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## Survey on Volunteering

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## Executive Summary

The Survey on Volunteering was instructed by the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (BMSGPK) and conducted by Statistics Austria within the first quarter of 2022 as an optional part of the Microcensus. It was the fourth survey of this kind in Austria. The main goal was to collect detailed data on formal and informal volunteering.

The main purpose of the survey was to have an accurate look on the structures of different fields of volunteering and tasks of volunteers living in Austria. Therefore, formal tasks are regarded such as unpaid, unsolicited help within organisations or associations and also informal ones as for example neighbourhood help. The hourly extent and frequency of voluntary tasks are shown from both those perspectives. The survey instrument was a standardized questionnaire.

The sample for the Survey on Volunteering contained all people from the age of 15 belonging to the follow up sample of the mandatory Microcensus Survey. At the end of the obligatory part people were invited to answer some more questions voluntarily.

Base for drawing the sample of dwellings in the first wave of the Mircocensus is the Central register of residents (ZMR), whole households are meant to answer. The subsample for this survey contained about 32 000 persons 15 years or older living in households of the follow up wave.

Modes used within the survey were identical to those of the Microcensus. The mainly used mode was telephone interviewing (CATI = Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing). If people wished to participate in a personal interview or if they could not be reached, the follow up survey was conducted at the respondents' home (CAPI = Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing). Furthermore, an online option was available to take part, respondents could fill out the questionnaire on their own (CAWI = Computer Assisted Web Interviewing).

STATsurv – a software developed by Statistics Austria – was used to carry out the survey. Within this application you can create electronic questionnaires and provide them in various browsers or on mobile devices.

Overall 13 049 people took part in the Survey on Volunteering after participating in the Microcensus, 36 questionnaires had to be excluded for quality reasons. The remaining 13 013 personal questionnaires were used for weighting, extrapolation and further analysis. The response rate was about 40.6 %. Weighting has been done similar to the Mircocensus.

The results of the Survey on Volunteering were published on December 5th 2022. A detailed [report in German language](#) is available on the website of Statistics Austria. Besides that, anonymized microdata can be requested and used for scientific purposes.

## Survey on Volunteering – Main Key Points

<b>Subject matter</b>	Formal and informal volunteering in Austria
<b>Population</b>	Persons 15 years or older living in private households in Austria - sampling base were the follow up waves of the Microcensus
<b>Type of statistics</b>	Primary statistical survey
<b>Data sources/Survey techniques</b>	Sample survey
<b>Reference period or due day</b>	2021 and the time when the survey was conducted
<b>Periodicity</b>	Every five years
<b>Survey participation (in case of a survey)</b>	Voluntary
<b>Main legal acts</b>	Commissioned by the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (BMSGPK)
<b>Most detailed regional breakdown</b>	Austria - restricted to provinces (NUTS 2)
<b>Availability of results</b>	Published on December 5th 2022
<b>Other</b>	The current Survey on Volunteering is the fourth of this kind in Austria. In 2006 and 2022 the data collection was done by Statistics Austria.