

The city of Gera is the regional centre in the east of the Free State Thuringia and the third largest city by population in this state. Gera is also a member of the Central German Metropolitan Region. The former capital and residential city of the Reuss principality lies in the valley of the river Weisse Elster. Furthermore Gera offers the largest continuous forest area of all Thuringian cities.

City Area

Sources: City of Gera, Thuringian State Office of Statistics

Geographic coordinates	50°52'34"N 12°05'02"E	
Average altitude (m a.s.l.)	Marketplace	205
Highest point (m a.s.l.)	Falka district	354
Expansion	North-South (km)	19.9
	East-West (km)	12.5
Total area (31-Dec-2013; km ²)	151.9	
Land use:		
Agriculture (%)	57.3	
Wood (%)	17.6	
Buildings and enclosed areas (%)	13.0	
Transport (%)	7.2	
Leisure and recreation (%)	2.9	

Political Representation

Source: City of Gera; 13-Jun-2014

Lord Mayor	Dr. Viola Hahn (independent) (Legislative period 2012 – 2018)	
Total number of seats on the city council	42 (Legislative period 2014 – 2019)	
Distribution:		
DIE LINKE	13	
Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands	11	
Bürgerschaft Gera e.V.	6	
Wählervereinigung Arbeit für Gera e.V.	3	
BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN	3	
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	3	
Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands	2	
Piratenpartei Deutschland Kreisverband Gera	1	

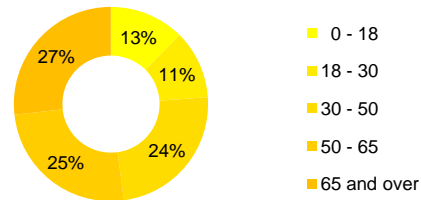
Population

Source: City of Gera; 31-Dec-2013

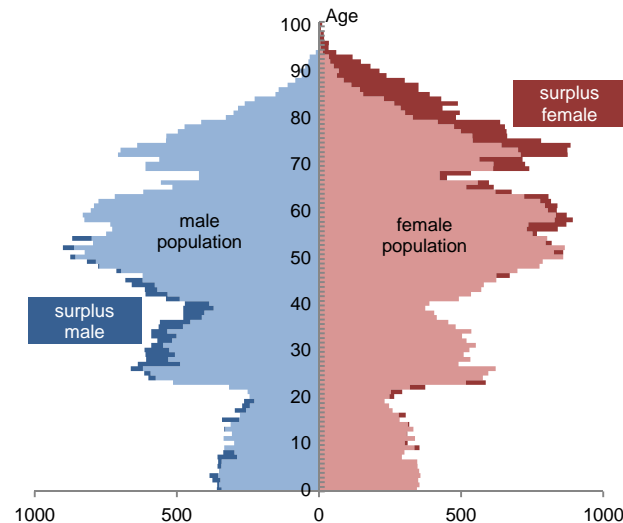
Population with primary residence	95 551
Male	45 979
Female	49 572
Foreigners	1 833
Proportion of foreigners (%)	1.9
Average age (years)	48.1

Population by age groups

Proportion of population from ... to under ... years (%)



Population pyramid



Population movements (year 2013)

Births	752
Deaths	1 361
Immigration into Gera	3 445
Emigration out of Gera	3 248

Housing

Source: City of Gera; 31-Dec-2013

Buildings with housing units	15 425
Housing units	61 727
Total number of households	51 006
1-person households (%)	42.2
2-person households (%)	36.4
Households with 3 or more persons (%)	21.4
Average household size (persons)	1.9

Economy

Source: Thuringian State Office of Statistics

Businesses with employees subject to social insurance contributions (2012) with 250 and more employees	4 387 15
Business start-ups (year 2013)	171
Business closures (year 2013)	221
Manufacturing companies (with 50 and more employees, annual average 2013)	20
Employees (annual average 2013)	2 806
Turnover (year 2013; million €)	386
Export rate (%)	24.3

Labour Market

Source: Federal Employment Agency; 30-Jun-2013

Employees (subject to social insurance contributions)	
Place of residence in Gera	33 213
Place of employment in Gera	35 044
Employees in the service sector (%)	80.3
Women (%)	55.3
Part-time workers (%)	26.5
Employees commuting into Gera	15 163
Employees commuting out of Gera	13 332
Unemployed persons (annual average 2013)	5 861
Women (%)	46.6
Unemployment rate related to the total civilian labour force (annual average 2013; %)	11.9

Education & Sports

Source: City of Gera; school/academic year 2013/14

General state schools	23
Pupils	6 596
General independent schools	5
Vocational state schools	5
Pupils	3 698
Vocational independent schools	7
University of Cooperative Education (Berufsakademie Gera)	
Bachelor degree courses	11
Students	628
University of Health Services (SRH Fachhochschule)	
Bachelor and Master degree courses	9
Students	671
Adult education centre "Aenne Biermann" (year 2013)	
Students (6 fields of studies, 510 courses)	6 040
Music school "Heinrich Schütz" (31-Dec-2013)	
Pupils	1 024
City and regional library (31-Dec-2013)	
Registered readers	7 523
Sports clubs (31-Dec-2013)	110
Types of sports	63
Members	14 495

Public Health & Social Services

Source: City of Gera; 31-Dec-2013

Hospital SRH Wald-Klinikum Gera GmbH	
Clinics and institutes	24
Beds	956
Resident doctors	317
General practitioners	57
Dentists	89
Retirement and nursing homes	13
Places	1 273
Mobile nursing services	21
Child day care centres (pre-school year 2012/13)	39
Places for pre-school children	3 906

Culture & Recreation

Source: City of Gera

Visitors of municipal cultural and recreational facilities (year 2013)	
Botanical Garden	7 030
Bühnen der Stadt Gera (theatre)	86 202
Historische Geraer Höhlen (historical caves)	11 000
Hofwiesenbad Gera (indoor pool)	150 134
Culture and Congress Centre	162 553
Culture and Event Management (city festivals, markets)	627 285
Art collection Orangery	6 500
Art collection Otto-Dix-House	6 735
Museum of applied arts	6 523
Museum of natural history	11 319
Music school „Heinrich Schütz“	5 618
City museum	10 716
City and regional library	121 506
Zoo	100 279

Tourism

Source: Thuringian State Office of Statistics

Accommodation facilities (Dec 2013)	14
Beds	1 375
Hotels	6
Beds	1 025
Guests in accommod. facilities (year 2013)	103 393
Guests from abroad	11 232
Average duration of stay (days)	1.7

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