



Linz - exploring the livable districts of this emerging city



Introduction

- Linz is the third-largest city of Austria and capital and largest of the state of Upper Austria
- The population of the city is 204,846, and that of the Greater Linz conurbation is about 789,811.
- A wealth of creative forces - from newly founded start-ups to cultural institutions to global players - have turned the former city of smoking chimneys into the UNESCO City of Media Arts.
- Many students and young professionals move to Linz from all around the country and Europe to be part of the unique innovative and inspiring economic situation.

Situation and Aims

- This report assesses and analyzes the districts of Linz in order to identify the most livable places in town. Green areas, market places and culinary opportunities are well known markers of preferred living areas.
- This report is of high interest for anybody new to the city of Linz. Not only to get a first impression of the various districts, but also when searching for best areas to rent a flat/house and or simply identify enjoyable areas.

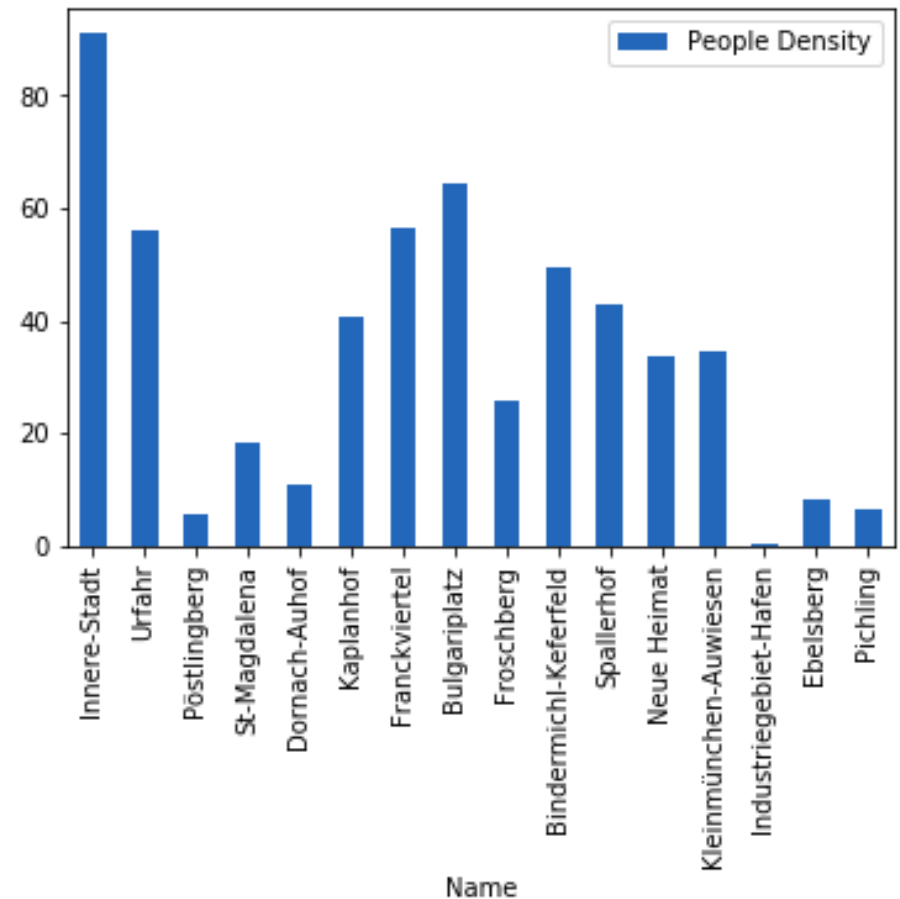
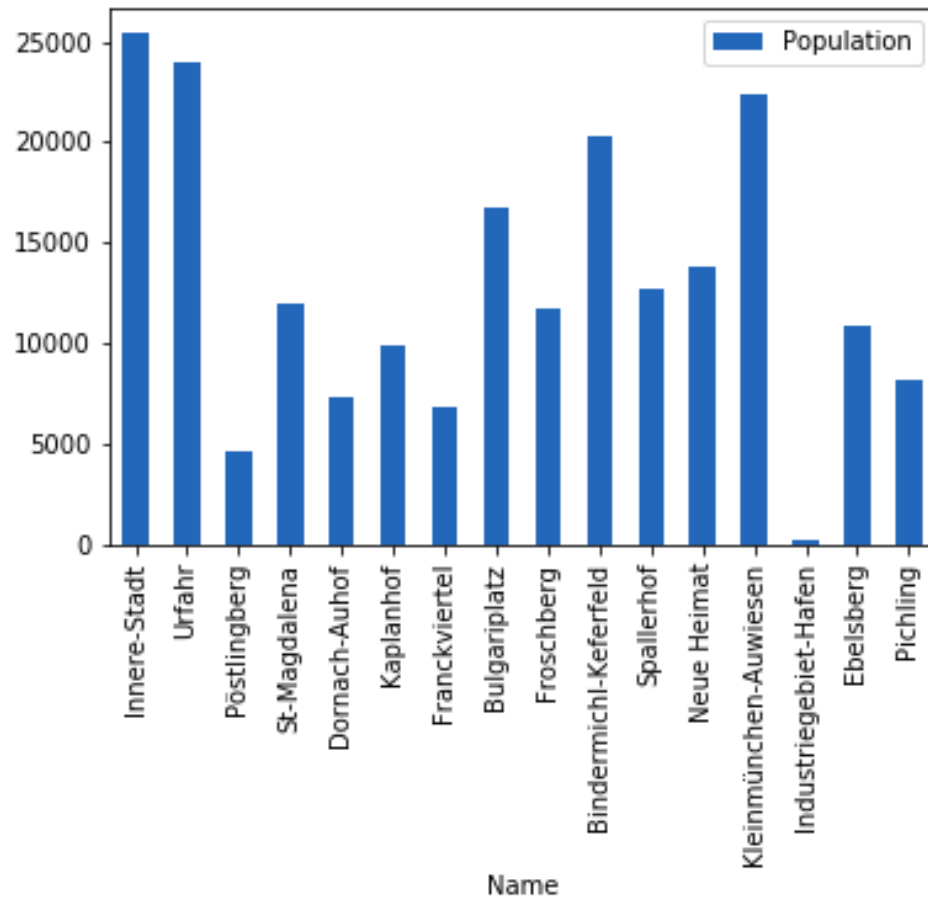
Data

A comprehensive list of city districts can be found here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linz>. Since January 2014 the city is divided into 16 statistical districts. This table contains the district number, name, inhabitants and area. No data was missing.

The Foursquare database was used to explore these 16 neighborhoods. Venue groups of positive/enjoyable elements were defined:

- 1) Green areas ("Park", "Mountain", "Hill", "Botanical Garden", "Zoo")
- 2) Markets ("Supermarket", "Fair", "Bakery", "Shop")
- 3) Bar/Restaurant ("Café", "Restaurant", "Bar", "Osteria")

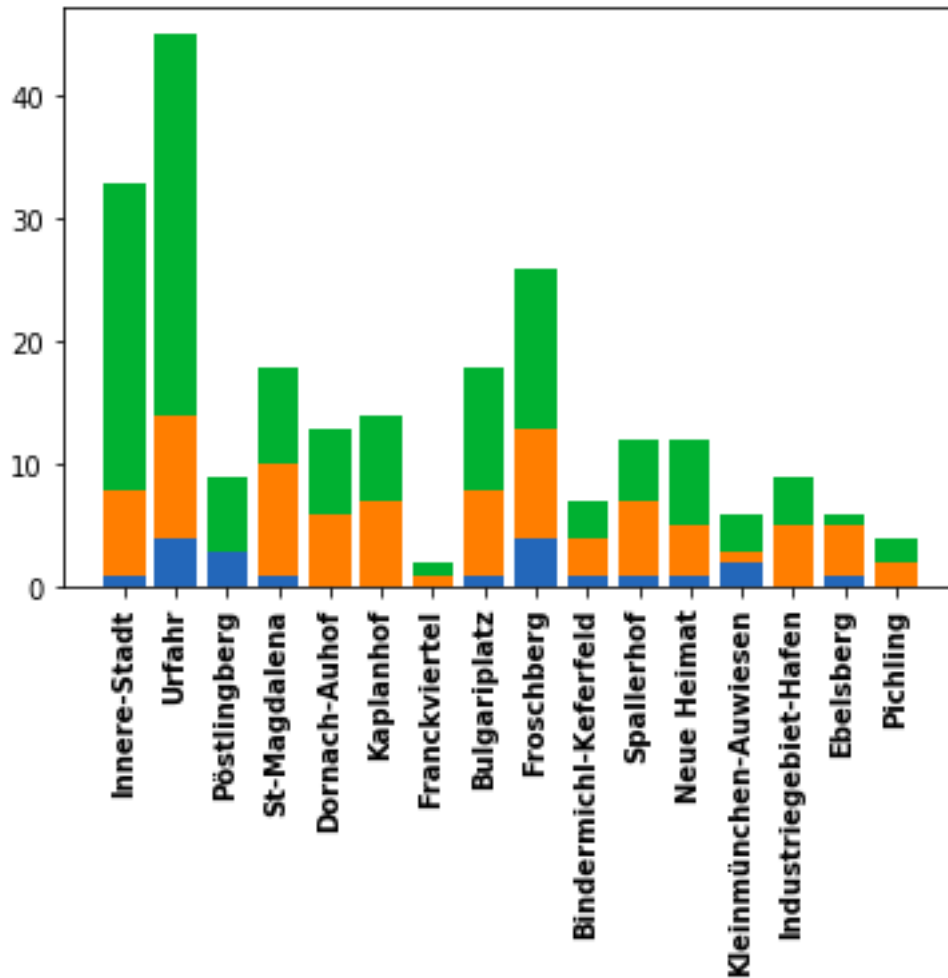
Results - district population and density



Results - district map



Results - district quality elements



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	Name	Green	Market	Bar
0	Innere-Stadt	1	7	25
1	Urfahr	4	10	31
2	Pöstlingberg	3	0	6
3	St-Magdalena	1	9	8
4	Dornach-Auhof	0	6	7
5	Kaplanhof	0	7	7
6	Franckviertel	0	1	1
7	Bulgaripplatz	1	7	10
8	Froschberg	4	9	13
9	Bindermichl-Keferfeld	1	3	3
10	Spallerhof	1	6	5
11	Neue Heimat	1	4	7
12	Kleinmünchen-Auwiesen	2	1	3
13	Industriegebiet-Hafen	0	5	4
14	Ebelsberg	1	4	1
15	Pichling	0	2	2

Discussion and Conclusion

Industrie-Hafen is by far the biggest district, but as the name suggests it is very unappealing to live there due to industry facilities and little green areas.

The most appealing districts for young professionals are Innere-Stadt (the old town), Urfahr and Froschberg. Overall, Urfahr had the highest amount of appealing elements is therefore. Although having the same number of green areas than Froschberg, Urfahr has significantly more Bars and Restaurants, which is a big plus for modern people.

This report motivates young professionals to search for flats and accommodations in Urfahr and Innere-Stadt. These two districts offer the highest quality of life.