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17% more naturalisations in Austria in the first half of 2026

Increase in the number of naturalised citizens, fewer naturalised citizens residing abroad

Correction dated 13 August 2026: The columns for the second quarter of 2026 (absolute figures and year-on-year change) in the table had to be corrected. The corrected figures are highlighted in grey.

Vienna, 2026-08-12 – According to Statistics Austria, in the first half of 2026 Austrian citizenship was granted to 13 700 people, including 3 950 who reside abroad. This represented an increase of 2 035 naturalisations or 17% compared to the same period the previous year (first half of 2025: 11 665 naturalised citizens, including 4 369 persons residing abroad).

“Since the start of 2026, the number of naturalisations has risen by almost a fifth compared with the first half of 2025, reaching 13 700, whereas the number of naturalised persons residing abroad has decreased. The sharpest increase was seen in naturalisations of spouses and children, up by 55% to 3 248. Most of the new Austrians were naturalised on the basis of their long-term residence in Austria, proven knowledge of German and sustainable integration. In particular, there was a rise in naturalisations of people who have been living in Austria for at least 6 years, with an increase of 32% to 4 829,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Among those naturalised in the first half of 2026 **residing in Austria** (9 750 people), more than half (53%) were previously nationals of one of the following 5 **countries**: Syria (2 319 or 24%), Türkiye (1 058 or 11%), Afghanistan (968 or 10%), Iran (433 or 4%) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (407 or 4%).

Almost half of the naturalisations in the first half of 2026 were of **women** (6 692 or 49%). Around a third were **minors** under the age of 18 (4 429 or 32%), and more than a fifth of the new citizens had already been **born in Austria** (3 080 or 22%).

The number of naturalised citizens residing in Austria rose by 34% compared with the first half of the previous year. In 8 **federal provinces**, more people were naturalised in the first half of 2026 than in the same period of the previous year. The relative increase in naturalisation figures was most pronounced in Carinthia (+93% to 418 naturalisations), followed by Vienna (+60% to 3 333), Lower Austria (+45% to 1 871), Vorarlberg (+36% to 648), Styria (+27% to 1 193) and Tyrol (+24% to 725). Compared with the first half of 2025, there were fewer naturalisations in Upper Austria (−16% to 1 028).

More than two-thirds of all naturalisations in the first 6 months of 2026 were granted on the basis of a **legal entitlement** (9 696 people or 71%). Of these, 4 829 people or 35% were naturalised after at least 6 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).

From January through June 2026, 4 victims of **political persecution under National Socialism** and 3 923 descendants of victims of political persecution (§58c, para. 1 to para. 6) were granted Austrian citizenship.

All but 12 of these persons were **living abroad**. Compared with the first half of 2025 (4 352 people), naturalisations under this legal title declined by 10%. Persons naturalised under this legal title previously were most frequently nationals of the following countries: Israel (1 880 or 14% of all those naturalised in the first half of 2026), the United States (1 233 or 9%) and the United Kingdom (425 or 3%).

428 people were naturalised on the basis of marriage to an Austrian citizen (§11a, para. 1 and para. 2), and 294 people on the basis of at least 15 years residence in Austria and sustainable integration (§12, para. 1, line 1).

A further 756 persons were granted citizenship on a **discretionary** basis, including 717 persons after at least 10 years' residence (§10, para. 1) and 39 persons on the basis of exceptional services in the national interest (§10, para. 6). Under the title of **extension of conferral**, 473 spouses (§16) and 2 775 children (§17) were naturalised.

For detailed results and further information please refer to our website.

Corrected table: Naturalisations in the first half of 2026 by place of residence, country of birth, age, gender and legal ground

Place of residence	H1 2026	Change H1 2025–H1 2026 in %	Of which:			Legal ground[1]			Q2 2026	Change Q2 2025–Q2 2026 in %
			born in Austria	under 18 years	women	discretion	entitlement	extension		
Austria incl. abroad	**13 700**	**17,4**	**3 080**	**4 429**	**6 692**	**756**	**9 696**	**3 248**	7 059	14,1
Austria	**9 750**	**33,6**	**3 067**	**3 317**	**4 742**	**748**	**5 756**	**3 246**	5 064	26,4
Burgenland	181	3,4	42	61	91	15	115	51	106	15,2
Carinthia	418	92,6	117	152	213	21	236	161	220	98,2
Lower Austria	1 871	44,6	579	654	900	181	1 005	685	1 038	52,9
Upper Austria	1 028	–15,8	349	391	491	92	559	377	482	–17,3
Salzburg	353	12,8	130	123	160	43	189	121	146	–11,0
Styria	1 193	27,5	359	434	562	109	691	393	613	-4,2
Tyrol	725	23,9	243	256	349	63	422	240	487	38,0
Vorarlberg	648	35,6	254	225	309	18	410	220	323	28,7
Vienna	3 333	60,5	994	1 021	1 667	206	2 129	998	1 649	45,7
Abroad	**3 950**	**–9,6**	**13**	**1 112**	**1 950**	**8**	**3 940**	**2**	1 995	–8,5

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Information on methodology, definitions: 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 be-half 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 affected 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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