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Quarterly Population Statistics

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Executive Summary

Since the reporting year 2002, Statistics Austria has compiled comprehensive and continuous population statistics based on the Federal Austrian Act governing the obligation to register with the police. These are based on quarterly transmitted data from the central residence register (CRR). The contracting authorities of the CRR are the registration offices (§ 16 (2) MeldeG). The Federal Ministry of the Interior delivers all registrations and de-registrations processed in the CRR (§ 16b (7) MeldeG) to Statistics Austria.

The Quarterly Population Statistics report all persons with a registered main residence in Austria at each due date (start of quarter). Only persons with a minimum period of stay in Austria of more than 90 days, including the due date, are covered in the statistics. Conversely, also persons with short interruptions or registration (up to a maximum of 90 days), are part of the population, provided a minimum main residence registration of more than 90 days before and after the interruption.

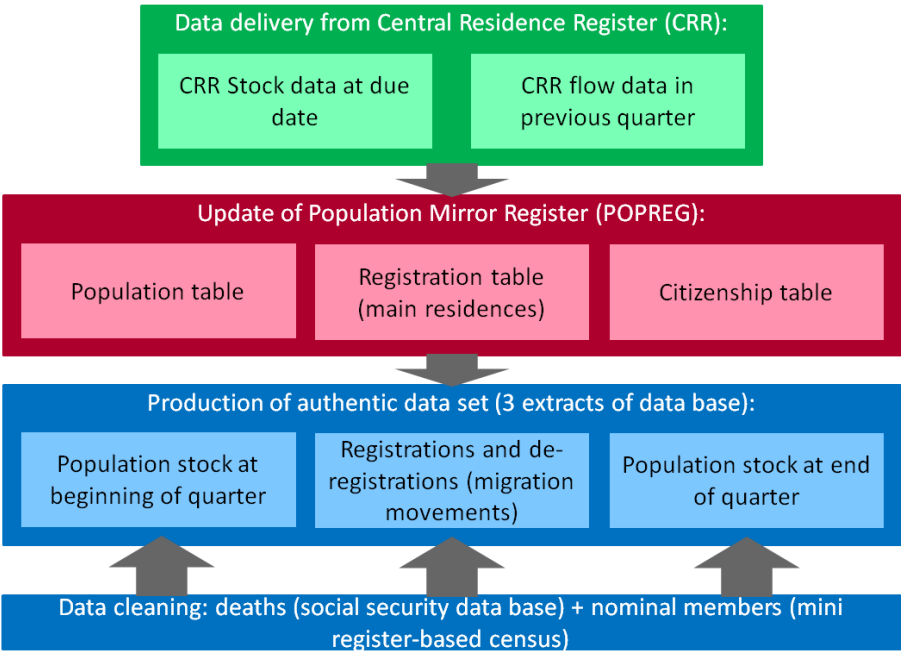
Since the quarterly population statistics are based on administrative data, data describe an administratively recorded reality, which does not necessarily have to coincide with the individual reality of life of the persons under consideration. Persons who are not registered with a main residence but actually live in Austria are not included in the population statistics (for example, illegally present persons). On the other hand, those persons who have moved abroad, without having de-registered with the registry office (as required by law) are counted as part of the population.

The Quarterly Population Statistics provide information on the number of inhabitants (disaggregated by the demographic characteristics age, gender, nationality and country of birth) in Austria for all administrative units of Austria on specific reference days (currently every beginning of a quarter). Thanks to the linkage to the official registration system, it represents a population survey at the local level and is not dependent on population estimations based on demographic events (births, deaths, immigration and emigration).

The quarterly population statistics are an essential component of the register-based population statistics system (POPREG) of Statistics Austria, which has replaced the method of population estimations since January 1, 2002.

In order to ensure the consistency between continuous population statistics and the census results, periodic revisions of the quarterly population statistics follow the register-based census years.

Graph 1: The production of quarterly population statistics within the register-based population statistics system.



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Quarterly Population Statistics – Main Features

Subject Matter	Population stock at the beginning of a quarter
Population	Persons with a main registered residence of minimum 90 days in Austria or with registration interruptions of less than 90 days at each due date. On 1.1.2017, 8,772,865 persons.
Type of statistics	Secondary statistics (based on administrative data sources).
Data sources/Survey techniques	Since 2002, all registrations and de-registrations are stored in the Central Residence Register (CRR) of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI). Statistics Austria receives quarterly stock and flow data from the CRR which are integrated into the population mirror register (POPREG) subsequently.
Reference period or due day	Beginning of quarters: 1 st of January, 1 st of April, 1 st of July and 1 st of October, each year
Periodicity	Quarterly (preliminary results) Yearly (final results and average annual population)
Main legal acts	Federal Statistics Act (Bundesstatistikgesetz 2000, idF. BGBl. I Nr. 111/201040/2014) §16b (1) Registration Act (Meldegesetz 1991, idF. BGBl. I Nr. 135/2009120/2016) Federal Constitutional Act (Bundes-Vefassungsgesetz Art. 6 (3), idF. BGBl. I Nr. 43/2011) Registration Act – Implementation Regulation (Meldegesetz-Durchführungsverordnung - MeldeV, idF. BGBl. II Nr. 65/201088/2017) Regulation (EG) No. 862/2007 Regulation (EU) No. 549/2013 Regulation (EU) No. 1260/2013
Most detailed regional breakdown	Municipalities, on special request also smaller geographical units ("Zählsprenkel", "Ortschaften")
Availability of results	Preliminary results: 6 weeks after the end of the quarter Final results: yearly, mid may of following year
Other	On a yearly basis, the quarterly population statistics are adjusted to match the population for the financial compensation in accordance with section 9 (9) of the Financial Equalization Act ("mini register-based census") before the final results of the quarterly population statistics are published. After register based census, revisions of migration statistics are made for the period between the last two censuses in order to ensure the consistency of the results. For the last time, this was the case after the register based census 2011 for the reference years 2007 to 2012.