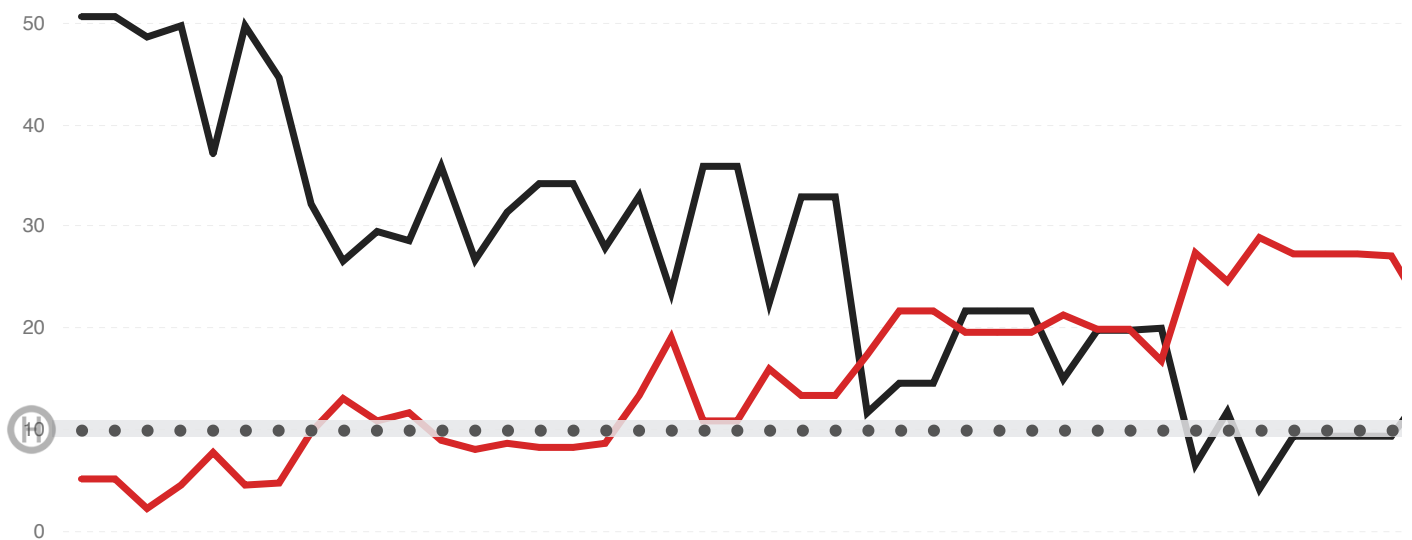




CDU and Left Party voters

Votes of residents along the M29 bus route, in percent



Percentage of all valid second votes cast for the CDU and Left parties in the 1709 Berlin polling stations (no postal votes) in the 2013 federal election. As of September 20, 2013. Source: Berlin State Election Commissioner

- CDU with absolute majority at Roseneck
- Left strongest force in the heart of Kreuzberg 36

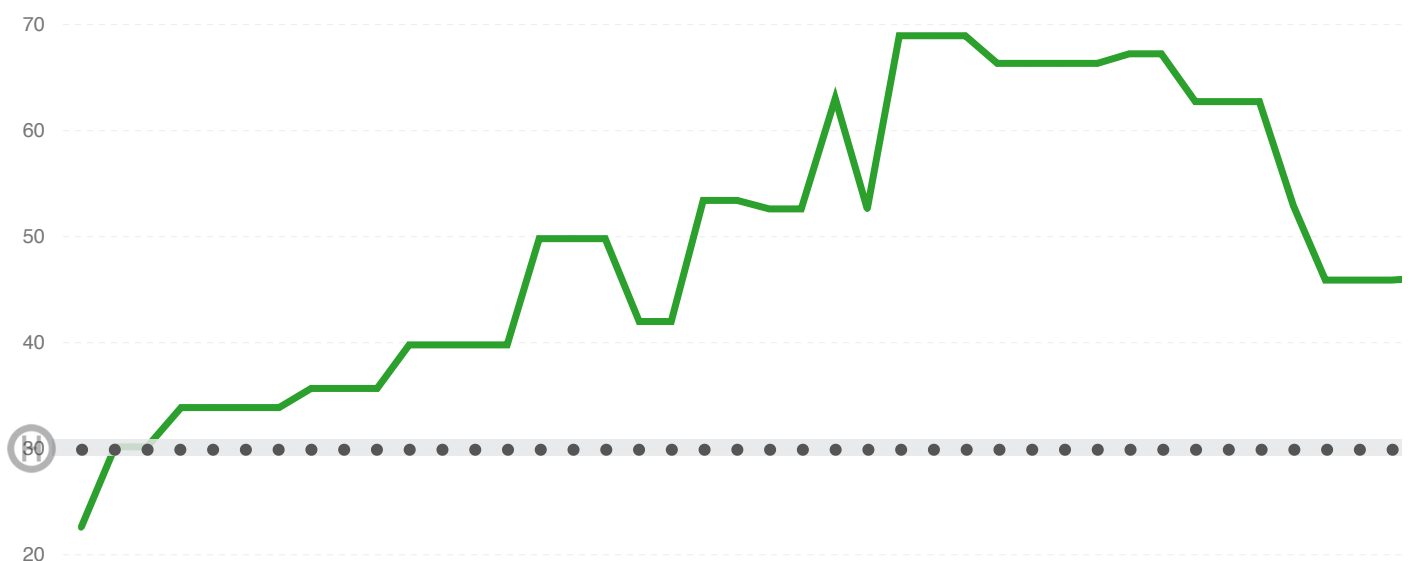


the voting behavior of the residents: the approximately 16-kilometer-long tour begins at the western end in the residential area of the Berlin district of Grunewald at the Roseneck bus stop. In the local constituency, the CDU won an absolute majority **in the last federal election** - with 50.5 percent, even more than the CSU in Bavaria (49.3 percent).

In the last third of the route, at Heinrichplatz in the heart of Kreuzberg 36, the election result in September 2013 could hardly have been more different: the Union failed to clear the five percent hurdle there, with only 4.1 percent voting for the CDU. The Left, however, received the highest share of the vote on the entire M29 line with 28.8 percent - and also beat the Greens, who are traditionally strong in Kreuzberg (27.4 percent).

migration background

in percent



Percentage of all registered Berliners with a migration background at the level of the 447 LOR planning areas. As of: June 30, 2014. Source: Office for Statistics Berlin-Brandenburg



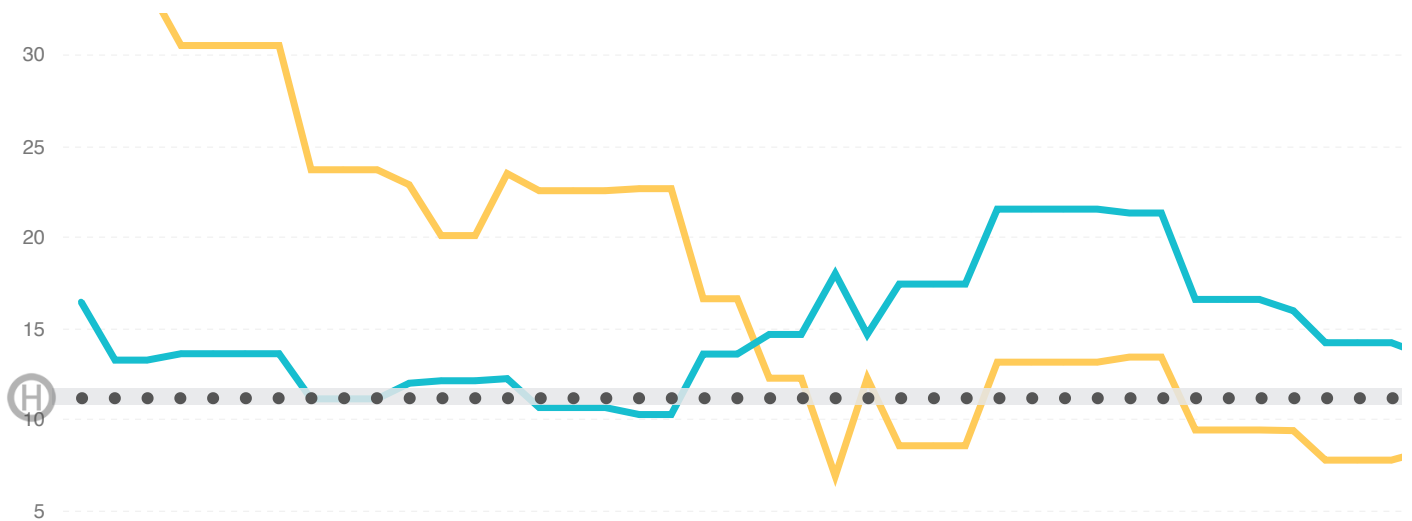
- Roseneck below Berlin average
 - Highest value around Anhalter Bahnhof
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The M29 is also a line of contrasts when it comes to the **migrant background** of residents along the route. At the western terminus of Roseneck, only one in four (around 22 percent) has their roots abroad. This proportion is below the average for the whole city (28 percent), which is rather low compared to other major German cities due to the division of the eastern part of Berlin (around 16 percent). In the western part, through which the M29 bus line runs exclusively, the proportion is around 36 percent.

However, the Berlin average is already topped from the second station and increases rapidly up to the second half of the route towards the east: around the Anhalter Bahnhof, more than two thirds of the residents (around 69 percent) have a migration background. If you continue towards Hermannplatz, the proportion drops back to under half at the Neukölln terminus (43.4 percent).

Old and young

Percentage of people over 65 and under 18 years of age



Percentage of all registered Berliners in the age groups "under 18" and "65 and older" at the level of the 447 LOR planning areas. As of June 30, 2014. Source: Berlin-Brandenburg Statistics Office

- One in three people in Grunewald of retirement age
- turning point at the Hiroshima pier

In Grunewald, people can grow old: one in three residents between the Roseneck and Bismarckplatz stops is of retirement age. On the journey through City West, the proportion drops significantly to just over a fifth. Residents under the age of 18 remain a minority in the first half of the line.

M29 stop Herthastraße

Line Dance in the Seniors Club

"Those who sit at home are lonely": Senior women meet on Herthastraße to dance.

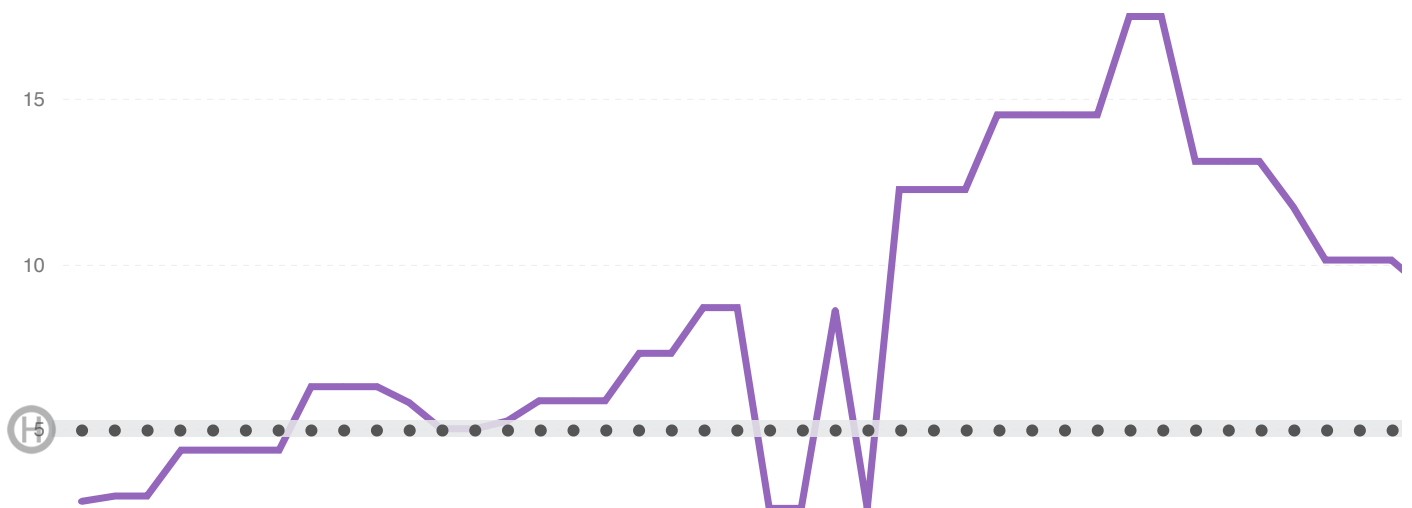
The turning point of the line - at least in terms of the age of the residents - is the Hiroshimasteg stop in Tiergarten. Here, for the first



those over 65. Between Checkpoint Charlie and Moritzplatz, the residents are particularly young: one in five is under 18 years old. At the eastern end of the line, pensioners are in the minority: only one in ten is over 65.

unemployed

in percent



Percentage of those who are temporarily unemployed or work less than 15 hours a week and have reported this - at the level of the 447 LOR planning areas. Status: June 30, 2014. Source: Berlin-Brandenburg Statistics Office / Federal Employment Agency

- Full employment in the west of the M29 line
- High unemployment at Moritzplatz

Unemployment is almost non-existent in Grunewald. Around the Roseneck stop - the western end of the line - only 2.8 percent of residents are registered as unemployed, which many economists



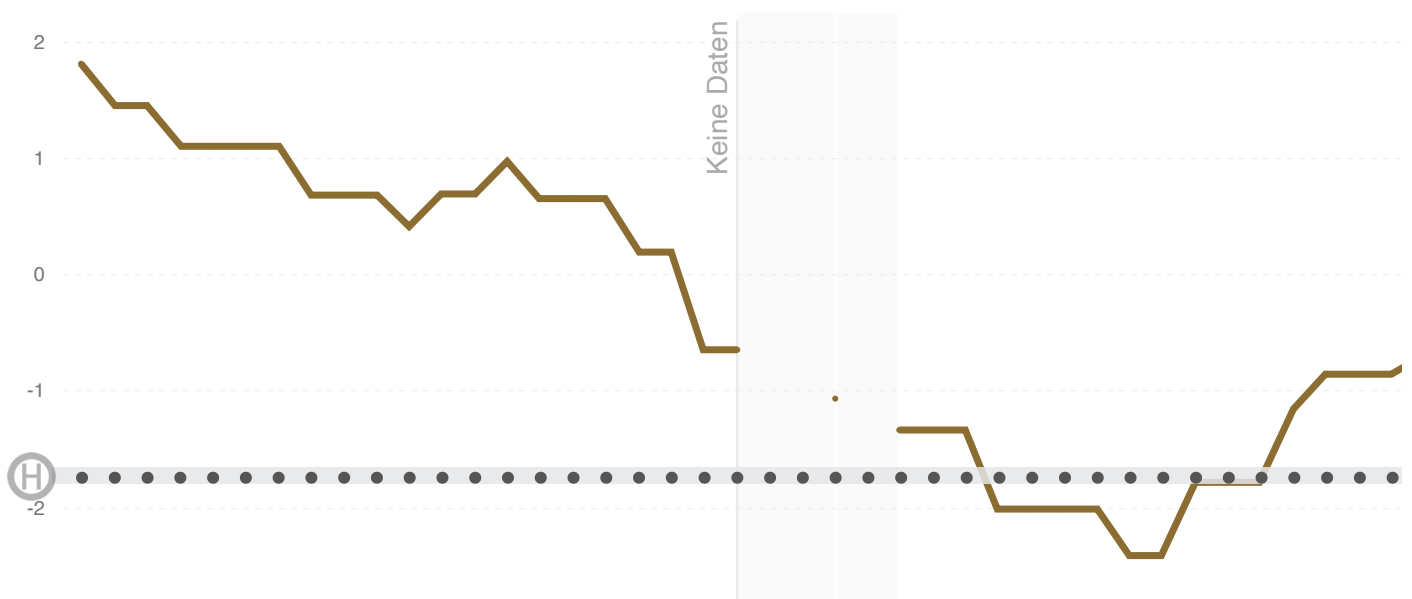
exceeded by the area around the Hiroshimasteg, Gedenkstatte Dt.

Widerstand and Mendelssohn-Bartholdy-Park stops, with 2.6 percent unemployment. The district is home to Potsdamer Platz and the Botschafterviertel. Not many people live there, but they have a comparatively high standard of living.

On the journey from Roseneck towards Kreuzberg, the unemployment figures rise almost continuously. They reach their peak at Moritzplatz: 17.5 percent of people here are unemployed. By comparison, the unemployment rate in all of Berlin is around eleven percent. On the journey through Kreuzberg to the final stop at Hermannplatz/Urbanstraße, the figure then almost halves to 9.3 percent - and is thus even below the Berlin average again.

social situation

according to social index: 1.9 (Berlin's best value) to -2.4 (worst value)



"Social-spatial distribution of social and health burdens" according to the so-called Social Index I at the level of the 447 LOR planning areas. Status: 2013. Source: Senate Department for Health and Social Affairs Berlin

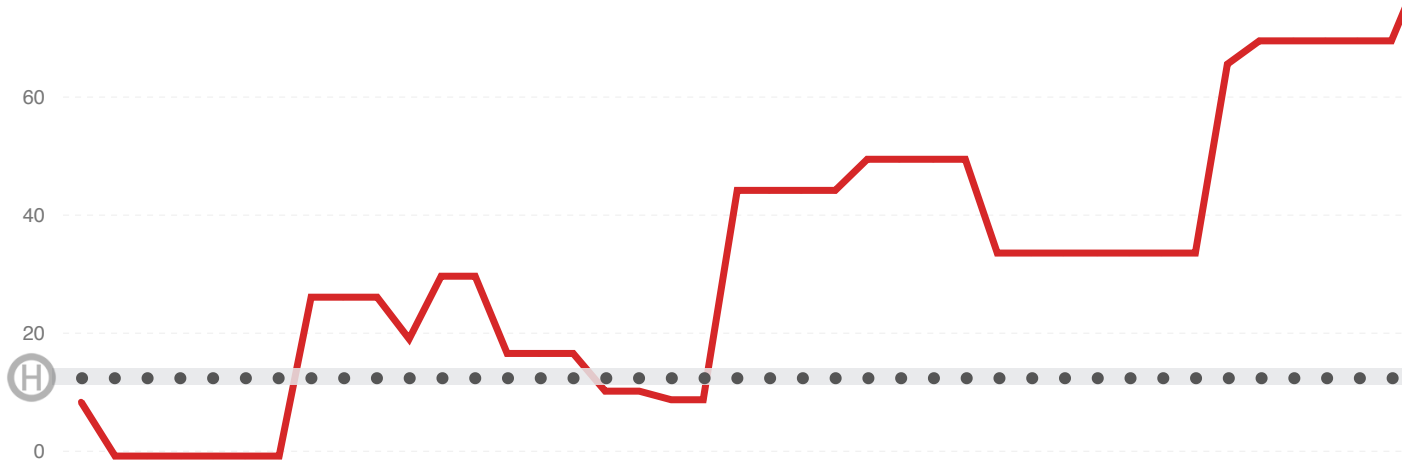
- Moritzplatz is a social hotspot
 - Heile Welt am Roseneck
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The M29 line runs through the social hotspots of Berlin. The people at Moritzplatz in particular are in a relatively poor social and health situation - this is where the social structure is most unfavourable in all of Berlin. For the so-called social index, the social and health situation of Berliners is evaluated in the social structure atlas using 66 indicators. This includes data on employment, income, level of education, health and life expectancy.

At the other end of the M29 route, Berlin looks very different: At Roseneck, full employment, high incomes and a high life expectancy characterize the social structure. In all of Berlin, the area around the stop has the second best social index - only beaten by Thielallee in Dahlem.

rent increase

in percent



Percentage deviation of average asking rents in 2008 and 2013 at postcode level. Status: 3rd quarter 2013. Source: GSW Housing Market Report 2014

- Rents at Nord-Neukölln stops almost doubled
- Stable prices in Grunewald

North Neukölln is no longer an insider tip. New clubs, bars and hostels have been attracting young Berliners and tourists for years. Investors are coming too. And life is getting more and more expensive. For example, at Hermannplatz, prices for **new rentals** have almost doubled in the last five years to an average of ten euros per square meter, including heating - nowhere else along the M29 line have rents risen more sharply.

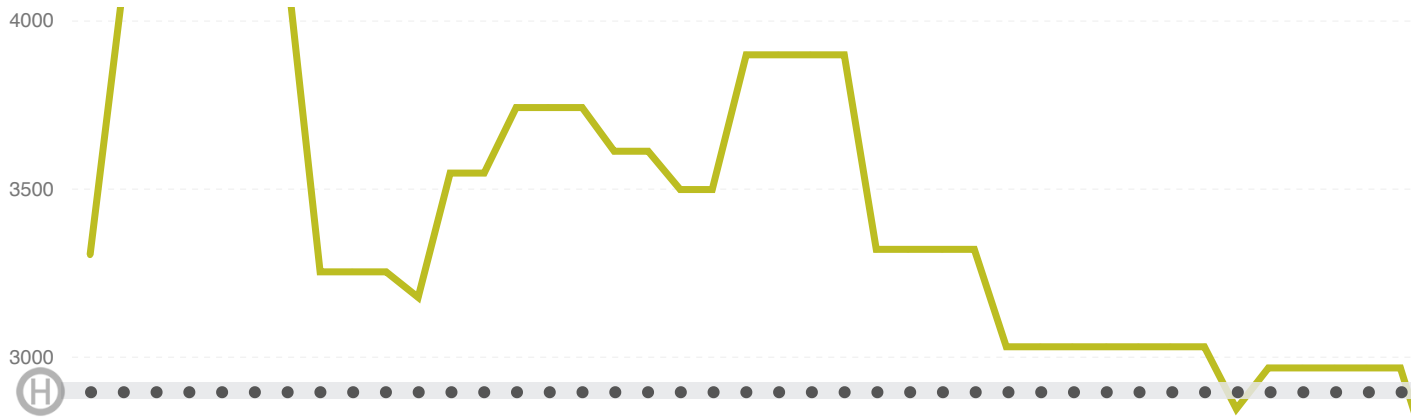


A bus driver on line M29 and a kiosk seller talk about life at Roseneck.

A completely different picture at the other end of the line: While almost all of Berlin is talking about rising rents, in Grunewald they have remained the same for years. However, in the residential area they were already at a comparatively high level. Anyone wanting to move into a new home between Teplitzer Strasse and Bismarckplatz should still budget an average of 10.48 euros per square meter. At the same time, the rents here do not leave too big a hole in the household budget, as net household incomes are significantly higher than at the other end of the M29 line.

income

in euros (net) per household



Available purchasing power (income excluding taxes and social security contributions, including transfer payments received) per household per month in euros at postcode level. Status: 3rd quarter 2013. Source: GSW Housing Market Report 2014

- Purchasing power drops by a good third along the way
- Prosperity has not yet arrived in trendy neighborhoods

The route of the M29 line runs along Berlin's income gap - and this is almost a mirror image of the rental development: in areas with the highest rent increases, people have the least money, while at the western starting point of the route, households can afford significantly more. In the Grunewald district, the average net income of households is 4,124 euros.

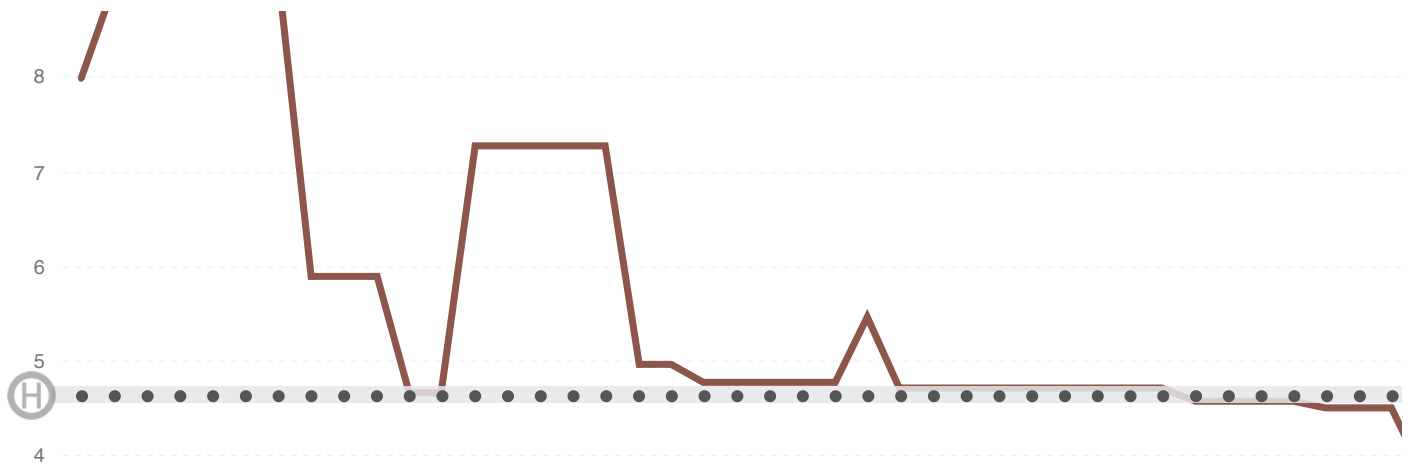


Neuköllners talk about how life in their neighborhood has changed.

As popular as the neighborhoods at the eastern end of the M29 bus line have become, prosperity has not yet arrived here. On the way to Hermannplatz, household income drops by more than a third: only 2,660 euros are available per month around the Pflügerstraße stop in Neukölln.

break-ins

per 1000 inhabitants



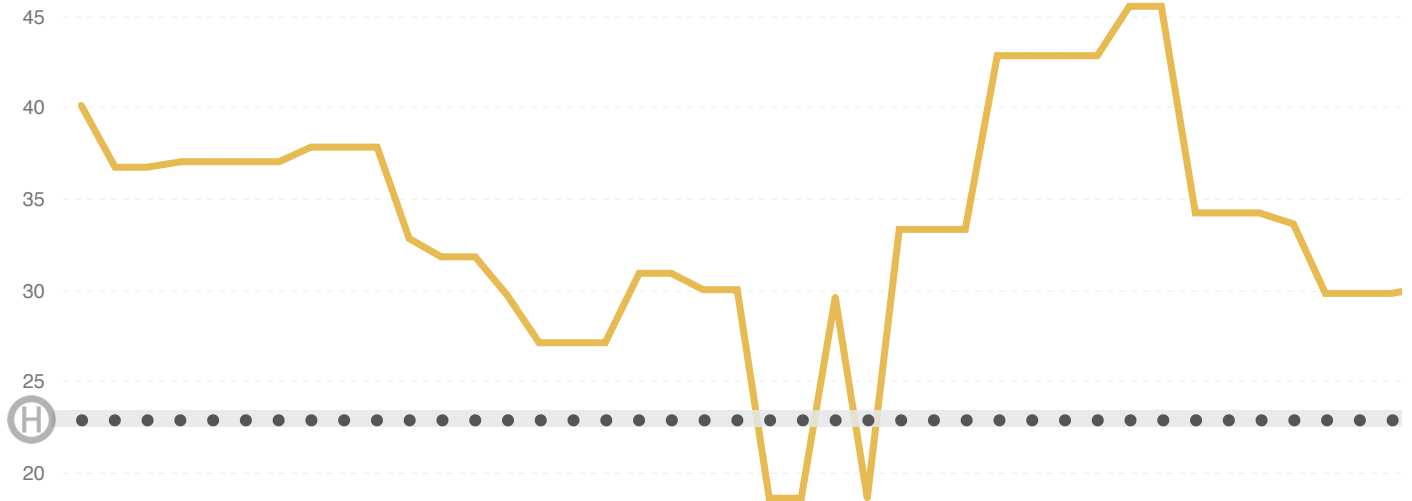
All crimes reported in Berlin in 2013 per 1,000 inhabitants at the level of the 138 LOR district regions. Status: 31.12.2013.
Source: Crime Atlas 2013

- Burglars prefer houses in Grunewald
- Lower burglary rate in Neukölln

Anyone living around the Joseph-Joachim-Platz stop in Grunewald should think about increased burglary protection. In 2013, the police recorded nine burglaries per 1,000 residents here. This is not only a strikingly high figure along the M29 line, but the highest **burglary rate** in all of Berlin. The villas and single-family homes in the wealthy area are particularly attractive to thieves.

In contrast, the densely populated north of Neukölln is clearly not a lucrative target for burglaries: around the busy Sonnenallee/Pannierstraße stop, there were 3.8 burglaries per 1,000 inhabitants during the same period. This puts the area in the middle of the pack in terms of burglaries in Berlin and has the lowest burglary rate along the route.

in percent



Percentage of all registered Berliners who were born in Berlin - at the level of the 447 LOR planning areas. Status: 31.12.2013. Office for Statistics Berlin-Brandenburg

- M29 is the bus line for newcomers
- Bus passes through area with few Berliners

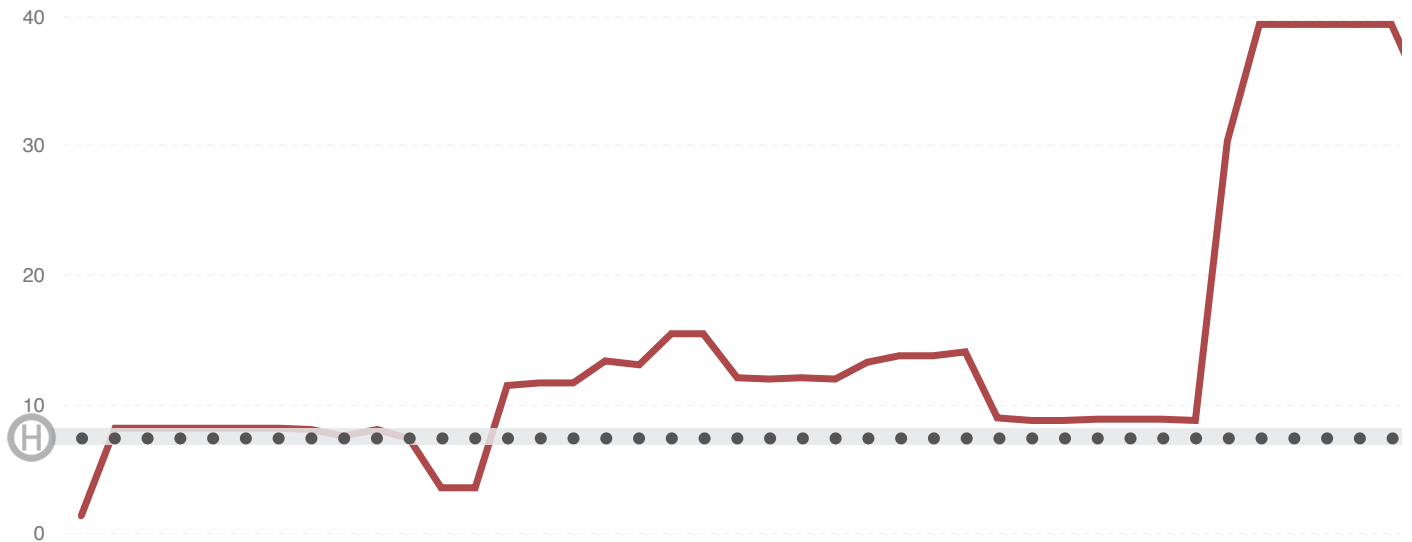
The probability of meeting real Berliners along the M29 line is lower than anywhere else in the city. There are significantly more newcomers living around all 45 stations on the bus line. Halfway through the route, the bus then passes through the area where the fewest native Berliners live in the whole city: around the Hiroshimasteg, German Resistance Memorial Center and Potsdamer Brücke (Northern Landwehr Canal in Mitte) stops, only 19 percent of residents were born in Berlin - that is, only one in five.

You are most likely to find real Berliners in the neighborhoods around the Alexandrinenstraße and Moritzplatz stops. Almost every



Airbnb vacation rentals

per 1000 inhabitants



Offers (entire accommodations, private and shared rooms) from Airbnb at postcode level. More than 1000 apartments are listed in the postcode area 10999. As of November 27, 2014. Source: Airbnb

- Airbnb is booming in Kreuzkölln
- Hardly any offers at Roseneck

The internet accommodation exchange Airbnb is booming in the trendy districts of Kreuzberg and North Neukölln: the website offers around 40 overnight accommodation options per 1,000 inhabitants around the Heinrichplatz, Görlitzer Bahnhof, Spreewaldplatz, Ohlauer Straße and Glogauer Straße stops.

But the Airbnb phenomenon remains limited to the last ten eastern stations on the M29 line. After that, the proportion of offers drops to



particularly hard time finding a room or apartment via Airbnb: At Roseneck in Grunewald, there are just 1.3 entries per 1,000 residents on the internet platform.

Here you can [view and download the raw data](#) on which the application is based. There you will also find all the absolute values for each stop. Do you have any comments or have you discovered an error? We look forward to receiving [your email](#) .

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