

Bremerhaven Hauptbahnhof

Bremerhaven Central railway station in 1998

Back of the station

Bremerhaven Hauptbahnhof is the central [railway station](#) in the German city of [Bremerhaven](#), [Bremen](#).

The station lies on the line from [Bremen](#) to [Cuxhaven](#). The line from Bremen was built in 1862, and a station for that was built in Geestemünde. At the time, Geestemünde did not belong to Bremerhaven, but was a separate town. The line from Geestemünde to Cuxhaven was then built in 1896.

Because there were too many trains in the old station and it is connected only with single-track, it was decided to knock down the old station. The new station, which is now Bremerhaven Central railway station, was opened in 1914. Because it still was in Geestemünde, but not as far away as the old station, it was called *Geestemünde-Bremerhaven*. In 1924, some other towns joined Bremerhaven, and the city got a new name, Wesermünde. The station got a new name, *Wesermünde-Bremerhaven*, because of that.

In 1944, in the middle of [World War II](#), the hall over the railway [tracks](#) was destroyed by a [bomb](#) that was thrown from an American plane. The hall was not built again after the war.

Wesermünde received another name and was called Bremerhaven from 1947, and the station received the new name too and was now called *Bremerhaven Hauptbahnhof*. That means "Bremerhaven Central railway station", and it was called that way because it was now in the middle of the new, large city. Electric cables were put in the station in 1966, so that electric trains could run. Trains that were carrying [soldiers](#) of the [US Army](#) often ran to Bremerhaven in the 1970s, because the US Army had large [barracks](#) in the city.

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