



# USAG Bavaria Fact Sheet

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## By The Numbers...

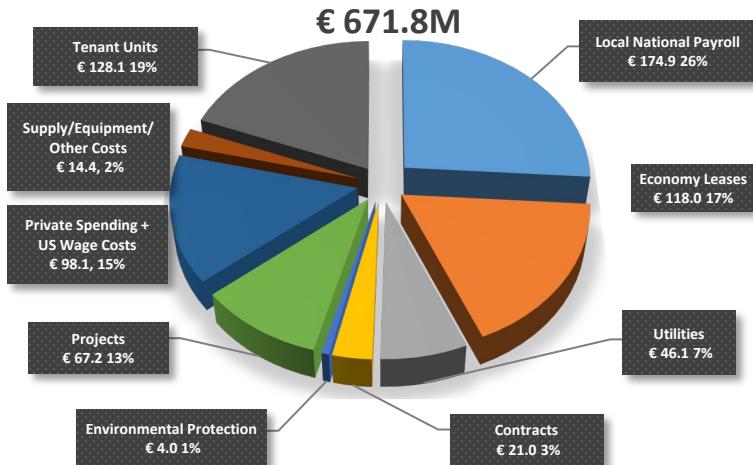
- ❑ USAG Bavaria includes five communities: Garmisch, Grafenwoehr, Hohenfels, Vilseck and the Training Camps at Grafenwoehr Training Area
- ❑ USAG Bavaria footprint encompasses 12 Bavarian counties
- ❑ Population dispersed through 4,100 square kilometers
- ❑ Americans live in 250 villages, towns or cities
- ❑ The USAG Bavaria footprint includes more than 6,300 on-post, leased or private rental housing units and more than 80 unaccompanied housing (barracks) buildings for assigned personnel
- ❑ 3 railheads, 2 airfields, 8 airborne drop zones, and 55 motor pools for assigned units
- ❑ Grafenwoehr Training Area: 89 square miles, 38 ranges, 4,249 buildings, 127 miles of road, 327 miles of tank trail, 1 airfield, 2 airborne drop zones, 272 troop billets and 25 motor pools
- ❑ Hohenfels Training Area: 63 square miles, 3 ranges, 1,455 buildings, 160 miles of road, 142 miles of tank trails, 1 airfield, 6 airborne drop zones, 142 troop billets and 11 motor pools
- ❑ Total acreage: 97,336
- ❑ Training acreage: 92,033
- ❑ Training support services: Managed by 7th Army Training Command
- ❑ Total building space: 23,601,478 square feet

### ❑ Total Bavaria Population ~39,200

- ~ 16,200 Military
- ~ 9,400 Civilians (US & Local Nationals)
- ~ 650 Retirees
- ~ 12,600 Family Members

\*ASIP data as of July 2024

## Fiscal Year 2020 Economic Impact



### ❑ Travel Distance and Times

- Grafenwoehr to Hohenfels  
~ 80 km (48 miles)  
~ 1 – 1.5 hours
- Grafenwoehr to Garmisch  
~ 313 km (188 miles)  
~ 3 – 3.5 hours
- Hohenfels to Garmisch  
~ 247 km (148 miles)  
~ 2.5 – 3 hours





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In 2013, United States Army Garrison Grafenwoehr was transformed to USAG Bavaria, a single garrison with four locations encompassing Grafenwoehr, Vilseck, Hohenfels, and Garmisch. In February 2017, in response to the growing rotational force and training troop presence, USAG Bavaria established the 5th Community to manage Garrison resources in the training camps.

Grafenwoehr Training Area was originally created following the activation of the III Bavarian Army Corps in 1900 and in 1908, the training area was officially designated as Training Area Grafenwoehr. After WWII, U.S. Army Europe expanded the role and importance of the training area to meet the increased training needs, and increased the facilities to support the troops during training. 2001 brought the start of a buildup of Tower Barracks (formerly East Camp) with new construction, realignment, and renovations to support a brigade combat team, which was completed in FY12 and now houses two 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Battalions and supports Regionally Aligned Forces in support of the European Deterrence Initiative. GTA is the U.S. Army's largest training area outside the continental United States, providing training to U.S., NATO and other partner forces. Tower Barracks is also home to 7th Army Training Command, U.S. Army Medical Command Bavaria, 18th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion and the 41st Fires Brigade.

A large buildup of Rose Barracks in Vilseck occurred in the mid 1980's with the construction of facilities to support a brigade size element which is now home to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. The facility is also home to 18th Military Police Brigade, the Combined Arms Training Center staff, 405th Army Field Support Battalion - Germany and U.S. Army Dental Command Bavaria.

Hohenfels Training Area is named after the market town of Hohenfels. It became a U.S. Forces training area in 1951. Live fire exercises in the training area ended in 1988 when they transformed to the Combat Maneuver Training Center, with the mission to provide realistic force-on-force combined arms training exercises for the U.S. Army, Europe, and Seventh Army's maneuver battalion task forces. CMTC was transformed again and officially named the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in December 2005. It is the largest U.S. Army Europe - Africa maneuver training area.

The Garmisch Military Post and Garmisch Recreation Center, which operated a range of hotels and outdoor sports facilities, were established in 1946 and based in the installations of the German Army's 1st Mountain Division. In 1947, Garmisch became home to the U.S. Army Russian Institute and in 1953 the NATO School opened its doors in nearby Oberammergau cementing the community's role as a center for both military education and U.S. Forces recreation over the past 68 years. In 1993 the U.S. Army Russian Institute was replaced by the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, and by 2004, all Armed Forces Recreation Center hotel operations had been consolidated into the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. Today, the George C. Marshall Center and NATO School provide essential forums for international military diplomacy, education and cooperation, while the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort has become the focal point for armed forces recreation in Europe. In July 2012, the support elements that had evolved over 68 years to become USAG Garmisch inactivated, and Garmisch became a USAG Bavaria community.

