



Cost of living

In addition to the monthly rent, the fee for the health insurance and other fees you need to pay during your studies in Stuttgart, you will need to buy food and other items for your daily life. This list gathers many popular shops in and around Stuttgart, where you can buy all the things you need.

Important: These are just suggestions! The list of shops is created in alphabetical order and is not a recommendation. Please visit the websites of the shops yourself, to check which items are available and how much they cost. You can search on the internet as well for other shops if you are missing anything!

Groceries

In Germany we differentiate between discounters and supermarkets. In discounters the prices are usually lower than in supermarkets. However, the assortment in supermarkets is larger. In supermarkets you mostly find a counter, where you can buy fresh meat, cheese and sometimes fish.

Examples for **discounters**: [Aldi Süd](#), [Lidl](#), [Netto Marken-Discount](#), [Penny](#)

Examples for **supermarkets**: [Edeka](#), [Kaufland](#), [\(Real\)](#), [Rewe](#)

There are some shops that are specialized on wholefood products (called *bio* in German). The prices are a bit higher than in normal supermarkets, but wholefood shops put more focus on sustainability and sell fair trade products.

Examples for **wholefood stores**: [denn's](#), [Naturgut](#), [tegut](#)

Drugstore

It is important that a drugstore in Germany is not a pharmacy. You can find some health products in a drugstore, but if you need drugs (e.g. pain killers) you need to go to a pharmacy.

In a drugstore you can find cosmetics, wellness products, household items or some non-perishable groceries like wholefood or gluten-free products. Sometimes you have a section of toys and multimedia as well.

Examples for **drugstores**: [DM](#), [Müller](#), [Rossmann](#)

Electronics

You might find some electronics in large supermarkets as well, but there are also several branches of large electronic stores in Stuttgart. You can buy things for your computer, TVs, smartphones, your household (e.g. a mixer, toaster or rice cooker) and much more.

Examples for **electronics store**: [Conrad](#), [Media Markt](#), [Saturn](#)



Furniture

If you need a bed, a lamp, dishes or a rug, there are several furniture stores around Stuttgart. However, large supermarkets have a small selection of household items as well.

Examples for **furniture stores**: [IKEA](#), [Hofmeister](#), [Möbel Rieger](#), [Mömax](#), [Poco](#), [XXXLutz](#)

Clothes

There are many stores where you can buy clothes. Since it would be too much to make a list of all the stores that exist in and around Stuttgart, you can find a small selection below. As stated, this is not a recommendation.

A popular spot in Stuttgart is the [Königsstraße](#). It is in the city center and can be reached easily via the station *Hauptbahnhof*. From there you can spend a whole day going up and down while exploring all the different stores. Also have a look at the streets next to the *Königsstraße* – there are even more stores!

Another option to go shopping are the different shopping malls in and around Stuttgart.

Examples for **shopping malls**: *Breuningerland* ([Ludwigsburg](#), [Sindelfingen](#)), [Dorotheen Quartier](#), [Gerber](#), [Königsbaupassage](#), [Milaneo](#)

Other Options/ Secondhand stores

If sustainability or lower prices are important to you, you can go to a secondhand store or to a flea market (Flohmarkt).

Examples for **secondhand shops**: [das Kaufhaus](#) / [das Kaufhaus](#), [die Schöpfung](#), [Fairkauf Second Hand Kaufhaus](#), [Vintage Markt](#)

Examples for **flea markets**: [Hofflohmärkte](#), [Karlsplatz](#)