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Crimmitschau

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Crimmitschau (German pronunciation: [ˈkrɪmɪtʃaʊ]) is a town in the district of **Zwickau** in the **Free State of Saxony**.

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Geography

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Crimmitschau lies on the River **Pleiße** in the northern foothills of the **Erzgebirge**.

Neighboring municipalities

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Adjacent communities include: **Zwickau**, **Dennheritz**, **Neukirchen**, **Meerane**, and **Langenbernsdorf** in Landkreis of **Zwickau**; **Heyersdorf**, **Jonaswalde**, **Ponitz** and **Thonhausen** in Thuringian Landkreis of **Altenburger Land**; as well as **Braunichswalde**, **Rückersdorf**, and **Seelingstädt** in Thuringia in Landkreis of **Greiz**.

Municipality subdivisions

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Crimmitschau's subdivisions are Rudelswalde, Lauenhain, Langenreinsdorf, Mannichswalde, Frankenhausen, Wahlen, Gösau, Gosel, Gablenz, Blankenhain, Großspillingsdorf, and Harthau.

History

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In the course of German eastward expansion, the city of Crimmitschau and a castle of the same name (now called the *Schweinsburg*) were established from around 1170 to 1200 as an organized German colony. The settlement's existence is first documented in 1212. In 1414 Crimmitschau received town privileges from **Markgraf Wilhelm II**.

On March 15, 1844, Crimmitschau was connected to the German rail network (on the Saxon-Bavarian Railroad, which was later extended to Bavaria)

Around the turn of the century, Crimmitschau was the site of a large concentrated textile industry, and was called "The City of 100 chimneys" (*Stadt der 100 Schornsteine*).

From August 22, 1903 to January 18, 1904, it was the site of one of the largest and longest strikes in the German Empire, which affected the entire nation.

In 1944, some Crimmitschau property was bombed by Allied Forces.

At the end of the 1980s, a great part of the old and inner cities were torn down and replaced with prefabricated concrete buildings. Similar plans existed for the southern suburb, but were not put in place after the regime change in 1990.

Population

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Mannichswalde, which is part of Crimmitschau



Location of the town of Crimmitschau within Zwickau district



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Administration

Country	 Germany
State	 Saxony
Admin. region	 Chemnitz
District	 Zwickau
Town subdivisions	13
Mayor	Holm Günther

Basic statistics

Area	61.04 km ² (23.57 sq mi)
Elevation	273 m (896 ft)
Population	20,535 (31 December 2011) ^[1]
- Density	336 /km ² (871 /sq mi)

Other information

Time zone	CET/CEST (UTC+1/+2)
Licence plate	Z
Postal code	08451
Area code	03762
Website	www.crimmitschau.de

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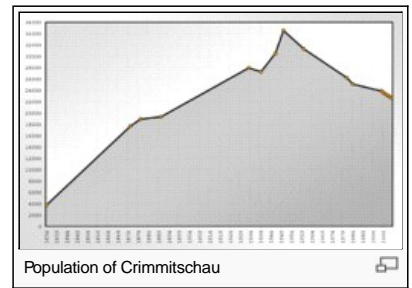
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Year	Population	Year	Population
1834	3,767	1995	23,888
1875	17,649	1997	23,420
1880	18,925	1999	23,570
1890	19,300	2000	23,305
1933	27,938	2002	22,874
1939	27,247	2004	22,528
1946	30,504	2006	21,953
1950	34,541	2008	21.080
1960	31,279	2009	20.833
1981	26,229	2010	20.901
1984	25,086		



Religion

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Even though almost 50 percent of the people in the Crimmitschau area are Atheists,^[*citation needed*] there are some Protestant parishes and even a catholic parish, belonging to the [Diocese of Dresden-Meissen](#). The most important churches are: St. Laurentius-Kirche, Johanniskirche, and the Lutherkirche.

International relations

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Main article: [List of twin towns and sister cities in Germany](#)

Crimmitschau is *twinned* with:

- [Wiehl, North Rhine-Westphalia](#)
- [Bystřice nad Perštejnem, Czech Republic](#)
- [Omaha, Nebraska](#)

Museums

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- Western Saxon Textile Museum, which is located in a fully functional textile factory, former known as "*Gebrüder Pfau KG*"
- The Agricultural and Open-Air Museum of Schloss Blankenhain

Buildings

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Landmarks include the town hall, the late gothic parish church of Saint Larentus (1513), with its star and cross ribbed arches, a former [Cistercian Convent](#) (founded around 1290) in the district of Frankenhausen and the open air museum of [Blankenhain Castle](#) located at the castle of the same name.

Music

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- [Helmut Bräutigam](#), composer

Parks

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- The Zöffelpark, which was built in the pre-war period and named after Emil Oskar Zöffel, an important textile manufacturer and Philanthropist in the history of the city.
- The Bismarck-Hain, a former cemetery, named after Reichskanzler [Otto von Bismarck](#). This park was known as Friedenspark (Peace-park) during [GDR](#)-times.
- The Sahnpark, located north of the city center, is the largest park in Crimmitschau and harbours an old open-air bath, an animal park and the stadium of ETC Crimmitschau.



Sports

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Crimmitschau has a well-known ice hockey club, the [ETC Crimmitschau](#), which plays in the second highest German league. The city also has a soccer team, [FC Crimmitschau](#) and an American Football Team, the [Tornados Crimmitschau](#).

Business and Infrastructure

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Crimmitschau lies directly at the Autobahn A4 and can be reached through the exits [Schmölln](#) and [Meerane](#). The [Deutsche Bahn AG](#) provides connections to [Zwickau](#), [Leipzig](#), [Hof](#).

Education

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There are 3 elementary schools (*Grundschule*), two secondary schools (*Mittelschule*), a high school (*Gymnasium*), and a special education school (*Förderschule*) in Crimmitschau:

- Käthe-Kollwitz-Grundschule
- Grundschule Frankenhausen
- Grundschule Blankenhain
- Käthe-Kollwitz-Mittelschule
- Mittelschule Sahnshule



- Julius-Motteler-Gymnasium
- Förderschule Lindenschule

Personalities

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- 1909 - **Heinrich Mauersberger**, (d. 1982 in Bestensee), Engineer and inventor in the textile industry.
- 1954 - **Klaus Gruner**, Handballer, Olympic champion 1980
- 1955 - **Udo Kießling**, ice hockey player
- 1961 - **Gabriele Zange**, speed skater

See also

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External links

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- Coat of Arms
- (German) ETC-Crimmitschau
- (German) the West Saxon Textile Museum of Crimmitschau
- (German) Agricultural and Open-Air Museum of Schloss Blankenhain
- (German) the Julius-Motteler-Gymnasium of Crimmitschau

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