**Approach**

In order to sufficiently understand future developments in population structures and quality-of-life, and to enable better support of local and provincial policy-making, a “Quality-of-Life-Monitor” is being developed and tested. By including the spatial behavior (including usage of public transport connections and facilities) of inhabitants of the Wadden Sea area, the new assessment technique will ensure more insight into the relationships between daily activities and the quality-of-life for different population groups. At the same time, ideas for improving quality-of-life are being collated.

**Core**

Based on available data on population trends and local facilities, it is clear that in various places in the Wadden Sea area quality-of-life and changes in population structures are problematic. The number of inhabitants over 65 is increasing and the number of youths is decreasing. Due to this relative vulnerability, more detailed and real-time monitoring of quality-of-life is needed, whereby differences between areas in the Wadden Sea region, and between islands and the mainland, are taken into account.

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