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21.2% more naturalisations in Q1 2026

4 686 naturalised citizens residing in Austria, 42% more than in Q1 2025

Vienna, 2026-05-05 – According to Statistics Austria, in the first quarter of 2026, Austrian citizenship was granted to 6 641 people, including 1 955 people living abroad. From January to March 2026, there were a total of 1 162 more naturalisations – an increase of 21.2% – than in the same period the previous year (Q1 2025: 5 479 naturalised citizens, including 2 188 persons residing abroad).

“Since the start of 2026, the number of naturalisations has risen by a fifth compared with the first quarter of 2025, reaching 6 641. Between January and March, there was a particular increase in naturalisations of people who had been resident in Austria for at least 6 years, rising by 40.8% to 2 309. In addition, 1 578 spouses and children were naturalised – an increase of almost three-quarters”, says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

More than half of those naturalised in the first quarter of 2026 **residing in Austria** (4 686 people or 51.7%) were previously nationals of one of the following 5 **countries**: Syria (1 110 or 23.7% of all naturalised persons in the first quarter of 2026 residing in Austria), Türkiye (496 or 10.6%), Afghanistan (420 or 9.0%), Bosnia and Herzegovina (203 or 4.3%) and Iran (194 or 4.1%).

Almost half of the naturalisations in the first quarter of 2026 were of **women** (3 257 or 49.0%). Around a third were **minors** under the age of 18 (2 173 or 32.7%), and more than a fifth of the new citizens had already been **born in Austria** (1 496 or 22.5%).

The number of naturalised citizens residing in Austria rose by 42.4% compared with the first quarter of the previous year. In 7 **federal provinces**, more people were naturalised in the first quarter of 2026 than in the same period of the previous year. The relative increase in naturalisation figures was most pronounced in Styria (+95.9% to 580 naturalisations), followed by Carinthia (+86.8% to 198), Vienna (+78.2% to 1 684), Vorarlberg (+43.2% to 325), Salzburg (+38.9% to 207), Lower Austria (+35.4% to 833) and Tyrol (+2.6% to 238). Compared with the first quarter of the previous year, there were fewer naturalisations in Upper Austria (-14.4% to 546) and in Burgenland (-9.6% to 75).

Around two-thirds of all naturalisations in the first 3 months of 2026 were granted on the basis of a **legal entitlement** (4 699 people or 70.8%). Of these, 2 309 people were naturalised after at least 6 years 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).

Between January and incl. March 2026, 2 victims of **political persecution under National Socialism** and 1 943 descendants of victims of political persecution (§58c, para. 1 to para. 6) were granted Austrian citizenship. All but 8 of these were **living abroad**. Compared with the first quarter of 2025 (2 176 people), naturalisations under this legal title declined by 10.6%. Those naturalised under §58c in the first quarter of 2026 were most frequently nationals of the following countries: Israel (900 or 13.6% of all those naturalised in the first quarter of 2026), the United States (615 or 9.3%) and the United Kingdom (237 or 3.6%).

199 people were naturalised on the basis of marriage to an Austrian citizen (§11a, para. 1 and para. 2), and 155 people on the basis of at least 15 years residence in Austria and sustainable integration (§12, para. 1, line 1).

A further 364 persons were granted citizenship on a **discretionary** basis (5.5%), including 335 persons after at least 10 years residence (§10, para. 1) and 29 persons on the basis of exceptional services in the national interest (§10, para. 6). Under the title of **extension of conferral**, a total of 1 578 people, or 23.8%, were naturalised, of whom 230 were spouses (§16) and 1 348 were children (§17).

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

Naturalisations in the first quarter of 2026

Place of residence	Q1 2026	Change Q1 2025 – Q1 2026 in %	Of which			Legal ground ¹		
			born in Austria	under 18 years	women	discretion	entitlement	extension
Austria incl. abroad	6 641	21,2	1 496	2 173	3 257	364	4 699	1 578
Austria	4 686	42,4	1 489	1 599	2 295	359	2 750	1 577
Burgenland	75	-9,6	17	23	39	3	55	17
Carinthia	198	86,8	58	79	106	9	108	81
Lower Austria	833	35,4	267	285	401	92	443	298
Upper Austria	546	-14,4	184	206	265	40	306	200
Salzburg	207	38,9	84	79	90	24	105	78
Styria	580	95,9	180	222	277	55	320	205
Tyrol	238	2,6	69	71	120	24	142	72
Vorarlberg	325	43,2	124	115	157	11	198	116
Vienna	1 684	78,2	506	519	840	101	1 073	510
Abroad	1 955	-10,6	7	574	962	5	1 949	1

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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 (§§ 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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