

German dialects and regional colloquial speech

A common claim about changes in the modern period is that traditional dialects have given way to new regional speech forms (Regiolekte, regionale Umgangssprache, or similar). Those patterns are of course not unconnected.

The Digitaler Wenker Atlas (DiWA, <http://137.248.81.135/main.asp>) provides data on the former and the Atlas zur deutschen Alltagssprache (<http://www.atlas-alltagssprache.de/>) provides data on the latter.

Find comparable maps in the two sources for some features, like the examples below, and describe the changes between traditional dialects of the late 19th c. and contemporary regional usage.

- als / wie (in comparison)
- Junge / Bub
- Möhre
- pronunciation of
 - *nicht*
 - *ich*

Feel free to explore other maps, and if you access to König's *dtv-Atlas Deutsche Sprache*, whose maps are useful too.