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43% more naturalisations in the first three quarters of 2024

Of the 15 824 newly naturalised citizens, 61% are resident in Austria

Vienna, 2024-11-13 – By September, Austrian citizenship had been granted to 15 824 people this year, including 6 133 (38.8%) living abroad. According to preliminary data by Statistics Austria, there were 43.4% more naturalisations than in the same period of the last year with 11 033 naturalisations.

“This year, 15 824 people received a red-white-red passport by the end of September, 43.4% more than in the first three quarters of the previous year. This means that the trend of rising naturalisation figures observed from 2021 onwards has continued after the 1.1% decline in 2023. The increase in 2024 is mainly due to the fact that naturalisations of victims of National Socialism and their descendants more than doubled with +137.9% to 6 105,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Of the 6 105 people naturalised as politically persecuted persons and their descendants (§58c StbG) in the first three quarters of 2024, 6 094 people or 99.8% **live abroad**. Compared to the first three quarters of 2023, naturalisations of persons **residing in Austria** also saw an increase of 15.1% to 9 691 persons. One fifth of the people naturalised in the first three quarters of 2024 were **born in Austria** (3 227 or 20.4%). Almost half were **women** (48.9%) and a third were **minors** under 18 years of age (33.5%).

Nearly half of the naturalised citizens residing in Austria (4 573 people or 47.2%) were **previously citizens** of one of the following five countries: Syria (1 699 or 17.5% of all naturalised persons residing in Austria in the first three quarters of 2024), Türkiye (1 013 or 10.5%), Afghanistan (753 or 7.8%), Bosnia and Herzegovina (608 or 6.3%) and Iran (500 or 5.2%). The list of persons naturalised under §58c StbG between January to September 2024 was headed by nationals of the following three countries: Israel (3 608 or 22.8% of all naturalised citizens to date in 2024), the United States (1 303 or 8.2%) and the United Kingdom (548 or 3.5%).

In eight **federal provinces**, more people were naturalised between January and September 2024 than in the same period of the previous year. The relative increases were highest in Upper Austria (+50.2% to 1 869 naturalisations), followed by Styria (+40.4% to 1 271), Salzburg (+34.3% to 485), Carinthia (+13.0% to 356), Tyrol (+10.2% to 710), Lower Austria (+9.3% to 1 592) and Vorarlberg (+0.2 % to 488). Fewer naturalisations compared to the first three quarters of 2023 were reported in Vienna (–2.9% to 2 777) and Burgenland (–2.7% to 143).

Three quarters of all naturalisations in the first three quarters of 2024 were based on a **legal entitlement** (11 918 people or 75.3%). Of these, 4 584 people were naturalised after at least six years of residence in Austria and for reasons worthy of particular consideration (e.g. proven knowledge of German and sustainable integration, birth in Austria, EEA citizenship or entitlement to asylum – §11a, para. 4, para. 6 and para. 7), 6 105 politically persecuted persons and their descendants (§58c, para. 1 to para. 6), 553 persons on the basis of marriage to an Austrian citizen (§11a, para. 1 and para. 2) and 366 persons on the basis of at least 15 years of residence in Austria and sustainable integration (§12, para. 1, line 1). Another 876 persons were granted citizenship on a **discretionary** basis (5.5%), including 830 persons after at least ten years of residence (Art. 10, para. 1). Under the title of **extension of conferral**, a total of 3 030 persons or 19.1% were naturalised, of whom 478 spouses (§16) and 2 552 children (§17).

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

Naturalisations in the first three quarters of 2024

Place of residence	Q1–Q3 2024	Change Q1–Q3 2023 – Q1–Q3 2024 in %	Of which:			Legal ground ¹			Q3 2024	Change Q3 2023 – Q3 2024 in %
			born in Austria	under 18 years	women	discretion	entitlement	extension		
Austria incl. abroad	15 824	43,4	3 227	5 296	7 732	876	11 918	3 030	4 774	9,1
Austria	9 691	15,1	3 204	3 381	4 791	871	5 794	3 026	2 792	7,6
Burgenland	143	-2,7	30	39	71	12	94	37	4	-33,3
Carinthia	356	13,0	114	108	183	27	235	94	92	53,3
Lower Austria	1 592	9,3	459	517	809	150	974	468	456	1,8
Upper Austria	1 869	50,2	675	738	880	217	972	680	493	31,5
Salzburg	485	34,3	178	172	247	52	259	174	153	25,4
Styria	1 271	40,4	433	447	633	173	765	333	416	34,2
Tyrol	710	10,2	244	242	350	69	431	210	222	20,7
Vorarlberg	488	0,2	206	188	218	19	289	180	100	-36,3
Vienna	2 777	-2,9	865	930	1 400	152	1 775	850	856	-8,2
Abroad	6 133	134,6	23	1 915	2 941	5	6 124	4	1 982	11,3

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Statistics on Naturalisations. Preliminary results.

1) Paragraph of the StbG 1985 as amended; discretion: §10 – entitlement: §§ 11a, 12–14, 25, 57, 58c, 64a – extension: §§ 16, 17. All paragraphs are only applied if all other requirements for naturalisation are met.

Information on methodology, definitions: The statistics on naturalisations are based on the information from the legally binding decisions of the offices of the provincial governments of Austria on the granting of citizenship and are carried out on be-half of the Federal Ministry of the Interior. The statistics on naturalisations document all types of acquisition of citizenship under the Naturalisation Act 1985, as amended (sections 10 to 17, 25, 57, 58c and 64a), which are effected by a declaration of intent by the acquirer and a subsequent official act. The naturalisation statistics include both naturalisations of persons residing in Austria and of persons residing abroad.

Under the legal title §58c StbG, politically persecuted persons of the Nazi regime and, since 1.9.2020, their descendants have the possibility of naturalisation without having to give up their previous citizenship in return. In the case of naturalisations pursuant to §58c, the statistical effective date of naturalisation is the date of issuance of the decision and not the date of receipt of the notification by the authorities. These naturalisations mainly concern persons residing abroad.

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