



Governing mayor of Gratkorn Helmut Weber

The community Gratkorn is situated in the north of Graz. It is an industrial community, embedded in the Grazer hilly country. Gratkorn is the location of a market-leading paper-generating factory as well as a company specialized on semiconductors and thus building the centre of the regional population.

There are many hiking trails and bicycle routes in the back-country, as well as several local recreational facilities in Gratkorn (like a sports stadium, tennis courts, a public indoor swimming pool, a sports hall, youth centre, etc).

Number of inhabitants:

By 01.01.2016 there are 7.836 citizens.

Size of the community:

3.458 hectares (=34,58 square kilometres), thereof are approximately 60% forest stand. Designation in the land utilisation plan: approximately 89% agriculture, approximately 10% land for building, approximately 1% industry.

Kindergartens:

4 community kindergartens and 2 nursery schools (for the children under 3 years) and 1 private kindergarten.

Schools:

2 elementary schools, 1 Neue Mittelschule (secondary school), 1 Polytechnische Schule (polytechnic school), 1 school of arts and music.

Businesses:

approximately 200 businesses in the sectors of commerce, industry and trade.

Agriculture:

170 farmers, including approximately 26 full-time farmers.

Fire Brigades:

2 auxiliary fire brigades with approximately 200 firemen, 1 corporate (company) fire brigade (company Sappi Gratkorn) with approximately 120 firemen.

Agency of the Austrian Red Cross

in the community with approximately 100 employees.

Federal Armed Forces:

Hackherkaserne Gratkorn with approximately 450 soldiers

Associations:

approximately 50 associations (Kinderfreunde, Markt- und Werkskapelle, Leykam Chor, Jakob-Wöhrer-Chor, Landjugend, etc)

Medical care:

Senior center and care center in Gratkorn with approximately 80 places, **the social and health association** Gratkorn (domestic home care), approximately 15 doctors (general practitioners, medical specialists, veterinarian), 1 pharmacy

The council of the community Gratkorn consists of 25 people (5 members of the parish council = mayor, 2 deputy mayors, financial officer, member of the parish council; 20 members of the council of the community; political division after the last election for the council of the community in 2015 (mandates): 9 SPÖ, 7 FPÖ, 5 Die Grünen, 4 ÖVP.

The motives for a “Family-friendly community”:

- Ascertainment of the existing family-friendly offerings in the community
- Investigation of the possibilities to improve the family and child friendly offerings in the community
- Pushing the civic participation

Already existing family-friendly measures:

- Financial support for expectant mothers
- Supportive measures for the youth in sport
- Youth centre Gratkorn
- Projects for the prevention of addiction in collaboration with other communities
- Get togethers for elderly people
- Children’s playgrounds
- After school care for school children

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