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Labour force projections

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Executive Summary

The labour force projection is produced by linking extrapolated age- and sex-specific labour force participation rates with the population projection, also disaggregated by age and sex. The labour force projection provides an estimate of the future demographic supply of labour. The labour force is defined here according to the ILO concept as the sum of employed and unemployed persons; persons undertaking military or civilian service are also included. The projection is regionally disaggregated by federal province.

The labour force projection is prepared in two scenarios: a trend scenario and a constant scenario. The trend scenario takes into account the observed trends in labour force participation since 2004 as well as an assumed increase in the labour force participation of women aged 60 to 64 as a result of the increase in the statutory retirement age. The constant scenario keeps the age- and sex-specific labour force participation rates of the base year constant over the entire projection period up to 2080. It thus measures solely the effect of changes in the population size and structure on the future development of the labour force. The impact of the assumptions of the trend scenario regarding the future development of labour force participation rates can also be quantified with the help of this scenario.

Labour force projection – Main Points

Subject matter	Projection of the future labour force
Population	Austrian resident population, broken down by the dichotomous characteristic labour force/non-labour force.
Type of statistics	Model-based statistics; projection
Data sources/Survey techniques	Population projection, Microcensus Labour Force Survey, Register-based Labour Market Statistics, Register-based census
Reference period or due day	Projection up to 2080; annual average of projected years
Periodicity	Annual
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	-
Main legal acts	National legislation (german only): Federal Statistics Act: Bundesstatistikgesetz 2000 , idgF: §2, §3 Z.7. §26 Abs.2, Anlage 2.
Most detailed regional breakdown	Federal provinces
Availability of results	4th quarter of publication year
Other	Analyses of the development of age- and sex-specific labour force participation over time. Labour force is defined according to the ILO concept.