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Migration Statistics

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Executive Summary

Starting with the reference year 1996, Statistics Austria has compiled comprehensive and continuous migration statistics based on the Federal Registration Act governing the legal obligation to register a main residence when staying in Austria for more than three consecutive days. Migration statistics thus record all changes of location within Austria, as well as from abroad to Austria or from Austria to abroad, falling within the scope of a legally induced change of main residence.

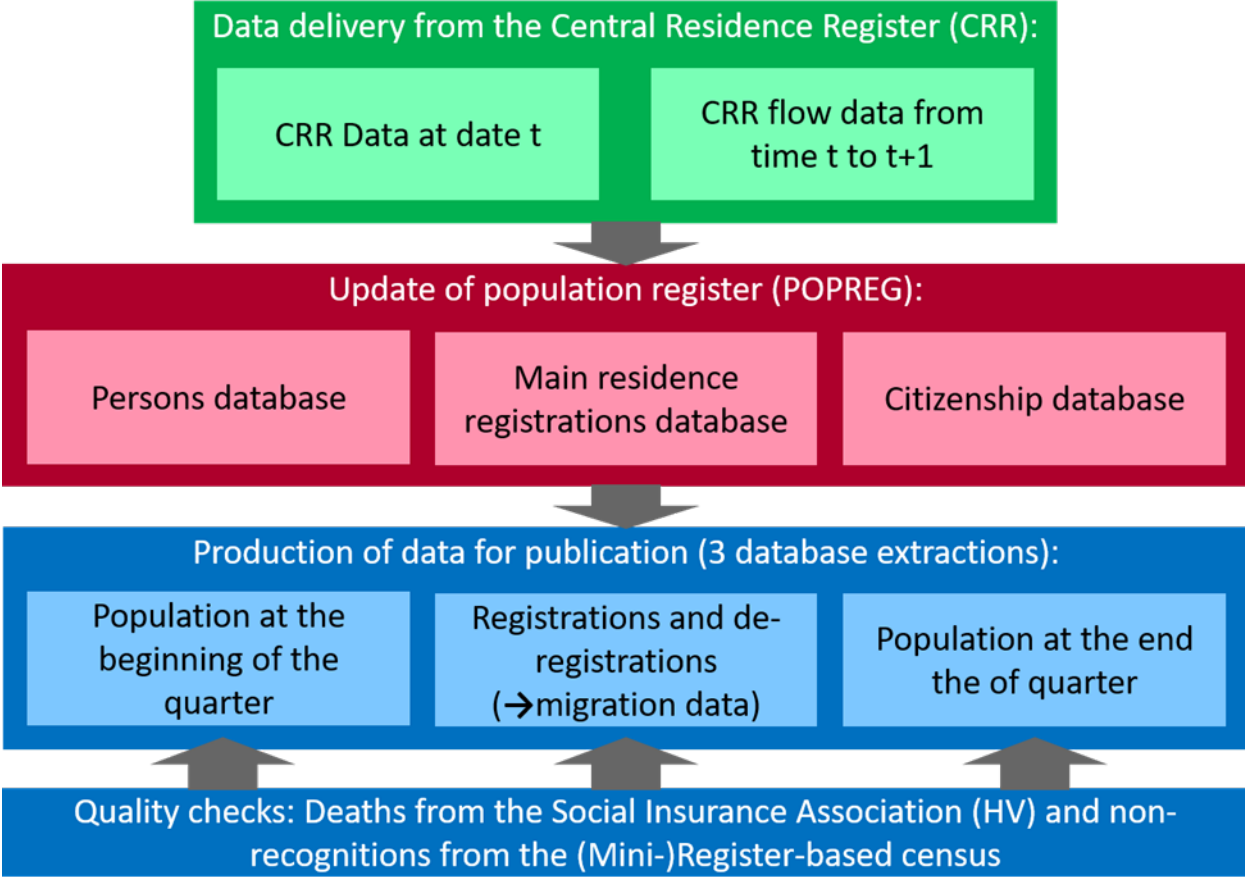
A necessary prerequisite was the main residence law (1995) which established the main residence concept. Since 2002, migration statistics have been compiled on the basis of quarterly data from the Central Residence Register (CRR). The contracting authorities of the CRR are the registration offices (§ 16 (2) MeldeG). The Federal Ministry of the Interior delivers all registrations and de-registrations processed in the CRR (§ 16b (1) MeldeG) to Statistics Austria.

Migration statistics provide information on immigrations to Austria and emigrations from Austria as well as on the effects of changes in residence between and within municipalities on the spatial distribution of the population of Austria.

Data obtained from the migration statistics form the basis for numerous scientific studies, which examine the population structure of Austria and its changes.

Migration statistics are an integral component of the register-based population statistics system (POPREG) of Statistics Austria, which has replaced the method of population estimations from 2002 onwards.

Figure 1: The system of population statistics of Statistics Austria



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Migration Statistics – Main Key Points

Subject matter	Immigrations from abroad, emigrations abroad, internal migrations (changes of main residence within Austria)
Population	All changes of location within Austria as well as from abroad to Austria or from Austria to abroad, where an official change of a registered main residence occurs.
Type of statistics	Secondary Statistics (based on administrative data sources)
Data sources/Survey techniques	Central Residence Register (CRR) of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI).
Reference period or due day	Months, quarters, years
Periodicity	Preliminary results are published quarterly, final results are published annually (usually in end of May following the reference year).
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	Not applicable.
Main legal acts	Federal Statistics Act (Bundesstatistikgesetz 2000 , idgF.) §16b (1) Registration Act (Meldegesetz 1991 , idgF.) Federal Constitutional Act (Bundes-Verfassungsgesetz Art. 6 (3) , idgF.) Registration Act – Implementation Regulation (Meldegesetz-Durchführungsverordnung - MeldeV , idgF.) Regulation (EC) (Verordnung (EG) Nr. 862/2007)
Most detailed regional breakdown	Municipalities, on special request also smaller geographical units (census tracts, villages)
Availability of results	Preliminary results: 4 months after the end of the quarter Final results: annually, mid-May of following year
Other	Periodic revisions of migration statistics occur, if necessary, after register-based censuses for the intercensal period to ensure consistency of results. For the last time, this has been done after publication of the results of the Register-based census 2011 for the reference years 2007 to 2012. Since the results of the Register-based census 2021 matched the results of the Population statistics/Migration statistics well, no revision was necessary.