Facts and Figures

Inhabitants in the region of South Hesse 3.92 million (as of 31 December 2015)
Inhabitants per sq.km (31 December 2015) 527 inh/sq.km
Cities and municipalities 187
Landkreise (Counties) 10
Stock of licenced vehicles (per 1000 inhabitants, 1 January 2015) 572
Gross domestic product 182.8 billion € (72 % of the entire GDP in Hesse in 2014)
Regular employees covered by social security 1.61 million (30 June 2015)

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Our Mission Statement

We are available to the citizens in our region.
We maintain an ongoing dialogue with our partners in politics, society and business.
We work in a professional, timely and economic manner.
We deploy our human resources well-targeted to key areas.
We support effective law enforcement and find appropriate solutions tailored to the needs of the individual case.

Promotion of integration

Naturalization of foreign citizens
Information and events on European integration through the European Information Centre (Europe Direct)
Financial support of integration measures for immigrants
Active integration of foreign citizens by enabling them to become members of voluntary fire brigades (Freiwillige Feuerwehr)

Our Services

Better quality of life

Clean air by means of emission control measures for factories, power stations and waste management plants
Less noise by means of noise reduction measures for commercial noise sources and traffic routes
Clean drinking water in sufficient quantities by permitting of water extraction facilities
Vital and diverse nature as the basic resource of life and as an area for recreation
We contribute to the rich cultural activities in the region, by organising the „Kultursommer” (Summer of Culture) and the “Regional Gallery” of South Hesse

High level of safety

Stringent requirements imposed on plants that handle dangerous materials and radiation
Upgrading of dykes and other flood control measures
Protection of the workforce against workplace hazards
Controls during the production of pharmaceuticals at home and abroad and monitoring of pharmacies
Precautions against the risk of epidemics for humans and animals
Ensuring optimal disaster relief by training of civil protection volunteers and staff officers, providing adequate equipment and stockpiling relief supplies

Protection of natural resources

Designation of nature and landscape conservation areas
Protection of endangered species and habitats
Ecological groundwater management, especially in the areas of Ried and Vogelsberg
Renaturation of rivers and lakes
Protection of the soil and of lakes and rivers by means of controlled sewage and waste management, remediation and/or securing of contaminated sites and groundwater contaminations

Increased mobility and more jobs

Support for the municipalities in achieving a balanced development of the region, e.g. in designating and further developing residential and commercial areas
Quick permitting procedures for environmentally relevant investment projects
Balancing of interests in the planning of major infrastructure projects such as roads, railway lines and airports
Approval of public transportation fares