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# 17 649 naturalisations by end of September 2025

## Two-thirds of newly naturalised citizens are resident in Austria

Vienna, 2025-11-11 – In the first three quarters of 2025, Austrian citizenship was granted to 17 649 people, including 6 764 (38.3%) living abroad. According to preliminary data by Statistics Austria, there were 1 825 more naturalisations than in the same period last year with 15 824 naturalisations.

“By the end of September this year, 17 649 people had received a red-white-red passport, 11.5% more than in the first three quarters of last year. The increase is mainly due to growth in the two largest groups of new Austrians: On the one hand, 38.2% are victims of National Socialism and their descendants, who, with a few exceptions, live abroad. Another 31.2% of those naturalised in the first three quarters of 2025 are people who have lived in Austria for at least six years,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics of Statistics Austria.

Between January and September 2025, 6 745 people who had been politically persecuted by the Nazi regime and their descendants were naturalised (§58c StbG), 10.5% more than in the first three quarters of 2024. Of these, 6 728 people or 99.7% **live abroad**. Compared to the first three quarters of 2024, naturalisations of persons **residing in Austria** also saw an increase of 12.3% to 10 885 persons.

One fifth of the people naturalised in the first three quarters of 2025 were **born in Austria** (3 570 or 20.2%). Almost a third were **under 18 years of age** (32.3%), half were **women** (50.0%).

Almost half of the naturalised citizens residing in Austria (5 155 people or 47.4%) were **previously citizens** of one of the following five countries: Syria (2 080 or 19.1% of all naturalised persons residing in Austria in the first three quarters of 2025), Türkiye (1 172 or 10.8%), Afghanistan (870 or 8.0%), Bosnia and Herzegovina (525 or 4.8%) and Iran (508 or 4.7%). The list of persons naturalised under §58c StbG between January to September 2025 was headed by nationals of the following three countries Israel (3 650 or 20.7% of all naturalised citizens to date in 2025), the United States (1 821 or 10.3%) and the United Kingdom (651 or 3.7%).

In seven **federal provinces**, more people were naturalised between January and September 2025 than in the same period of the previous year. The relative increases were highest in Vorarlberg (+43.6% to 701 naturalisations), followed by Burgenland (+30.1% to 186), Lower Austria (+28.5% to 2 045), Vienna (+18.3% to 3 284), Tyrol (+9.2% to 775), Styria (+7.6% to 1 367) and Carinthia (+2.0% to 363). Fewer naturalisations compared to the first three quarters of 2024 were reported in Upper Austria (–8.7% to 1 707) and Salzburg (–5.8% to 457).

Three quarters of all naturalisations since the beginning of 2025 were based on a **legal entitlement** (13 536 people or 76.7%). Of these, 5 511 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), 6 745 politically persecuted persons and their descendants (§58c, para. 1 to para. 6), 560 persons on the basis of marriage to an Austrian citizen (§11a, para. 1 and para. 2) and 428 persons on the basis of at least 15 years of residence in Austria and sustainable integration (§12, para. 1, line 1). Another 903 persons were granted citizenship on a **discretionary** basis (5.1%), including 841 persons after at least ten years of residence (§10, para. 1). Under the title of **extension of conferral**, a total of 3 210 persons or 18.2% were naturalised, of whom 478 spouses (§16) and 2 732 children (§17).

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

## Naturalisations in the first three quarters of 2025

Place of residence	Q1–Q3 2025	Change Q1–Q3 2024 – Q1–Q3 2025 in %	Of which:			Legal ground <sup>1</sup>			Q3 2025	Change Q3 2024 – Q3 2025 in %
			born in Austria	under 18 years	women	discretion	entitlement	extension		
<b>Austria incl. abroad</b>	<b>17 649</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>3 570</b>	<b>5 700</b>	<b>8 826</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>13 536</b>	<b>3 210</b>	<b>5 984</b>	<b>25.3</b>
<b>Austria</b>	<b>10 885</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>3 535</b>	<b>3 583</b>	<b>5 450</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>6 789</b>	<b>3 206</b>	<b>3 589</b>	<b>28.5</b>
Burgenland	186	30.1	62	77	113	16	107	63	11	175.0
Carinthia	363	2.0	110	125	184	15	224	124	146	58.7
Lower Austria	2 045	28.5	613	662	1 051	193	1 238	614	751	64.7
Upper Austria	1 707	–8.7	639	608	877	173	992	542	486	–1.4
Salzburg	457	–5.8	153	132	233	47	277	133	144	–5.9
Styria	1 367	7.6	461	477	651	184	812	371	431	3.6
Tyrol	775	9.2	280	263	378	76	503	196	190	–14.4
Vorarlberg	701	43.6	256	237	315	33	435	233	223	123.0
Vienna	3 284	18.3	961	1 002	1 648	153	2 201	930	1 207	41.0
<b>Abroad</b>	<b>6 764</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2 117</b>	<b>3 376</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6 747</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2 395</b>	<b>20.8</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.

**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 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 (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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