

# ACENET

## Information on Schwarzwald-Baar-Heuberg (Germany)

### About the region

The Schwarzwald-Baar-Heuberg Region was established in 1973 in the course of the regional reform of Baden-Württemberg. The region is mainly set up to coordinate the planning of urban development, traffic and natural resources. These aims are described in the so-called Regionalplan.

The region includes parts of the well known "Black Forest" as well as parts of the "Schwäbische Alb". Our main rivers are Danube and Neckar, both of which rise in our region. Thanks to our lovely landscapes - including several mountains rising up to more than 1.000 m - the region profits from a growing number of visitors from all over the world. So tourism is very well developed in summer as well as in winter. But more important for our economy is the industrial base of the region (see below).

### Short description of main cities:

Our main urban center is Villingen-Schwenningen with 81.000 inhabitants, followed by Tuttlingen (35.000), Rottweil (25.000), Donaueschingen (21.000) and Schramberg (19.000). In total the region consists of 77 communities.

More informations:

<http://www.donaueschingen.de>

<http://www.rottwiel.de>

<http://www.schramberg.de>

<http://www.tuttlingen.de>

<http://www.villingen-schwenningen.de>

### Facts in figures

	<b>The region Schwarzwald-Baar-Heuberg</b>	<b>Germany</b>
area:	2.529 km <sup>2</sup>	357.022 km <sup>2</sup>
population	482.507	82.136.000
unemployment rate:	? 6 %	? 10 %

### Main companies

The industrial history is mainly characterised by clock-manufacturing and home entertainment products. Today precision mechanics and electronics are dominating. Some of our larger enterprises are:

?? Aesculap AG: center of medical engineering, developing surgery-techniques and -instruments.

?? Marquardt GmbH: specialist for for complex electronic switching systems

?? Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG: manufacturing showers, bathroom accessories, mountings and fittings.

?? Hugo Kern u. Liebers GmbH & Co. KG: dispensing technology, producer of springs and knitting elements

## Research Institutions

Our regional network of research can offer:

- ?? The "Institut für Mikro- und Informationstechnik (IMIT, Institut for microcircuitry and information technology), developing technology and use of micromechanics
- ?? 16 centres for technology transfer, managed by the Steinbeis-Foundation for economic promotion
- ?? Several software houses: ditec, bäurer, gft

## Education (universities and colleges)

- ?? The "Fachhochschule Furtwangen" (advanced technical college) accepts about 800 new students in 13 courses of study per year, as there are: precision mechanics, electronics, technical informatics, product engineering or multimedia.
- ?? The "Berufsakademie Villingen-Schwenningen" offers more than 1.000 graduates from secondary schools a combination of study and practice. Its main fields are economics and social education.
- ?? The "Staatliche Hochschule für Musik Trossingen" (state conservatoire) has about 500 students, leading them to diplomas as music teachers or orchestra musicians. All kinds of music are offered: classical and sacred, jazz and pop as well as education in singing, instrument playing or composing.

## Co-ordination

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