

## History

The District of Ostholstein was set up in 1970 by combining the Districts of Oldenburg in Holstein and Eutin. The area of the former District of Oldenburg in Holstein was part of the Duchy of Holstein. It originated in 1867 and belonged to the Prussian State.

Until 1921 the Chief Executive - the Landrat - was based officially in Cismar, then in Oldenburg in Holstein. The area of the former District of Eutin belonged to the Prince-Bishopric. In 1903 it went as an exclave to the Duchy and later Grand Duchy of Oldenburg in Oldenburg. When the Weimar Republic was founded this area became part of what was then Lübeck. Then in the reforms of 1937 it became the Prussian District of Eutin with the administration based in Eutin. Following further legislation on the reorganisation of local boundaries from 23.12.1969, the two former districts of Oldenburg and Holstein were dissolved and joined together to form the new District of Ostholstein with effect from 26.04.1970.

## Tourism

Tourism provides the basis for the economy in Ostholstein. Since Ostholstein is one of Germany's most important tourist regions, the District has a particular responsibility to this part of the economy. The most important objective is to secure tourism without greatly expanding the total amount of accommodation available. Extending the length of the season, continually improving quality and maintaining natural resources are at the forefront of attempts to secure and create jobs in the region.

<i>Visitors</i>	<i>2.6 m</i>	<i>Businesses</i>	<i>8,000</i>
<i>Overnight stays</i>	<i>14.5 m</i>	<i>Beds</i>	<i>98,256</i>
<i>Day trippers</i>	<i>27.0 m</i>	<i>Campsites</i>	<i>77</i>

## The economy

Trade and small businesses also profit considerably from tourism and have developed to become a stable part of the economy. Agriculture, with 1,381 large and small farms, continues to be the major factor determining the structure of the District. However, the time when agriculture was the main economic factor are past. There is little or no heavy industry. The food sector, electronics and electrical engineering and medical technology are all represented in Ostholstein. In addition, the District is home to some internationally active software companies - and there is still plenty of space and commercial sites for those wishing to set up in business.

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## General

Population	205,946 (as of: 31.03.2007)
Federal state	Schleswig-Holstein
Car registration	OH
District town	Eutin

## Geographical Data

Area	1,392 km <sup>2</sup>
North to south	100 km
East to west	30 km
Highest point (also in S-H)	Bungsberg 168 m above sea level
Lowest point (also in Germany)	Hemmelsdorfer See 44 m below sea level
Length of Baltic Sea coastline	185 km

## Further data

Nature reserves	14
Protected areas	14 areas
National parks	1 (Holsteinische Schweiz)
Ports	10
Wind turbines	332 producing around 300 Megawatt

"Vogelfluglinie"/ Europa road 46	shortest connection between Scandinavia and Germany
Fehmarnbelt crossing	Ferry connection between Puttgarden & Rødby/DK; a fix link across the Fehmarn Belt has been decided in June 2007.

## Social data

Number of employed	49641
Agricultural units	1257
Manufacturing companies	174
Elementary schools	40
Special needs schools	9
Special needs language school	1
Schools for mentally disabled	2
Realschule - middle schools	15
Grammar schools	8 (7 District, 1 town of Eutin)
Integrated comprehensive school	1
Vocational schools	2 (Eutin/Oldenbg.& branches)
Nursing schools	2 (Eutin & Neustadt i. H.)
Youth services	2 (Lensahn & Oldenburg)
Children's home	1 (Lensahn)
Child daycare centres	107
Residential and nursing homes	90
Emergency service centres	8
Emergency service helicopters	1 (based in Eutin)
Disaster control services	15
Voluntary fire brigades	140 (+ 37 youth brigades) with 3,829 active members

## Die Gemeinden of the District

6 towns	Bad Schwartau, Fehmarn, Eutin, Heiligenhafen, Neustadt i. H., Oldenburg i. H.
12 rural boroughs	Ahrensböök, Grömitz, Dahme, Großenbrode, Grube, Kellenhusen, Malente, Ratekau, Scharbeutz, Stockelsdorf, Süsel, Timmendorfer Strand
3 departments with 17 parishes	Oldenburg-Land, Lensahn Ostholstein-Mitte
1 department "Amt Plöner See" with 1 parish	Bosau

## Hospitals

General hospitals	Sana-Kliniken Ostholstein GmbH Eutin Oldenburg i. H. Fehmarn  Klinikum Neustadt i. H.  Helios Agnes Karll Krankenhaus Bad Schwartau
Specialist hospitals	psychatrium Gruppe Neustadt Heiligenhafen Curschmann-Klinik Timmendorfer Strand Mühlenberg-Klinik Malente St. Elisabeth-Krankenhaus Eutin DRK Therapy centre Middelburg/Süsel August-Bier-Klinik Malente Curtius-Klinik Malente Children's Centre Pelzerhaken  Day clinic Ostholstein Neustadt i. H.
<b>General emergency</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Emergency fire, ambulance / helicopter</b>	<b>112 oder 19222</b>