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# Total wage tax increased by 5.2% in 2022

## Gross earnings rose more strongly by 6.8% compared to 2021

Vienna, 2023-12-05 – According to Statistics Austria, there were a total of 7.32 taxpayers (+2.7% compared with 2021) in Austria in 2022. Of these, 4.80 million were employees (+3.4%) and 2,51 million were pensioners (+1.3%). Gross earnings increased by 6.8% to 240.9 billion euros, resulting in 32.4 billion euros of wage tax, a plus of 1.6 billion euros (+5.2%) compared to 2021.

“Income grew more strongly than income tax revenue in 2022. Compared to 2021, the gross earnings of all wage tax payers in Austria increased by 6.8% and reached its highest level to date at 240.9 billion euros. Thereof, 32.4 billion euros went to the state as wage tax, 1.6 billion more than in the previous year. Wage tax revenue thus also rose to a new high, following the decline in the first Corona virus year 2020 and the increase in 2021,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

### Male wage tax payers received 60.4% of all gross earnings

Men accounted for 50.2% or 3 672 809 of all wage tax payers, but received 60.4% of gross earnings and contributed 68.8% or more than two-thirds of wage tax revenue. For 20.1% of all wage tax payers, there was no wage tax allowable against income tax due to low remuneration. 73.1% of all employees – more than 3.5 million persons – received pay throughout the entire year, accounting for 91.1% of the gross pay of all employees; in contrast, 1.3 million employees were not employed for the entire year. The average gross annual income for a full year's employment in Austria varied significantly according to the extent of employment (full-time employment 55 982 euros, part-time employment 25 041 euros).

### 48.8% of employed persons were salaried employees

The largest group among the 4.8 million **employees** were white-collar workers (48.8%), while one third (36.8%) were blue-collar workers. Contract employees accounted for 8.7% and civil servants for 3.0%. 2.2% of all employees were apprentices, and 0.4% had other forms of remuneration (see table 2).

### Highest average gross earnings in municipalities around the centers

The map below shows the average gross earnings of year-round employees by municipality. The highest value in 2022 was achieved by the municipality of Gießhübl in the district of Mödling at 84 549 euros, the lowest by Jungholz at 29 102 euros, which at 34.4% corresponds to around a third of the maximum value.

The average gross earnings of year-round employees were particularly high in the municipalities around the federal capital and the provincial capitals. This means that the highest values were not in the cities themselves, but rather in their surroundings, especially in the municipalities around Vienna, Linz, Graz and Salzburg. Average earnings were lowest in municipalities further away from the centres, for example in the Waldviertel, but also in south-eastern Styria and in some valleys of Tyrol.

There are also major differences within the federal capital. Here, values vary between 77 473 euros in the city centre and 40 614 euros in the Rudolfsheim-Fünfhaus district. In the city centre, in the districts within the “Gürtel” and in Währing, Döbling and Hietzing, average gross earnings were higher than in other districts and above the Vienna average (48 050 euros).

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

**Table 1: Main results of wage tax statistics 2022**

Survey characteristics	Taxpayers total		Employees		Pensioners	
	number	billion €	number	billion €	number	billion €
Gross earnings	7 316 719	240.9	4 801 776	180.0	2 514 943	62.9
Total social security contributions	6 706 012	30.7	4 520 355	27.4	2 185 657	3.3
Total wage tax	5 933 495	32.4	4 182 594	24.8	1 750 901	7.6

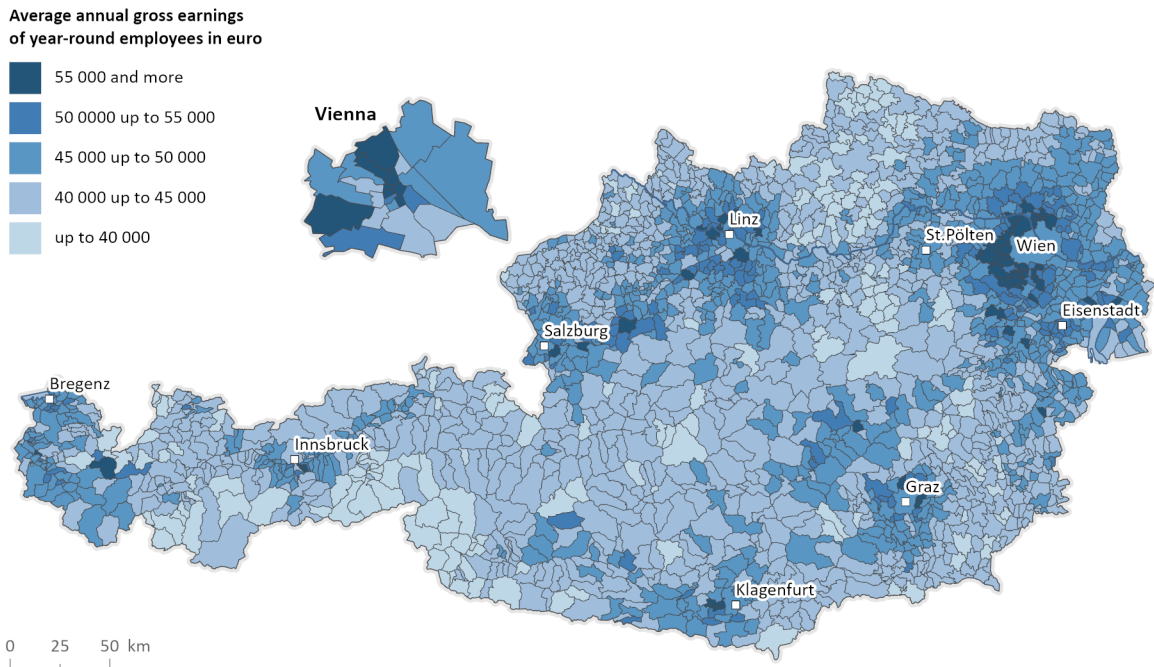
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**Table 2: Taxpayers 2022 by social position and gross earning levels**

Gross earning levels in 1 000 €	Taxpayers total	Employees						Pensioners
		Apprentices	Blue collar workers	White collar workers	Officials	Civil servants under contract	Persons with other incomes	
0 to less than 10	1 419 411	42 681	480 290	355 742	94	32 046	12 684	495 874
10 to less than 20	1 278 356	53 121	267 491	253 715	524	40 624	1 782	661 099
20 to less than 30	1 249 179	10 745	310 862	318 884	2 713	61 712	875	543 388
30 to less than 50	2 013 859	907	576 989	627 481	31 372	165 705	820	610 585
50 to less than 70	785 295	-	129 222	376 173	54 160	78 750	710	146 280
70 to less than 100	373 367	-	3 535	258 622	37 737	28 730	925	43 818
100 and over	197 252	-	-	154 442	15 351	12 545	1 015	13 899
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 316 719</b>	<b>107 454</b>	<b>1 768 389</b>	<b>2 345 059</b>	<b>141 951</b>	<b>420 112</b>	<b>18 811</b>	<b>2 514 943</b>

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**Average annual gross earnings 2022 of year-round employees at their place of residence by municipalities**



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**Information on methodology, definitions:** Wage tax statistics are based on the pay slips issued to employees and pensioners by employers and pension paying institutions. For persons who had more than one employment or pension relationship in a calendar year and for whom more than one payslip was issued, all payslips (data records) belonging to one person are combined to form a personal data record.

As of the reporting year, there are individuals with the gender “diverse” in the data. These persons are randomly divided into the two genders “men” and “women” for the data analysis so as not to jeopardize confidentiality.

In the 2022 data preparation, those 98 803 payslips were removed from the data set that showed only the receipt of federal long-term care benefits. Until the 2019 reporting year, these payslips had been assigned to pensioners.

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