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Austria's population has grown to 9.1 million

Increase of around 127 000 people since the beginning of 2022

Vienna, 2023-02-14 – According to preliminary results by Statistics Austria, 9 106 126 people were living in Austria on 1 January 2023, 127 197 (+1.4 %) more than at the beginning of the year 2022. Thus, Austria recorded a significantly stronger population increase in 2022 than in the year before (2021: +46 265 persons or +0.5 %) and also a slightly larger increase than in 2015 (+115 545 persons or +1.3 %).

“Austria grew more strongly in 2022 than in previous years. Having already exceeded the nine-million mark in the first quarter of 2022 due to refugee migration from Ukraine, the population was more than 9.1 million at the beginning of 2023. A good half of the population growth in 2022 is attributable to people with Ukrainian citizenship” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Population growth highest in Vienna, lowest in Carinthia

Among all Austrian provinces, the largest percentage increase in population was recorded for the federal capital Vienna with +2.6 %. At +1.3 %, the increase was approximately half as large in Burgenland and somewhat lower in Upper Austria, Vorarlberg and Lower Austria (+1.2 % each). In Salzburg, Styria and Tyrol the population increased by 1.0 % each, while the population increase in Carinthia was the smallest at +0.8 % (see Table 1).

Population increase in 90 political districts, decrease in four districts

At the regional level, only four political districts (Rust, Gmünd, Lilienfeld and Wolfsberg) experienced a population decline of up to 1.0 %. The population of all other districts increased in 2022. The strongest gains had Eisenstadt, the capital of Burgenland (+3.2 %). There were also high increases in Sankt Pölten (city) (+2.3 %) as well as in Tulln and Graz (+2.0 % each).

Within Vienna, all municipal districts recorded an increase in population. Innere Stadt (+5.9 %), Donaustadt (+4.4 %) and Penzing (+4.1 %) recorded the strongest growth. The smallest increase, on the other hand, was in Hernals, where the population remained almost unchanged.

19.0 % of the population are foreign nationals

According to preliminary results, a total of 1 730 286 people with foreign citizenship lived in Austria on 1 January 2023. The percentage of foreign citizens in the total population increased from 17.7 % on 1 January 2022 to 19.0 % on 1 January 2023. In the course of 2022, the number of foreign citizens thus increased by 143 577 people (+9.0 %), while the number of Austrian citizens decreased (–16 380 people or –0.2 %).

Among the foreign nationals living in Austria, Germans (225 106 persons) constitute by far the largest group. The second largest nationality in Austria is Romania with 147 403 nationals, ahead of the 122 016 persons from Serbia in third place (see Table 2).

The strongest increase of all foreign citizens was recorded for Ukrainian nationals (+66 899 persons). At the beginning of 2023, a total of 79 572 Ukrainian nationals were thus the ninth largest foreign nationality in Austria.

For detailed results and further information please refer to our [website](#).

Table 1: Preliminary Austrian population stock on 1 January 2023 compared to 1 January 2022 by federal provinces

Federal province	Population stock		Change in population stock		Foreign citizens on 1 January 2023 ¹	
	1 January 2022	1 January 2023 ¹	Absolute number	in %	Absolute number	in %
Austria	8 978 929	9 106 126	127 197	1,4	1 730 286	19,0
Burgenland	297 583	301 311	3 728	1,3	33 638	11,2
Carinthia	564 513	568 995	4 482	0,8	72 911	12,8
Lower Austria	1 698 796	1 718 529	19 733	1,2	205 053	11,9
Upper Austria	1 505 140	1 523 200	18 060	1,2	234 726	15,4
Salzburg	562 606	568 468	5 862	1,0	112 086	19,7
Styria	1 252 922	1 265 422	12 500	1,0	172 073	13,6
Tyrol	764 102	771 361	7 259	1,0	139 686	18,1
Vorarlberg	401 674	406 398	4 724	1,2	81 033	19,9
Vienna	1 931 593	1 982 442	50 849	2,6	679 080	34,3

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Table 2: Preliminary Austrian population stock on 1 January 2023 compared to 1 January 2022 by citizenship (Top 10)

Citizenship	Population stock		Change in population stock	
	1 January 2022	1 January 2023 ¹	1 January 2022	1 January 2023 ¹
Austria	7 392 220	7 375 840	-16 380	-0,2
Foreign	1 586 709	1 730 286	143 577	9,0
Germany	216 731	225 106	8 375	3,9
Romania	138 408	147 403	8 995	6,5
Serbia	121 613	122 016	403	0,3
Türkiye	117 625	119 720	2 095	1,8
Croatia	95 297	101 843	6 546	6,9
Hungary	94 411	99 730	5 319	5,6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	97 347	98 444	1 097	1,1
Syria	68 358	82 001	13 643	20,0
Ukraine	12 673	79 572	66 899	527,9
Poland	66 090	67 181	1 091	1,7

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Information on methodology, definitions: Population statistics for 1 January 2023 are based on the Central Registration Register's data on main residence registrations in Austria, which are processed according to population statistics criteria. The provisional results presented here already take into account statistical adjustments based on the population figures that are determined annually for the fiscal equalisation. They do not consider a minimum period of residence in Austria of three months. Final population figures for 1 January 2023 as well as results on the components of population change (migration balance (inflows, outflows) and birth balance (births, deaths)) for the year 2022 are expected to be available at the end of May 2023.

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