

Drenthe

A photograph of several motorcycle racers in full gear competing on a track. The word 'Drenthe' is overlaid in large white letters across the image.

- Quickly and easily accessible
- Attractive business climate
- Qualified and motivated work force
- Top-level knowledge
- Pleasant living environment
- Attractive to tourists

www.drenthe.nl



Capital: Assen

Total area: 2,680 km²

Population: 489,000

Population density:

182 inhabitants per km²



About Drenthe

Drenthe is one of the three northern provinces of the Netherlands and is excellently located between the large centres of economic importance in the West-Netherlands, Germany, Scandinavia and the Baltics.

With its beautiful landscape, dynamic economy and excellent working and recreational facilities, Drenthe is a great place to live!

Emmen: 108,000 residents

(www.emmen.nl)

Assen: 67,000 residents

(www.assen.nl)

Hoogeveen: 55,000 residents

(www.hoogeveen.nl)

Meppel: 33,000 residents

(www.meppel.nl)



As a governmental authority the province is responsible for many aspects of spatial planning, the environment, landscape and nature, traffic and transport, the economy, and culture. The province is headed by an executive committee, the Provincial Executive Board, which is appointed by a democratically chosen parliament, the Provincial States.

The Province of Drenthe co-operates closely with the two other northern provinces, Groningen and Fryslân, in the Northern Netherlands Provinces (Samenwerkingsverband Noord-Nederland, SNN). The province is involved, both at home and abroad, in various different partnerships with governmental organizations that focus on stimulating economic activities. The House of the Dutch Provinces represents the interests of Drenthe in Brussels.

www.snn.eu

(Northern Netherlands Provinces)

www.nl-prov.eu

(House of the Dutch Provinces)

Assen-Amsterdam: 185 km

Assen-The Hague: 230 km

Assen-Brussels: 335 km

Assen-Hamburg: 290 km

Assen-Düsseldorf: 270 km

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Quickly and easily accessible

Logistically, Drenthe is situated favourably – just a short distance from the economic centres in the West-Netherlands, the Ruhr district and Hamburg, and it is easily accessed via excellent motorways. Traffic jams are rare. In addition, there are frequent connections by rail and Drenthe has its own regional airport: Groningen Airport Eelde.



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Companies and organizations:

39,000

Available industrial estates: 500

hectares (1,200 acres)

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Attractive business climate

Besides trade, the major economic mainstays of this vital and dynamic region are formed by industry and the service industries. Drenthe has a relatively large number of small and medium sized enterprises. Creative and innovative entrepreneurs enjoy economic success in the fields of bio-based fibre and medical instrument production, plastics industry, agribusiness, and tourism. Cluster development is encouraged. There are growing business clusters relating to smart industry and the 'green' chemical industry, for example.

Drenthe has a broad range of high-quality business parks, high-profile locations and industrial estates with excellent facilities, locations along waterways and office complexes. They are all easily accessed, both logistically and digitally, and ... available at very attractive land prices.





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There are various facilities, subsidy schemes and financing opportunities available to entrepreneurs.

The Economic Department of the Province of Drenthe gladly provides guidance.

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(Investment and Development Agency for the Northern Netherlands)

www.kvk.nl

(Chamber of Commerce)

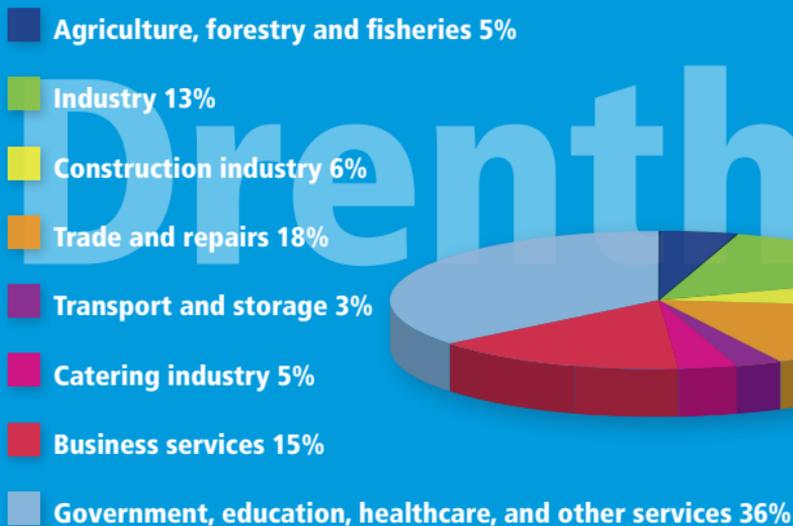
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(Northern Netherlands Provinces)

www.rvo.nl

(Netherlands Enterprise Agency)

Number of jobs: 212,000



Qualified and motivated work force

Drenthe boasts a well-educated, highly motivated, and committed work force. Most jobs are available in the services sector, trade and industry. Healthcare plays by far the largest role in the services sector.

Top-level knowledge

Drenthe is currently the stage for high-level innovation in terms of agribusiness, bio-based economy, medical technology, and high tech systems and materials, both nationally and internationally.

ASTRON, a research centre based in Drenthe, is currently working together with IBM under the name Dome on methods to collect, save, edit and use large amounts of data. These developments in ICT (Big Data) lead to innovative applications and opportunities in the areas of water, agribusiness, healthcare, mobility and security. The INCAS³ institute forms a bridge between scientific knowledge regarding sensor technology and the business community in the region.

Drenthe offers a wide choice and a high standard of education and training. Education institutes have close contacts with the business community. The internationally oriented Hanze Institute of Engineering is a good example of this. Intermediate vocational education is always nearby. Higher professional education is provided in the three larger towns. Four university cities are situated relatively closely: Groningen, Enschede (Twente), Oldenburg and Osnabrück (Germany).



www.stenden.com
(Stenden University)
www.hanze.nl/en/schools/institute-engineering
(Hanze Institute of Engineering)
www.rug.nl
(University of Groningen)
www.utwente.nl
(University of Twente)
www.uni-oldenburg.de
(University of Oldenburg)
www.uni-osnabrueck.de
(University of Osnabrück)
www.incas3.eu
(INCAS³)
www.dome-exascale.nl
(ASTRON & IBM Center for Exascale Technology)



Cycling tracks: 1,700 km

National Parks:

Drents-Friese Wold

(6,100 hectares, 15,100 acres)

Dwingelderveld

(3,700 hectares, 9,100 acres)

Nationaal beek- en esdorpenlandschap

Drentsche Aa

(10,000 hectares, 24,700 acres)

Pleasant living environment

Living in Drenthe means: living spaciouly, in a green environment, close to the joys of nature and in beautiful scenery.

The towns and cities provide a wide range of quality facilities and services: from education to healthcare, from shops to entertainment, and from sport to culture.



Visitors per year:
**Wildlands Adventure Zoo
Emmen 700,000**
TT Circuit Assen 650,000
**Plopsa Indoor Coevorden
250,000**
**Drents Museum Assen
153,000**
**Gevangenis­museum (Prison
Museum) Veenhuizen 118,000**



Attractive to tourists

With its splendid cultural landscape and beautiful nature, Drenthe has a lot to offer. There are prehistoric remains, including megalithic monuments, the first Unesco Global Geopark in the Netherlands and no less than three National Parks. And then of course, there are top attractions such as the motorbike races at the TT Circuit in Assen, Wildlands Adventure Zoo Emmen, Plopsa Indoor Coevorden, the Drents Museum in Assen and the Gevangenis­museum (Prison Museum) in Veenhuizen.

Drenthe also offers plenty of possibilities for those seeking active recreation as there are many hiking, horse-riding and cycling routes, and golf courses.



www.drenthe.nl
www.nationaalpark.nl
www.geoparkdehondsrug.eu
www.tt-assen.com
www.wildlands.nl
www.plopsa.be/plopsa-indoor-coevorden/nl
www.drentsmuseum.nl
www.gevangenis­museum.nl

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