

Velbert

Velbert is a town of 85,000 inhabitants and is situated between the three larger cities Düsseldorf, Essen and Wuppertal. It is located in the German federal state North Rhine-Westphalia. Velbert is divided into three main districts: city centre, Langenberg and Neviges.



Velbert's coat of arms



Townhall of Velbert

Velbert has got its origin in the early medieval times. In 875 it was first mentioned in historical sources, its name being “Feldbrahti” at that time, deriving from the expression “fallow field”.



Christuskirche

Approximately in 1000 the first Christian chapels “St. Ida” and “St. Margharete” were constructed and in 1220 Langenberg and Neviges were mentioned in historical documents for the first time.



Forum Niederberg

In the middle of the 14th century Velbert belonged to the county of “Berg”, its first industrial era starting in this period of time with the beginning of mining. Since the beginning of the 19th century Velbert has become famous for its locks and fitting industry. Security and high-tech systems are still produced here and make up an important part of Velbert's economy.

Velbert has got several partner cities in Europe, these are: Châtelleraut in France, Corby in GB, Hacibektas in Turkey and Thesprotia in Greece.