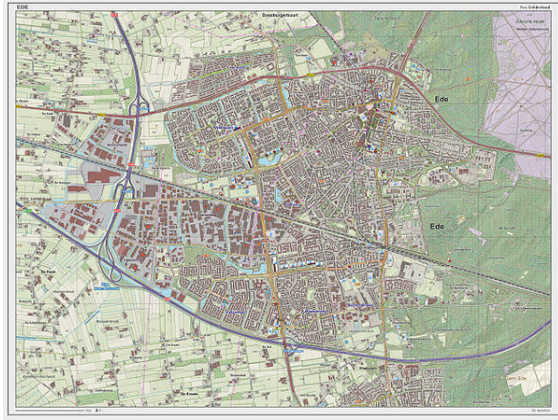


Ede, Netherlands



Dutch Topographic map of Ede (town), March 2014

Ede (Dutch pronunciation: [ˈeːdə]) is a municipality and a city in the center of the Netherlands, in the province of Gelderland.

1 Population centres

Community (population):

- Bennekom: 14,749
- De Klomp: 508
- Deelen: 50
- Ede (town): 67,812
- Ederveen: 3,167
- Harskamp: 3,464
- Hoenderloo: 65
- Lunteren: 12,464
- Otterlo (Kröller-Müller Museum): 2,383
- Wekerom: 2,506
- *Total: 107,168*

2 The town of Ede

2.1 Location

The town itself is situated halfway between the larger cities of **Arnhem** and **Utrecht** with direct rail and road connections to both cities. There are no connections to any water nearby; however, there also is a direct road connection to the city of **Wageningen** which hosts a small industrial port on the river **Rijn** and a direct road and rail connection to the city of **Arnhem**, which features larger port at a greater distance. The environment is clean and green due to the fact Ede is partly built in a forest and partly on the central Dutch plains in the national park called **Nationaal Park “De Hoge Veluwe”**.

2.2 Economy

Economically, the town of Ede is doing fairly well thanks to the proximity of major highways and railways which offer fast connections to the port of **Rotterdam**, **Schiphol** airport and the **Ruhr Area** in **Germany**. The main sources of employment used to be a factory belonging to the Dutch **Enka** company and the three military bases situated in the northeast of the town. The factory however, has been closed and the military bases are largely underused since conscription was abolished. The town's economy is lately becoming more focused on national tourism from the more densely populated western cities like **Amsterdam** and **Den Haag**, and on education such as local colleges and the large **Wageningen University** in the city of **Wageningen**.

Some of the more notable or larger companies and other employers in and around Ede are:

- The **Ministry of Defence**, via two Army barracks and **Deelen Air Base**.
- Fruit juice and drinks-factory **Riedel**, now part of **FrieslandCampina**.
- Plant and flower auction house **Plantion** (since 1 March 2010).^[5]
- Advertising agency **Lukkien** who developed their own **Lukkien Heliport** on the roof of their office.^[6]
- The Dutch headquarters for **Kimberly-Clark**.^[7]
- The Dutch headquarters of mattress and pillow manufacturer **Tempur-Pedic**.^[8]
- **Deli-XL**, a foodservice distributor in Belgium and the Netherlands.^[9]

- The head office and two of the main datacenters of independent internet provider BIT.^[10]

2.3 Transportation

Ede is situated along the A12 motorway and has a direct link to the A1 via the A30.



Ede-Wageningen railway station

There are two stations in Ede: Ede-Wageningen railway station and Ede Centrum railway station. Ede-Wageningen is the main station with services to Alkmaar, Amersfoort, Amsterdam, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, Arnhem, Barneveld, Den Helder and Utrecht.

Ede Centrum is served by trains from Amersfoort and Barneveld to Ede-Wageningen.

2.4 Education

There are four secondary schools in Ede: Marnix College,^[11] Pallas Athene College,^[12] one division of Het Streek^[13] and Groenhorst College . There is also a Christian University of Applied Sciences Ede (Christelijke Hogeschool Ede).^[14]


2.5 Social life

Socially, Ede is a common town like any other in the Netherlands, with perhaps up to 40% Christian people in the town. Each year, there is a municipality-wide celebration called *Heideweek* (*Week of the heather*) which lasts a week largely involves traditional Dutch festivities, along with local customs. During the week, a *Queen of the heather* and a *Princess of the heather* are elected from several candidates and will be the representative for the municipality of Ede on various other festivities, until next year when another a new queen and princess are elected.



Walderveen Windmill

3 Twin cities

-  Chrudim — Czech Republic

4 Notable residents

- Hans Dorrestijn (born 1940), writer and comedian
- Dick Schoenaker (born 1952), footballer
- John Scherrenburg (born 1963), water polo player
- Angela Postma (born 1971), swimmer
- Marianne Thieme (born 1972), politician
- Sonja Tol (born 1972), fencer
- Benno Kuipers (born 1974), swimmer
- Esmeral Tunçluer (born 1980), basketball player
- Ahmet Kilic (born 1984), footballer
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