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2025 lowest number of births in 25 years

Fewer deaths than in 2024, yet the number of deaths still exceeds the number of births

Vienna, 2026-05-22 – According to Statistics Austria, 76 067 children were born alive in Austria in 2025, 1 171 or 1.5% fewer than in the year before. This is the lowest number of births since 2001. In 2025, 87 902 people died, 584 or 0.7% fewer than in 2024. The balance of live births and deaths was once again significantly negative at −11 835.

"In 2025, 76 067 babies were born in Austria and 87 902 people died. The number of deaths therefore exceeded the number of live births by almost 12 000. This makes 2025 the 6th consecutive year with a negative birth balance. At regional level, we see a birth deficit in most federal provinces, with only Salzburg showing a near-balance, while Vienna and Vorarlberg recorded more births than deaths," says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Lowest number of newborns since 2001

The 1.5% decline in the number of **newborns** to 76 067 in 2025 represents the lowest birth rate in the last 25 years. The previous all-time low was recorded in 2001 with 75 458 babies, although the total population at that time was over a million smaller. Other years with similarly low birth rates were 2007, with 76 250, and 2009, with 76 344.

Only 2 **federal provinces** recorded increases in birth figures in 2025: Carinthia (+0.9%) and Salzburg (+2.4%). In all other federal provinces, fewer babies were born than in the previous year. The relative declines in birth rates were most pronounced in Burgenland (−5.1%), followed by Vorarlberg (−3.9%) and Upper Austria (−3.1%). Vienna had only a slight decline in births (−0.2%).

0.7% fewer people died compared to 2024

A total of 87 902 people died in Austria in 2025, 0.7% fewer than in 2024. Compared with the previous highest figure (2022: 93 332 deaths), the **number of deaths** was 5.8% lower. In 2025, the number of deaths fell compared with the previous year in 6 **federal provinces**, most notably in Salzburg (−3.8%), followed by Burgenland (−3.6%) and Vienna (−2.7%). In Tyrol and Styria (both +1.9%) as well as in Carinthia (+1.1%), however, increases in the number of deaths were recorded.

In 2025, 235 children died in their first year of life in Austria (2024: 236). The **infant mortality rate** was at 3.1‰, the same as in the previous year.

The **balance** of **live births** and **deaths** – thus, live births minus deaths – was negative in 2025 at −11 835, marking the 6th consecutive year of negative figures. However, there were significant differences in the birth balance between the federal provinces: Vienna (+2 563) and Vorarlberg (+199) recorded birth surpluses, as in previous years. In all other federal provinces, there were fewer live births than deaths, with the largest deficits recorded in Lower Austria (−5 469), Styria (−3 824) and Carinthia (−2 270). In Tyrol (−184), the balance of births and deaths was slightly negative for the first time, while in Salzburg (−8) it was almost in balance.

Detailed results and further information on births and deaths can be found on our website.

Vital statistics by federal province in 2025

Federal province	Births		Deaths		Balance of births and deaths[1]	Infant mortality rate[2]
	total[1]	change 2024–2025 in %	total[1]	change 2024–2025 in %		
Austria	**76 067**	**–1,5**	**87 902**	**–0,7**	**–11 835**	**3,1**
Burgenland	1 775	–5,1	3 469	–3,6	–1 694	2,3
Carinthia	4 120	0,9	6 390	1,1	–2 270	1,0
Lower Austria	13 065	–1,5	18 534	–1,0	–5 469	2,3
Upper Austria	13 256	–3,1	14 404	–0,0	–1 148	2,9
Salzburg	4 992	2,4	5 000	–3,8	–8	2,8
Styria	9 680	–2,6	13 504	1,9	–3 824	3,3
Tyrol	6 544	–2,5	6 728	1,9	–184	3,2
Vorarlberg	3 605	–3,9	3 406	–2,0	199	1,1
Vienna	19 030	–0,2	16 467	–2,7	2 563	4,6

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1) Including 630 births abroad to mothers with main residence in Austria and 1 905 deaths of persons with main residence in Austria. – 2) Per 1 000 live births.

Information on methodology, definitions: The vital statistics are based on entries in the Central Civil Registry (Zentrales Personenstandsregister – ZPR), with all information submitted by 20 April 2026 included in the **final results** for 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 **infant mortality rate** refers to those who died in the first year of life per 1 000 live births.

Final birth and death rates, as well as demographic indicators such as the total fertility rate or life expectancy, will be published once the final population figures are available, on an annual average basis. These are expected in mid-July 2026.

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