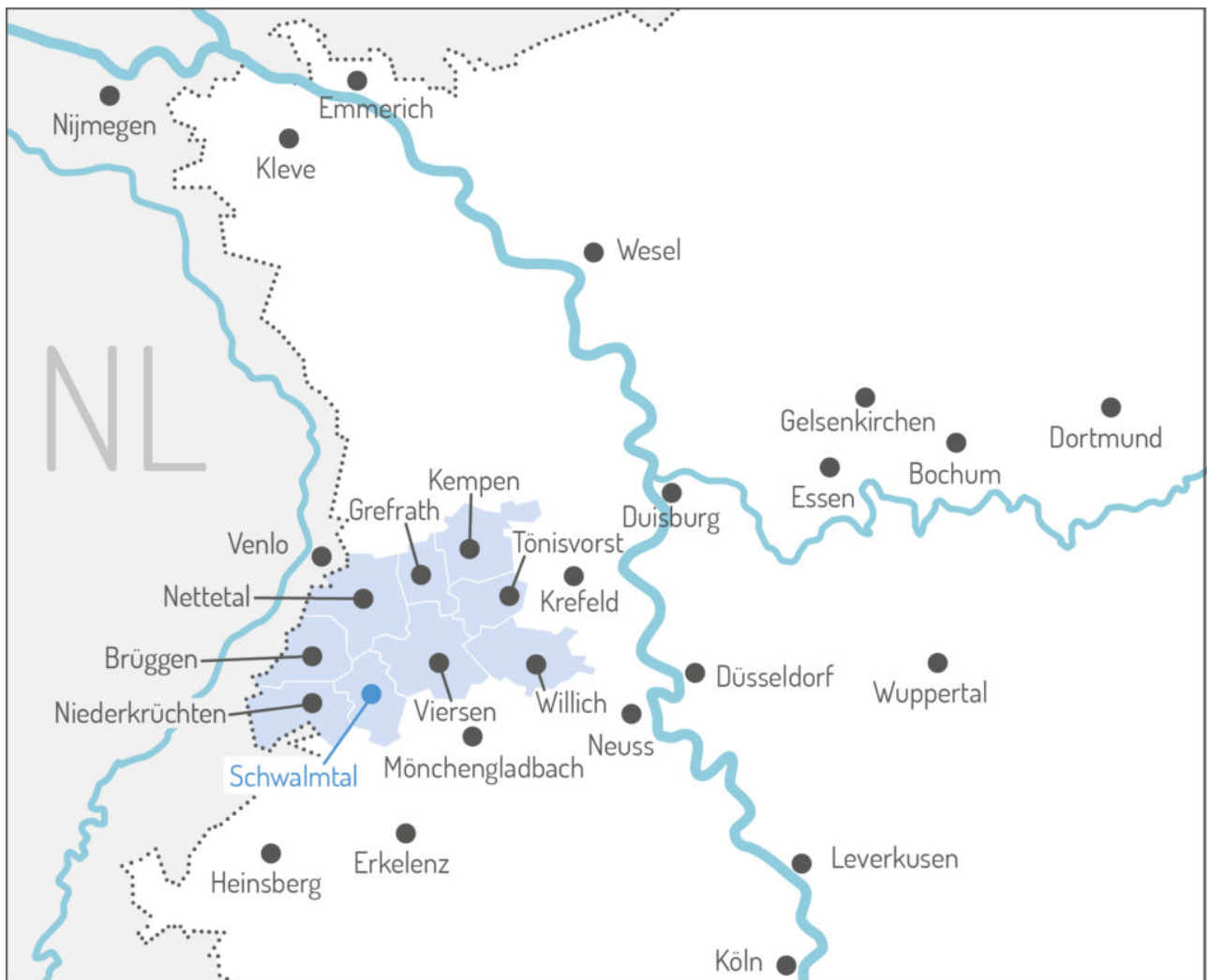
You can also eat in the Mühlrather Mühle mill or drink coffee by the lake.

A day at Hariksee is a new way to experience leisure time.

Hariksee is the most popular excursion destination in Schwalmtal.

There are holiday homes, a boathouse, a mini-golf course and a boat hire service.

The forests and moorland at Hariksee are particularly special.



## The home of the linen weavers

There are many small streets in Alt-Waldniels.

A walk through these streets is lovely.

People used to make linen here.

These are fabrics made from plants.

People were called linen weavers.

There is a statue of women washing linen on the market square.

The market square is in front of St Michael's Church.

The church is from the 19th century and is also called Schwalmtdom.

There are over 130 old buildings in the municipality that are being protected.

They are particularly beautiful:

- The mill tower in Amern (18th century)
- The chestnut avenue in Waldniel
- The village of Lüttelforst
- The Protestant church in Waldniel
- The Bethanien children's and youth village with Haus Clee.

## Europe's largest guitar orchestra


The municipality is located in the Schwalm-Nette Nature Park.  
There is a lot of forest.  
For example the Schomm and Happelter Heide.  
There is also a lot of culture.  
The Schwalmatal-Zupfer are the largest guitar orchestra in Europe.  
There is theatre and ballet in the Achim-Besgen-Halle.  
There is also children's theatre, concerts and comedy.  
The Amern mill tower has become a well-known exhibition venue.  
The gallery is called "Our Gallery - The Tower".

You can find more information here:


 [schwalmtal.de](http://schwalmtal.de)

## Local offices and authorities


### Bürgerservice | Gemeindeverwaltung Schwalmtal

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Thursdays 07.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.  
every 1st Saturday of the month 09.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.


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### Job centre

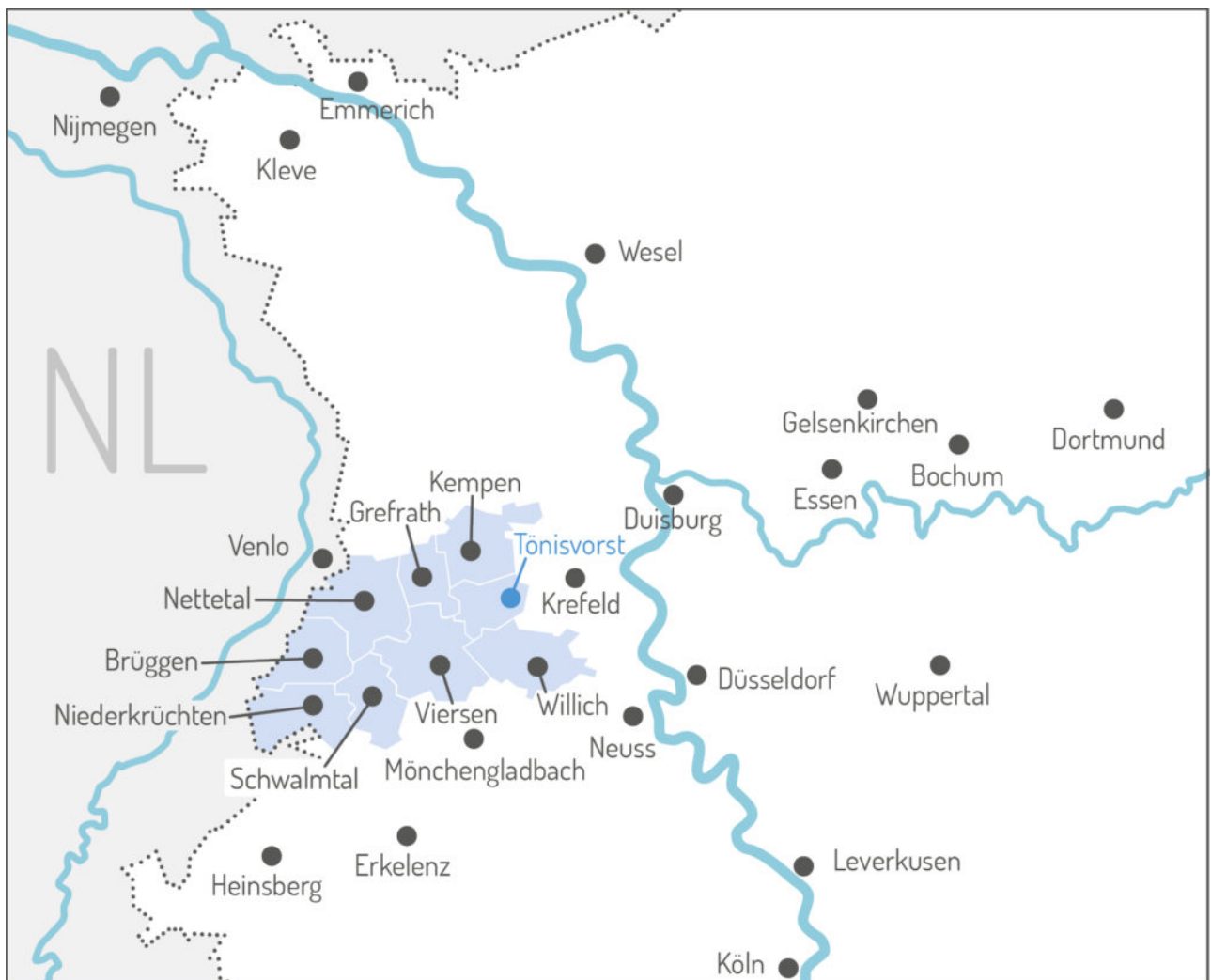
The services of the job centre are offered locally in the towns and municipalities belonging to the district. Support and advice is provided in the local employment and benefit centres (BLZ):

## BLZ Schwalmtal / Niederkrüchten | Jobcenter Kreis Viersen

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### Tönisvorst

Apple town. The town on the border with Krefeld is named after St Anthony ("Ferkes-Tünn") and was formed in 1970 from the municipalities of St Tönis and Vorst. Although it was first mentioned in 1188 as "Osterverd", it is one of the youngest towns in the country: it only received its town charter in 1979. The citizens and tradesmen praise its central location and fast connections to the major cities.



### The Battle of the Hückelsmay

The Battle of Hückelsmay is linked to the town's history: Ferdinand von Braunschweig defeated a French army during the Seven Years' War. The parish church of St. Cornelius has an impressive tower height of 70 metres and a pretty church square. The octagonal brick building of the water tower and the Streuff mill (1769) are other striking features of the town.

St. Tönis is the start and end point of the "longest tram line in the world" via Krefeld to the Ruhr region. The nostalgic "Schluff" railway also runs from Wilhelmplatz in St. Tönis to Hülser Berg, often still with an old steam locomotive.


## Anke Engelke promotes action medeor

The town has become known worldwide for the medical aid organisation action medeor, for which Anke Engelke is the ambassador. Vorst is home to the manor houses of Haus Donk, Haus Neersdonk, Haus Brempt and Haus Raedt, all of which are architectural monuments worth seeing, including the Gelleshof in Kehn with Berfes (all from the 17th century). A popular destination is the Forstwald forest with its bridleways and hiking trails. The Stadtkulturbund organises cabaret, drama, comedy and music.


### Local offices and authorities

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#### Job centre

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(BLZ):

## **BLZ Kempen / Grefrath / Tönisvorst | Jobcenter Kreis Viersen**

[📍 Arnoldstr. 13c, 47906 Kempen](#)

### **Viersen**

The district town of Viersen has 75,300 inhabitants.

The town wants to do a lot for culture.

There are many events in the festival hall.

World-famous artists and music groups come here.

The Viersen Music Summer and the International Jazz Festival are very well known.

Many visitors come to the town for these events.

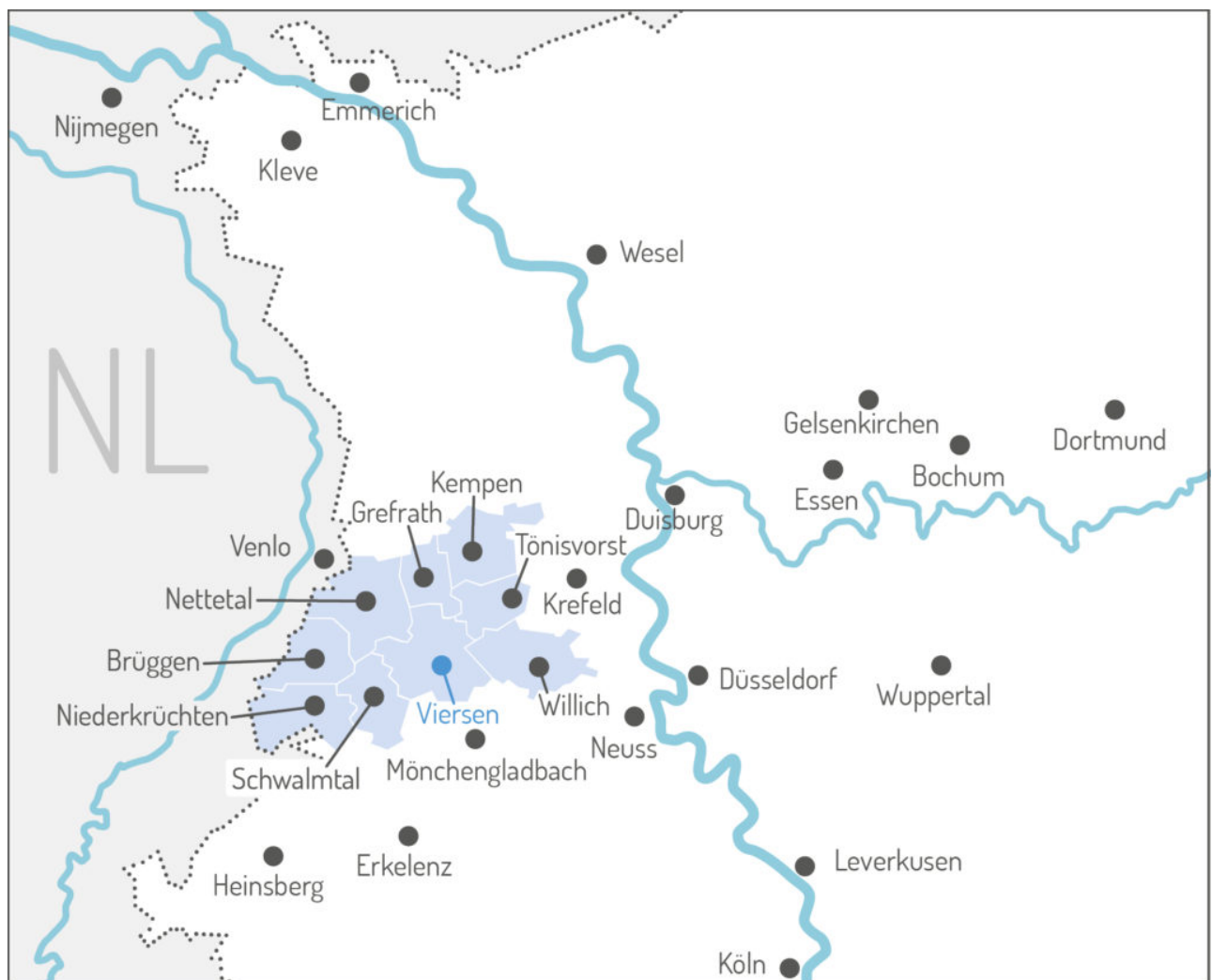
The collection of sculptures at the Kreishaus is also becoming increasingly important.

The municipal gallery is also located there.

For example, there are sculptures by Anthony Cragg, Mark di Suvero and Erwin Heerich.

There is a collection of graphic art in the municipal gallery in the park.

The collection was started in the sixties.



### **The fool's mill is in Dülken**

There is a fool's academy in Dülken.  
The academy has existed since the 16th century.  
There is also a fool's mill in Dülken.  
The mill is a trestle windmill and was built in 1809.  
There is a fool's museum in the mill.  
There are many special buildings in the town.  
For example, the parish church of St Remigius in Alt-Viersen.  
Or the Protestant church and St Clemens in Süchteln.  
And there is also St Cornelius in Dülken.  
There is also the old town wall with the prison tower.  
It's very nice to look at.  
The town also has an old generator hall on Rektoratstraße.  
The hall has been extensively renovated and is now a beautiful venue for events.  
There is also the art nouveau town baths.  
There are many beautiful fountains in the city, for example

- the Remigius fountain in Viersen
- the fountain on the old market square in Dülken
- the Weberbrunnen fountain in Süchteln.

There is also the Irmgardis Chapel from 1664 on the Süchtelner Heights.  
Processions often go there.

## **The educational programme is extensive**


Viersen has been a district town since 1975.  
5 years earlier, the towns of Viersen, Dülken, Süchteln and Boisheim merged.  
The districts were previously independent.  
There are many opportunities for education in Viersen.  
There are:

- Primary schools
- secondary modern schools
- secondary modern schools
- grammar schools
- a comprehensive school
- one further education college (evening grammar school)
- one vocational college
- a district music school
- a district adult education centre.

The regional clinics in Süchteln are also important for other regions.

### **Local offices and authorities**


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### **Immigration office**

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## **Job Centre**

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### **BLZ Viersen | Jobcenter Kreis Viersen**

 [Am Schluff 18-20, 41748 Viersen](#)

## **Willich**

The town of Willich has 51,800 inhabitants.

The town has existed since 1970.

Before that, there were the municipalities of Anrath, Neersen, Schiefbahn and Willich.

These municipalities were independent.

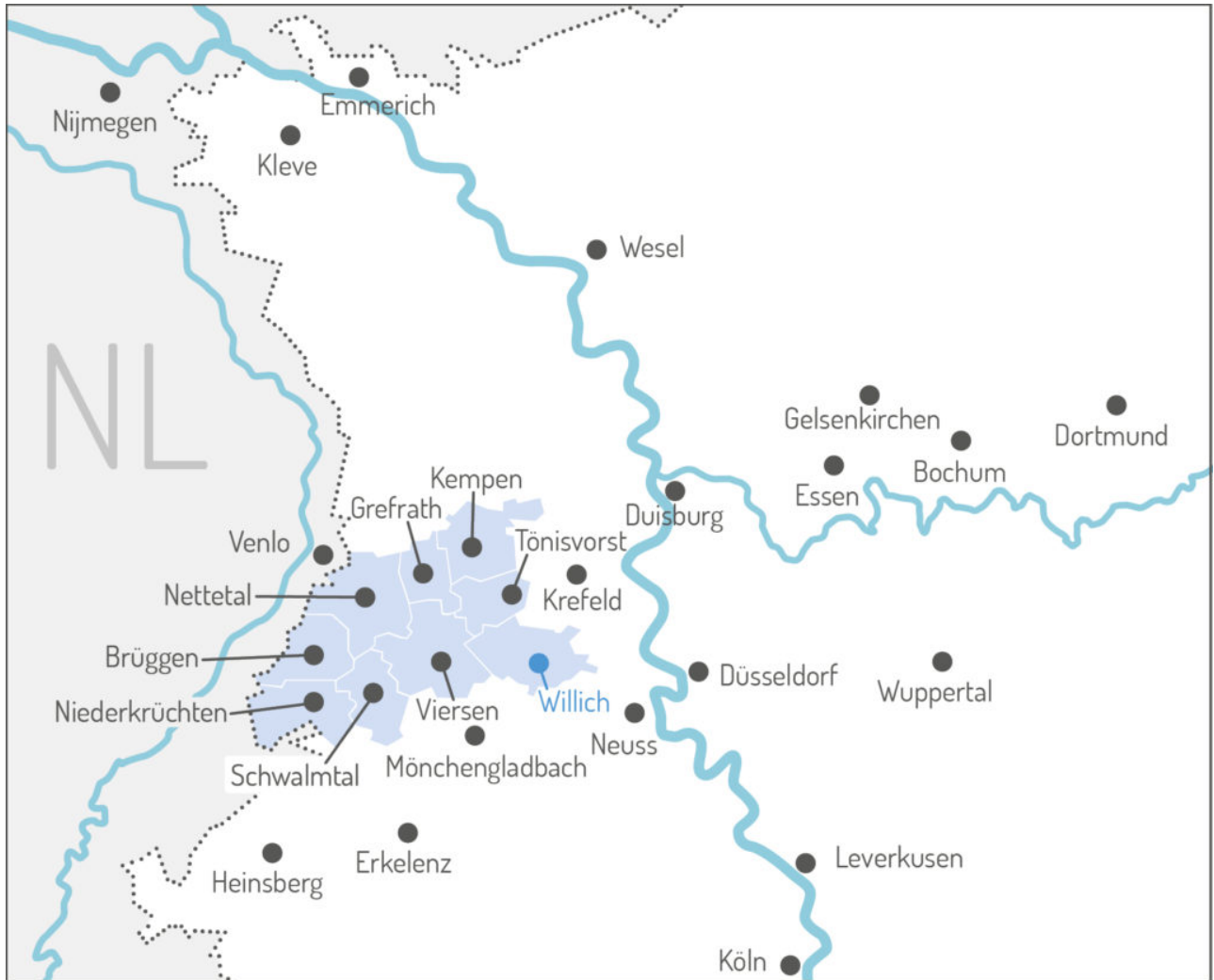
The town of Willich is good for business and culture.

There is the Münchheide industrial estate.

This is the largest industrial estate in Europe.

That's why Willich is a very good location for companies.

Even companies from the Far East know this.



## Theatre of stature in the castle courtyard

The Neersen Castle Festival is good culture.  
Thousands of spectators come to see a funny play in the summer.  
They also watch a serious play and a children's play.  
This is the theatre's annual repertoire.  
It is the only professional open-air theatre in North Rhine-Westphalia.  
The theatre has its own group of actors.

Neersen Castle is worth a visit in itself.  
The castle is located in the centre of a castle park.  
This is a building that was remodelled in the 17th century.  
Adrian Wilhelm von Virmond turned a moated castle into a palace complex.

## A detour to Little Jerusalem

The pilgrimage chapel of Little Jerusalem dates from the 17th century.  
It is built like the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.  
There is also Stockum House and Broich House.  
Stockum House dates from 1619 and Broich House from the 13th century.  
Both houses are in Anrath.  
Willich was first mentioned in 1137.  
At that time it was called "Wylike".  
It was mentioned in a deed of gift to the Kamp monastery.  
Anrath was then called "Anrode" and was already a parish in its own right in 1010.  
The history of "Ners" can be traced back to 1262.  
And "Schyffbaen" is mentioned in documents for the first time in 1420.


There are many festivals in Willich.  
For example, there are 8 shooting festivals.  
The second largest shooting festival on the Lower Rhine is in Alt-Willich.  
The largest is in Neuss.  
You can see how important traditions are in Willich.

### Local offices and authorities


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### **Job centre**

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- Contact the Municipal Integration Centre of the district of Viersen directly.

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This will help us to further improve the app.

### Kommunales Integrationszentrum

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