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## **Statistics of naturalisations**

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## Executive Summary

The statistics of naturalisations are based on legally binding decisions on granting citizenship by the offices of the Austrian federal governments on behalf of the Federal Ministry of the Interior. The regulation of the Federal Ministry of the Interior also mandates the statistics of naturalisations (BGBl. II No. 32/2000). Furthermore, Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection requires the member states to provide statistics on the acquisition of citizenship to the Commission (Eurostat) (article 3, paragraph 1, letter (d)).

The statistics of naturalisations form an important data source in population statistics and are often presented in population and migration reports and deliver input to scientific research. They also serve as decision support for public bodies, political parties and enterprises in the planning and realization of their tasks. The results are regularly presented in various official reports (such as the Social, Family, Women's and Spatial Planning Report) issued by cities and federal states.

The statistics of naturalisations include all types of acquiring citizenship, achieved by official application and the subsequent legal notification. However, automatic acquisitions of citizenship such as at birth or legitimation of a child, born out of wedlock, are not included in the statistics.

More technically, naturalisation means the acquisition of Austrian citizenship by awarding or extending the award according to §§ 10 to 25 and by notification according to §§ 57, 58c and 64a of the National Citizenship Act 1985 (version 2013). The acquisition of citizenship by decision of the competent authority is thus to be regarded as naturalisation, as opposed to (automatic) acquisition of citizenship, as is the case of acquisitions by origin and legitimation or by notification according to §§ 59 (1) StbG 1985 (version 2013) (retroactive acquisition with the day of birth or legitimation).

All naturalisations of residents and non-residents in Austria are part of the statistics. For evaluation, the numbers are differentiated between naturalisations of residents in Austria and those who have no permanent residence in Austria. In population statistics, only naturalisations of Austrian residents are being considered.

The quality of the transmitted documents is very high. Still, errors in the transmission of the data are possible. It is not possible though, to check the completeness of the data transferred to Statistics Austria. However, there are no indications of under-coverage.

## Statistics of naturalisations – Main Features

<b>Subject Matter</b>	All types of acquiring citizenship, achieved by official application and the subsequent legal notification according to §§ 10 to 25, 57, 58c and 64a Staatsbürgerschaftsgesetz 1985 (version 2013).
<b>Population</b>	Naturalization of persons living in Austria and abroad: an average of 17,500 per year since 1996.
<b>Type of statistics</b>	Secondary statistics
<b>Data sources/Survey techniques</b>	Data from naturalization documents – enriched by family status, convention refugees, previous citizenship and sex. These are transmitted electronically by the authorities of the federal governments after the end of each quarter.
<b>Reference period or due day</b>	Calendar year
<b>Periodicity</b>	Preliminary Data: Quarterly Final Data: Yearly
<b>Survey participation (in case of a survey)</b>	-
<b>Main legal acts</b>	<a href="#">BGBl. II No. 32/2000</a> – Regulation of the Ministry of the Interior, where the statistics of naturalisations are mandated. <a href="#">Regulation (EC) No. 862/2007</a> of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection (11 July 2007) (article 3, paragraph. 1, letter d).
<b>Most detailed regional breakdown</b>	Federal States
<b>Availability of results</b>	Preliminary Data: t + 50 Final Data: t + 50
<b>Other</b>	The statistics of naturalisations were subject to a <a href="#">Quality Review</a> on 10 March 2005.