

NUTS 3 Region: Emsland (DE)

This series of fact sheets includes measures taken by the above-mentioned regional authorities during the first wave of the pandemic to strengthen public health security, adapt various aspects of city life to new reality, support vulnerable populations and support the local economy. The fact sheet has been prepared based on official sources and media reporting. However, given the variegated degrees of online communication efficiency from the part of various regional authorities, and the risks associated with collecting information from non-standardised online sources (including media), please note that the information in the table may not be comprehensive.

Contextual information

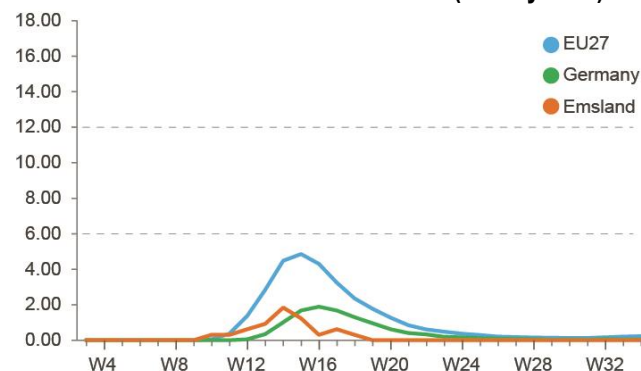
General information¹

Population (2019)	326 000
Density (inh/sqkm, 2018)	113
Type of territory (OECD typology)	Predominantly rural
Level of COVID-19 deaths (1 st wave)	Low

Governance (responsibilities of NUTS3 regions)²

German NUTS3, called *landkreis*, *kreis* or *kreisfreie städte*, are intermediate-level administrative divisions. They have mandatory responsibilities in areas of (public) transport regulation and infrastructure, spatial planning, construction affairs, emergency service, social welfare and youth welfare, building and maintenance of hospitals and of secondary schools, nature and landscape protection, and household waste collection and disposal. They also dispose of optional powers concerning, *inter alia*, support for cultural activities, construction of pedestrian areas and cycle lanes and support for pupil exchanges, and promotion of economic activity and tourism.

COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants (weekly data)



Policy answers at local level - Measures³

Health security	Date	Perspective ⁴
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Daily way of life and work		
• Total closure of county administrative buildings and passage to phone contact.	17-Mar	ST
• Additional busses for school transport.	25-Aug	ST
Support to vulnerable populations		
• Special measures for hospitals, preventive care, homes for the elderly	18-Mar	ST
• Helpline for vulnerable people	20-Mar	ST/ MT
• Online training courses for volunteers.	24-Jun	MT
Support to economic actors & recovery		
• Contact point for companies from the district for economic question about the corona situation.	18 Mar	ST

Policy answers at local level - Overall strategy

	Mitigating	Compensating	Circumventing	Exploit
Health security				
Daily way of life and work	✓	✓		
Support to vulnerable populations	✓		✓	
Support to economic actors & recovery	✓			

¹ Data source: EUROSTAT (*demo_r_pjangrp3* and *demo_r_d3dens*), OECD urban/rural typology, and ESPON COVID-19 database for mortality levels. Thresholds for COVID-19 mortality levels: low (0-6 deaths/100,000 inh.), moderate (6-12 deaths/100,000 inh.) and high (>12 deaths/100 000 inh.).

² According to <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/divisionpowers/Pages/Germany-Introduction.aspx>

³ Main sources used: The official website of Emsland Council: <https://www.emsland.de/>

⁴ ST = short term, MT = medium term, LT = long term.