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More than 1.5 million persons in Austria have still been at risk of poverty or social exclusion in 2018

Vienna, 2019-04-25 – In Austria 1 512 000 persons or 17.5% of the population were at risk of poverty or social exclusion in 2018, as Statistics Austria reports. They belong to the social target group of the strategy "Europe 2020". Compared to 2008 the European Community Statistics on Income and Living Conditions ("EU-SILC") reports a declining trend of those affected by low household income, severe material deprivation or low household work intensity: In total 187 000 persons less were at risk of poverty or social exclusion.

Nevertheless, certain groups of the population faced a higher risk of getting in a socially disadvantageous position among which are single-parent-households, families with three or more children, long-term unemployed, persons with a foreign citizenship and those with a low level of formal education. Also, 372 000 children and persons younger than 20 years were living in households that were at risk of poverty or social exclusion. They were more often deprived from basic needs than their fellows from non-poor households and experienced a lack of possibilities for social participation as the EU-SILC results show.

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