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Average number of children per woman falls to all-time low in 2024

Fewer births and deaths in 2024, balance of births again negative

Vienna, 2025-02-26 – According to preliminary results from Statistics Austria, 76 873 children were born in Austria in 2024, 0.9% fewer than in 2023. 87 407 people died in the same period, 2.6% fewer than in the previous year. The balance of births and deaths remained negative in 2024 at –10 534 (2023: –12 155). Provisional results show that the average number of children per woman fell to a new all-time low of 1.31.

“In 2024, Austria had a birth deficit for the fifth time in a row. There were 76 873 newborns compared to 87 407 deaths, meaning that 10 534 more people died than were born in 2024. The fertility rate, this is the expected number of children per woman, fell to a new all-time-low of 1.31 in 2024,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

For 2024, late registrations of both births and deaths are still to be expected. Experience in recent years indicates that the final number of births in 2024 is likely to be around 400 higher and that around 1 200 additional deaths can be expected in 2024.

The number of **births** in 2024 showed a decline in eight **federal provinces** compared to the final results for 2023. This was most pronounced in Burgenland (–5.7%) and Salzburg (–5.3%), followed by Styria (–4.5%) and Vorarlberg (–4.1%). The number of newborns fell least sharply in Upper Austria (–0.3%) and Tyrol (–1.3%). Vienna recorded an increase in births of 4.7%.

The number of **deaths** in 2024 was lower than in the previous year in seven federal **provinces**, with the highest decline in Vienna (–5.0%) and the lowest in Salzburg (–0.7%). In Burgenland (+3.7%) and Vorarlberg (+3.2%), more deaths were registered in 2024 than in the previous year.

In relation to the population, the **crude birth rate** in Austria in 2024 was 8.4‰. Vienna (9.4‰), Vorarlberg (9.1‰), Upper Austria (8.9‰), Tyrol (8.6‰) and Salzburg (8.5‰) recorded values above the national average. The **crude death rate** for Austria was provisionally 9.5‰, and was above the Austrian average in Burgenland (11.9‰), Carinthia (11.0‰), Lower Austria (10.8‰) and Styria (10.4‰).

The **balance of live births and deaths** in 2024 was positive in three federal provinces, most strongly in Vienna (+2 533), followed by Vorarlberg (+300) and Tyrol (+140). In six federal provinces, however, there were fewer newborns than deaths in 2024, led by Lower Austria (–5 361), Styria (–3 284) and Carinthia (–2 213).

According to the preliminary results, the total **fertility rate** in 2024 was 1.31 children per woman, slightly below the previous year's figure of 1.32 and thus reached a new all-time low.

An initial estimate of **life expectancy at birth** shows a significant increase of 0.4 years for men (from 79.4 to 79.8 years) and an increase of 0.1 years for women (from 84.2 to 84.3 years) in 2024 compared to the previous year.

The number of deaths in the first year of life was 233 in 2024, resulting in an **infant mortality rate** of 3.0‰.

Detailed results and further information on [births](#) and [deaths](#) can be found on our website.

Preliminary results of natural population movement by federal province in 2024

Federal province	Births		Deaths		Balance of births and deaths	Crude birth rate in ‰	Crude death rate in ‰	Infant deaths	Infant mortality rate ²
	total ¹	change from 2023 (final results) in %	total ¹	change from 2023 (final results) in %					
Austria	76 873	-0,9	87 407	-2,6	-10 534	8,4	9,5	233	3,0
Burgenland	1 866	-5,7	3 583	3,7	-1 717	6,2	11,9	4	2,1
Carinthia	4 067	-3,6	6 280	-3,0	-2 213	7,1	11,0	2	0,5
Lower Austria	13 222	-2,2	18 583	-2,8	-5 361	7,7	10,8	36	2,7
Upper Austria	13 629	-0,3	14 274	-3,4	-645	8,9	9,3	41	3,0
Salzburg	4 846	-5,3	5 133	-0,7	-287	8,5	9,0	8	1,7
Styria	9 907	-4,5	13 191	-2,5	-3 284	7,8	10,4	28	2,8
Tyrol	6 678	-1,3	6 538	-1,6	140	8,6	8,4	12	1,8
Vorarlberg	3 732	-4,1	3 432	3,2	300	9,1	8,4	8	2,1
Vienna	18 926	4,7	16 393	-5,0	2 533	9,4	8,1	94	5,0

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1) Including 434 births abroad to mothers with main residence in Austria and 758 deaths of persons with main residence in Austria.

- 2) Per 1 000 live births.

Information on methodology, definitions: The **preliminary results** presented here for 2024 include all information submitted by 3 February 2025.

Births and deaths also include events taking place **abroad** of persons with their main residence in Austria, if these have already been reported. Births and deaths in Austria of persons residing abroad are not included.

The **regional assignment** of the published data is based on the place of residence of the mother in the case of births and on the last place of residence in the case of deaths.

The **total fertility rate** is defined as the average number of children born alive that a woman would give birth to during her lifetime if the age-specific fertility rates of the calendar year on which the calculation is based remained unchanged during the childbearing years from 15 to 49.

The **infant mortality rate** refers to those who died in the first year of life per 1 000 live births.

Crude Birth and death rates refer to a preliminary population averaged over the year 2024, formed from the final population on 1 January 2024 and the preliminary population on 1 January 2025.

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