Upper Bavaria is inhabited by more than 4.6 million people. They constitute approximately one third of Bavaria’s total population.

Until 2037, the population of Upper Bavaria is estimated to grow by more than 10 %, i.e. approximately half a million people – more than in any other Bavarian region.

Upper Bavaria spans an area of approximately 17,500 km² which constitutes one fourth of the total expanse of Bavaria.

Upper Bavaria is one of the economically most powerful regions in Europe.

It is Germany’s most popular tourist region: In 2018, more than 42 million overnight stays were registered.

Overview:

- The District Government of Upper Bavaria (“Regierung von Oberbayern”) is one of seven district governments in Bavaria.
- Within the organizational structure of the Bavarian State Administration, we are an intermediate-level executive authority for the territory of our governmental district. We act as a central interface between the Bavarian State Ministries and the municipalities of the governmental district.
- We advise and supervise 34 subsidiary governmental authorities, 20 county districts and 3 independent towns.
- The tasks of our about 1,680 employees are as diverse as our administrative district: They concern public safety, municipal and social affairs as well as the economy, rural development, transportation, planning and building, schools, the environment, health, consumer protection and the supervision of trade and industry.

Not to be confused:

- We are not the District Council of Upper Bavaria: Alongside the district governments, which are governmental executive authorities, there are seven district councils in Bavaria. They are part of the local self-administration.
- Furthermore, our authority is not to be confused with the Bavarian State Government: It is the supreme executive power in the State of Bavaria with a politically appointed leadership. The seven district governments are led by public servants.

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