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About 700 000 enterprises with more than 4.7 million employed persons in 2021

60% are one-person enterprises

Vienna, 2023-08-14 – There were 811 736 local units in Austria belonging to 723 044 enterprises and employing 4 741 955 persons on 31 October 2021, the reference date of the census of local units of employment 2021. One-person enterprises were the most common type of enterprise, yet more than half of all employed persons in Austria worked in enterprises with at least two local units.

Far more than half of all enterprises in Austria (60.5%) consist of only one self-employed person without employees. These enterprises are called one-person enterprises. They play a particularly large role in the activity section of human health and social work: almost four-fifths of the OPEs (78.8%) are concentrated in this economic section. OPEs are also strongly represented in arts, entertainment and recreation and in the professional, scientific and technical activities sector.

Only 4.8% of all Austrian enterprises were active at more than one location. However, in 2021 more than half of all employed persons were employed there (52.9%). The share of employed persons in enterprises with several locations was highest in public administration and defence; compulsory social security (90.1%), financial and insurance activities (79.6%) and electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (79.1%).

The 34 510 enterprises with more than one local unit across Austria had a total of 88 692 branches in 2021. The majority of the branches were located in the same federal province as the enterprises' headquarters; only in the case of enterprises with headquarters in Vienna were the branches more wide-spread across other federal provinces.

Number of employees commuting to Austria from abroad has more than doubled since 2011

The census of local units of employment also includes those employees who do not have their main residence in Austria and commute to Austria to work. In 2021, this affected a total of 248 044 persons, which corresponded to 5.2% of all employees in Austria. Compared to the 2011 census of local units of employment (105 367 persons or 2.5% of the workforce), the number of commuters from abroad to Austria more than doubled.

Commuters from abroad were represented most strongly in accommodation and food service activities and human health and social work activities, in each of which one in ten employees did not have their main place of residence in Austria. Commuters from abroad in the health and social services sector were mainly self-employed (85.7% of all commuters in this sector). These are primarily persons working in 24-hours care.

As expected, commuters from abroad were particularly likely to work in Austrian provinces bordering the country of their nationality. In Burgenland, 72.3% of the commuters from abroad held Hungarian citizenship, in Vorarlberg and Salzburg slightly more than one third had German citizenship (35.2% in Vorarlberg; 33.8% in Salzburg). In Styria, Slovenian (33.4%) citizens were most frequently represented, while in Lower Austria it was Hungarian (26.9%) and Slovakian (23.4%) citizens. Among the commuters from abroad, Austrian nationals were also represented in significant numbers in some federal provinces: in Salzburg this was 10.6% of the commuters from abroad, in Vorarlberg 8.2% and in Vienna 6.5%.

Detailed results and further information on the census of local units of employment can be found on our [website](#). Interactive maps and charts of local units of employment and enterprises by economic sector,

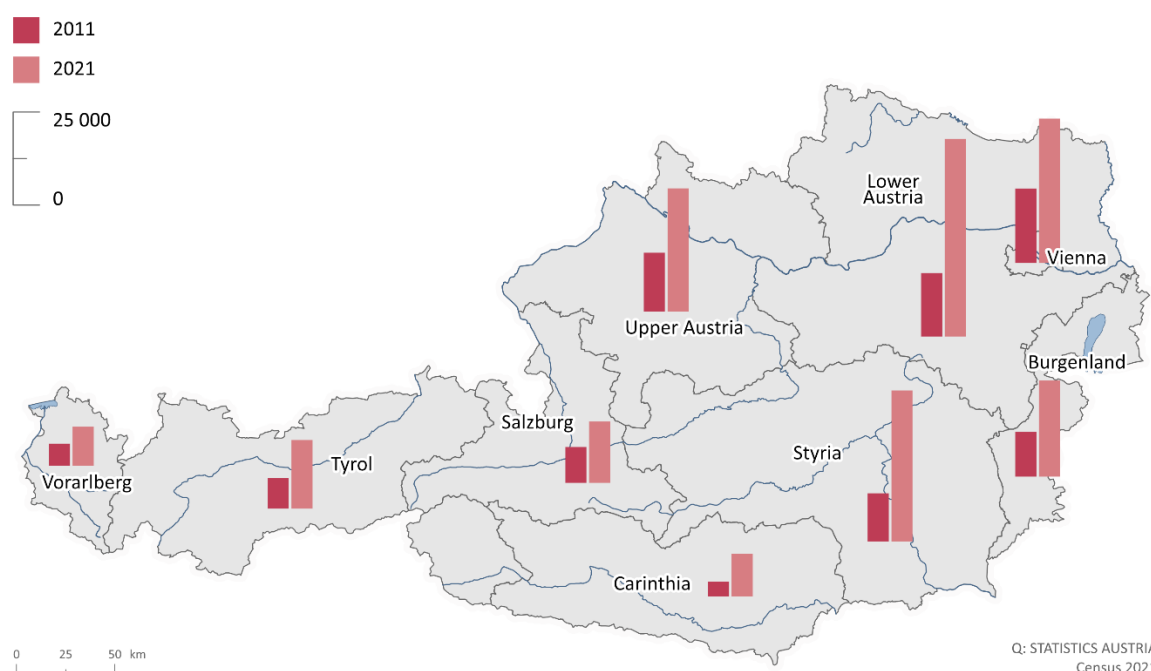
figures and rates of change of local units of employment, enterprises and employees are available in the [STATatlas](#).

Local units of employment, Employed persons and Enterprise 2021 by federal province

Federal province	Local units of employment	Employed persons	Enterprises
Austria	811 736	4 741 955	723 044
Burgenland	28 753	131 119	25 556
Carinthia	53 463	269 138	47 258
Lower Austria	159 144	786 672	141 531
Upper Austria	126 831	816 601	112 923
Salzburg	57 154	320 689	50 577
Styria	116 650	661 574	103 371
Tyrol	72 512	407 670	63 915
Vorarlberg	32 543	205 065	28 968
Vienna	164 686	1 143 427	148 945

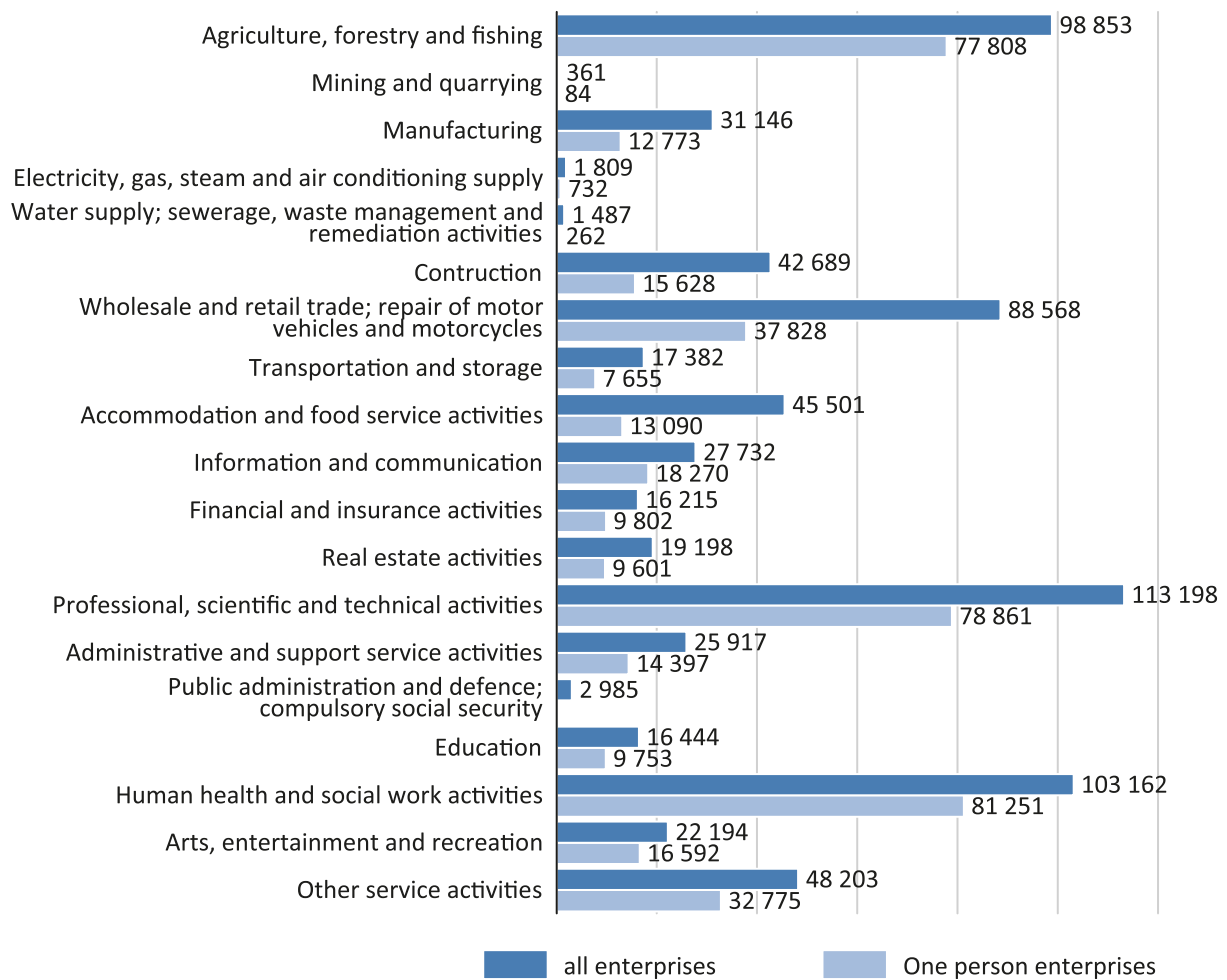
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Change in commuters from abroad from 2011 to 2021 by federal province of the local unit of employment



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Enterprises and one person enterprises by economic section, 2021



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Information on methodology, definitions: The census of local units of employment 2021 (reference date 31 October 2021) covers Austrian local units, enterprises and their employees. It was conducted for the second time as a register-based census. The aim is to achieve the best possible reflection of local units and enterprises in Austria, despite the fact that a primary statistical survey (i.e. a direct questionnaire survey) is largely dispensed with. To this end, existing registers and administrative data are used in the best possible way and linked with each other according to legal requirements.

In the case of **commuters from abroad**, employees, for whom no information on their place of residence is available, have also been counted since 2018. However, basic characteristics such as sex, age and nationality still have to be known for inclusion in statistics. In the 2021 census of local units of employment, the country of residence was unknown in 21 764 cases. Yet, it was abroad in any case. The increase in the number of commuters from abroad compared to 2011 is thus slightly heightened by this change.

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