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## Naturalisations in 2024 increased by 9.8%

### Of the 21 891 newly naturalised citizens, 60% are resident in Austria

Vienna, 2025-02-19 – In 2024, Austrian citizenship was granted to 21 891 people, including 8 855 (40.5%) living abroad, as Statistics Austria reports. This means that the number of naturalisations increased by 1 952 or 9.8% compared to 2023 (19 939).

“Following the 3.2% decline in naturalisations in 2023, the trend of rising naturalisation figures observed from 2021 continued again last year. In 2024, 21 891 people received a red-white-red passport. 9.8% more than in the previous year. At more than 40% of all naturalisations, a large proportion were for those politically persecuted by the Nazi regime and their descendants, with naturalisations increasing by 10.3% compared to the previous year,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Of the 8 795 people naturalised in 2024 as politically persecuted victims under National Socialism or their descendants (§58c StbG), 8 783 people or 99.9% **live abroad**. The list of persons naturalised in 2024 under §58c StbG was headed by nationals of the following three countries: Israel (5 088 or 23.2% of all naturalised persons in 2024), the United States (1 894) and the United Kingdom (908).

The **provisional naturalisation rate** for 2024, i.e. the ratio of naturalisations to the number of non-Austrian citizens living in Austria based on provisional population figures, is 0.7% – the same as in 2023.

Naturalisations of persons **residing in Austria** increased by 9.6% to 13 036 persons in 2024 compared to 2023. Almost half of the naturalised residents (6 153 people or 47.2%) were previously citizens of one of the following five countries: Syria (2 241 or 17.2% of all naturalised persons residing in Austria in 2024), Türkiye (1 389 or 10.7%), Afghanistan (1 056 or 8.1%), Bosnia and Herzegovina (814) and Iran (653).

One fifth of naturalised persons in 2024 were **born in Austria** (4 359 or 19.9%). Every second naturalised person was a **woman** (49.2%), a third were **under 18 years of age** (33.5%).

In seven **federal provinces**, more people were naturalised in 2024 than in the previous year. The relative increases were highest in Upper Austria (+39.7% to 2 525 naturalisations), followed by Styria (+19.5% to 1 564), Salzburg (+15.8% to 614), Carinthia (+13.8% to 494), Vorarlberg (+9.6% to 742), Tyrol (+9.5% to 1 000) and Lower Austria (+5.4% to 2 140). Fewer naturalisations compared to the year 2023 were reported in Vienna (–6.0% to 3 665) and Burgenland (–1.7% to 292).

More than three quarters of all naturalisations in 2024 were based on a **legal entitlement** (16 659 people or 76.1%). Of these, 6 202 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), 12 were politically persecuted persons and 8 783 descendants of politically persecuted persons (§58c, para. 1 to para. 6), 736 were naturalised on the basis of marriage to an Austrian citizen (§11a, para. 1 and para. 2) and 508 on the basis of at least 15 years of residence in Austria and sustainable integration (§12, para. 1, line 1). Another 1 169 persons were granted citizenship on a **discretionary** basis (5.3%), including 1 103 persons after at least ten years of residence (§10, para. 1). Under the title of **extension of conferral**, a total of 4 063 persons or 18.6% were naturalised, of whom 625 spouses (§16) and 3 438 children (§17).

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

**Table 1: Naturalisations in 2024 by country of birth, age, gender, legal ground and place of residence**

Place of residence	Naturalisations 2024	Change 2023–2024 in %	Thereof:			Legal ground <sup>1</sup>			Q4 2024	Change Q4 2023–Q4 2024 in %
			born in Austria	under 18 years of age	women	discretion	entitlement	extension		
<b>Austria incl. abroad</b>	<b>21 891</b>	<b>9,8</b>	<b>4 359</b>	<b>7 341</b>	<b>10 771</b>	<b>1 169</b>	<b>16 659</b>	<b>4 063</b>	<b>6 067</b>	<b>-31,9</b>
<b>Austria</b>	<b>13 036</b>	<b>9,6</b>	<b>4 323</b>	<b>4 519</b>	<b>6 479</b>	<b>1 157</b>	<b>7 820</b>	<b>4 059</b>	<b>3 345</b>	<b>-3,9</b>
Burgenland	292	-1,7	69	82	144	20	192	80	149	-0,7
Carinthia	494	13,8	157	152	252	41	318	135	138	16,0
Lower Austria	2 140	5,4	652	718	1 095	209	1 280	651	548	-4,5
Upper Austria	2 525	39,7	913	985	1 197	285	1 327	913	656	16,3
Salzburg	614	15,8	229	216	312	62	340	212	129	-23,7
Styria	1 564	19,5	528	538	773	220	941	403	293	-27,5
Tyrol	1 000	9,5	345	338	486	102	610	288	290	7,8
Vorarlberg	742	9,6	289	262	343	24	466	252	254	33,7
Vienna	3 665	-6,0	1 141	1 228	1 877	194	2 346	1 125	888	-14,6
<b>Abroad</b>	<b>8 855</b>	<b>10,1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2 822</b>	<b>4 292</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8 839</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2 722</b>	<b>-49,8</b>

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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.

**Table 2: Naturalisations in 2024 by country of birth, place of residence, age and previous citizenship**

Previous citizenship	Naturalisations absolute				Naturalisations in %			
	total	thereof:			total	thereof:		
		born in Austria	Austria residents	under 18 years of age		born in Austria	Austria residents	under 18 years of age
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 891</b>	<b>4 359</b>	<b>13 036</b>	<b>7 341</b>	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
EU Member States	1 843	592	1 732	672	8,4	13,6	13,3	9,2
Other European countries (incl. Türkiye)	5 558	2 059	4 598	1 804	25,4	47,2	35,3	24,6
of which:								
Türkiye	1 392	818	1 389	495	6,4	18,8	10,7	6,7
United Kingdom	938	10	31	233	4,3	0,2	0,2	3,2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	814	350	814	239	3,7	8,0	6,2	3,3
Serbia	482	221	471	162	2,2	5,1	3,6	2,2
Africa	949	308	916	369	4,3	7,1	7,0	5,0
America	2 648	41	234	672	12,1	0,9	1,8	9,2
of which:								
United States	1 914	19	15	489	8,7	0,4	0,1	6,7
Asia	10 442	1 300	5 341	3 678	47,7	29,8	41,0	50,1
of which:								
Israel	5 102	10	11	1 804	23,3	0,2	0,1	24,6

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Syria – Arab Republic	2 241	542	2 241	906	10,2	12,4	17,2	12,3
Afghanistan	1 056	309	1 056	384	4,8	7,1	8,1	5,2
Iran – Islamische Republik	655	78	653	117	3,0	1,8	5,0	1,6
Other non-European countries, unknown	451	59	215	146	2,1	1,4	1,6	2,0

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**Information on methodology, definitions:** Statistics on naturalisations are based on information from legally binding decisions of offices of the provincial governments of Austria on the granting of citizenship and are carried out on behalf 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 (§10 to 17, 25, 57, 58c and 64a), which are effected by a declaration of intent by the acquirer and a subsequent official act, but not automatic types of acquisition such as birth or legitimation of an illegitimate child. Naturalisation statistics include both naturalisations of persons residing in Austria and of persons residing abroad.

In the case of naturalisations pursuant to §58c (politically persecuted by the Nazi regime and their descendants), the statistical effective date of naturalisation is the effective date 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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