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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.

Persons who have only registered a secondary residence in Austria are not included in the population stock. Secondary residence registrations are tabulated separately.

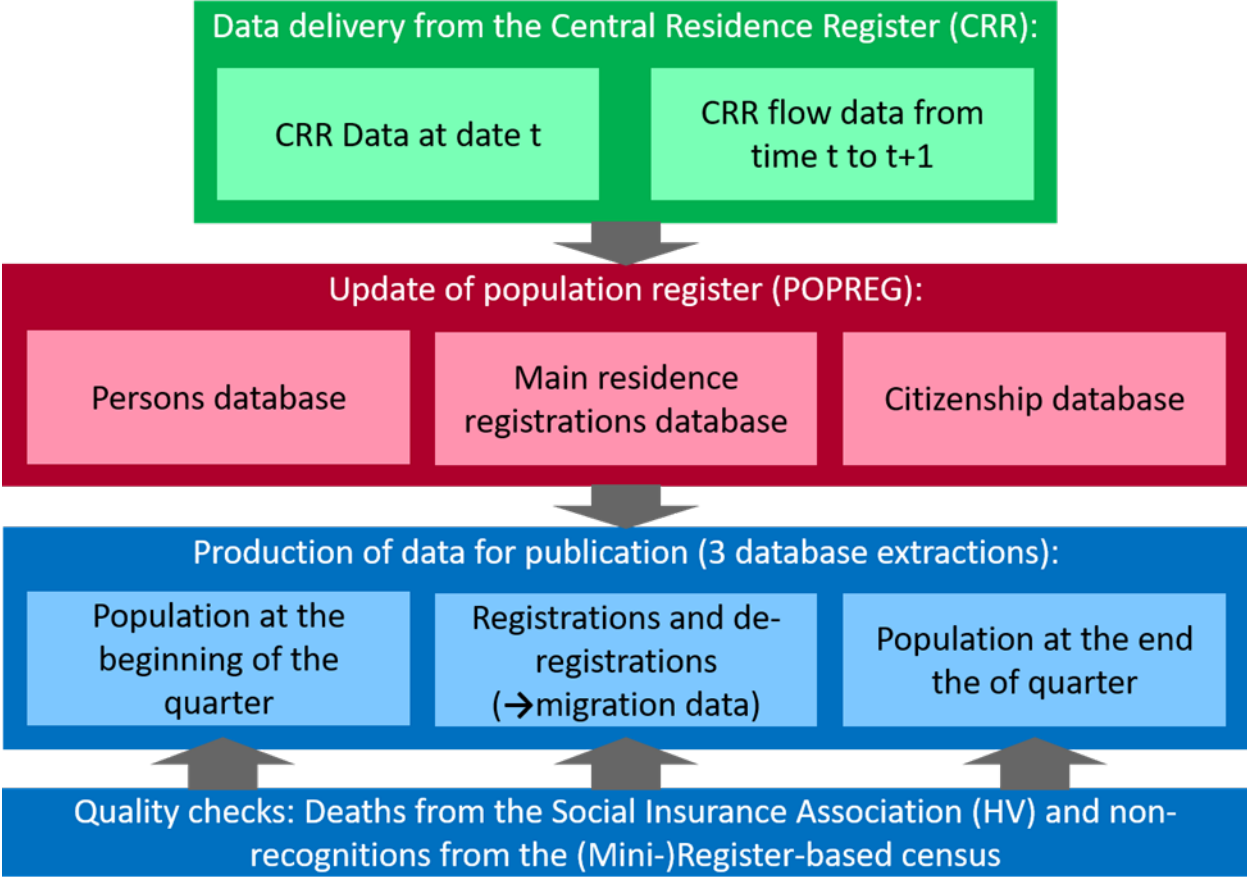
Since the quarterly population statistics are based on administrative data, data describe an administratively recorded reality, which does not necessarily have to coincide with the individual reality of life of the persons under consideration. Persons who are not registered with a main residence but 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.

Figure 1: The system of population statistics of Statistics Austria



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## Migration Statistics – Main Key Points

<b>Subject matter</b>	Population stock at the beginning of a quarter. Secondary residence cases at the beginning of a year.
<b>Population</b>	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. Secondary residence registrations are tabulated separately.
<b>Type of statistics</b>	Secondary Statistics (based on administrative data sources)
<b>Data sources/Survey techniques</b>	Central Residence Register (CRR) of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI).
<b>Reference period or due day</b>	Beginning of quarters: 1st of January, 1st of April, 1st of July and 1st of October, each year
<b>Periodicity</b>	Preliminary results are published quarterly, final results are published annually (usually in end-May following the reference year).
<b>Survey participation (in case of a survey)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Main legal acts</b>	Federal Statistics Act ( <a href="#">Bundesstatistikgesetz 2000</a> , idgF.) §16b (1) Registration Act ( <a href="#">Meldegesetz 1991</a> , idgF.) Federal Constitutional Act ( <a href="#">Bundes-Verfassungsgesetz Art. 6 (3)</a> , idgF.) Registration Act – Implementation Regulation ( <a href="#">Meldegesetz-Durchführungsverordnung - MeldeV</a> , idgF.) Regulation (EC) ( <a href="#">Verordnung (EG) Nr. 862/2007</a> ) Regulation (EC) ( <a href="#">Verordnung (EU) Nr. 549/2013</a> ) Regulation (EC) ( <a href="#">Verordnung (EU) Nr. 1260/2013</a> )
<b>Most detailed regional breakdown</b>	Municipalities, on special request also smaller geographical units (census tracts, villages).
<b>Availability of results</b>	Preliminary results: 6 weeks after the end of the quarter Final results: annually, end-May.
<b>Other</b>	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 before the final results of the quarterly population statistics are published. If necessary, revisions of quarterly population statistics are made for the period between the last two register based 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.