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Game statistics

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Executive Summary

This survey records the killings and other casualties of ground game and game birds as well as general characteristics of hunting, such as structural information on hunting areas, or (groups of) people associated with hunting. Hunting statistics are available since 1873, but were harmonized for the first time in 1936.

In Austria, hunting legislation falls under regional jurisdiction, resulting in nine individual hunting laws. Depending on this legislation, the respective hunting statistics, which provide indications for political decisions on the subject (hunting plans etc.), also differ.

On this basis, Statistics Austria (STAT) determines federal results every year by aggregating the regional administrative data. Not all species that are shot, are included in the federal results, but rather a selection is made, based primarily on overall importance and suitability for hunting in individual regions. Within Statistics Austria, these results are, among others, also used in the framework of Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA) and further in national accounts.

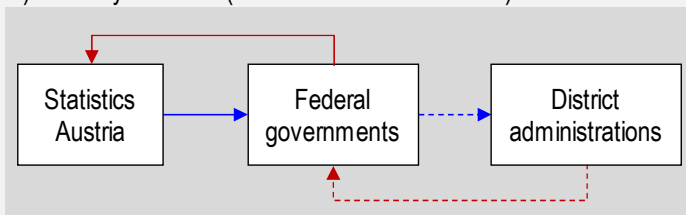
Survey practice: In the first few weeks after the previous hunting year (serving as the reference period), individual and modular questionnaires (district level) are sent to the nine federal state governments for further processing. After the return, the data is extensively checked for plausibility, processed and finally published.

HUNTING STATISTICS - formal overview of the survey process

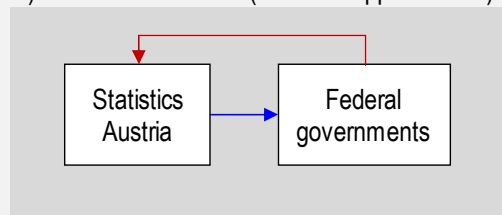
Planning and preparation

Shipping and returning

a) 7 survey modules (incl. fillable district modules)

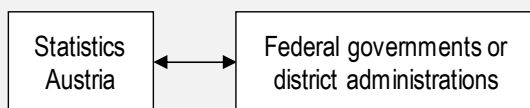


b) 2 interface modules (Lower & Upper Austria)



Transfer of the data to the federal software module

Plausibility phase for troubleshooting and problem solving



Fixation of the authentic data set

Evaluation and publication

Game statistics – Main Features	
Subject Matter	determination of nationwide results on numbers of game animals being shot and fallen game as well as other characteristics of hunting
Population	persons authorized to practice hunting (e.g. professional hunters); killed or perished wild animals (selected species); Austrian hunting areas
Type of statistics	secondary statistics based on administrative data; full survey
Data sources/Survey techniques	the data are collected electronically from the district authorities (or magistrates) using electronic questionnaire modules, or via software interface for Upper and Lower Austria
Reference period or due day	hunting year
Periodicity	the baseline survey is carried out annually; an additional survey (structural questions) is carried out every 6-10 years (the last time for the hunting year 2014/2015)
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	just administrative units participate
Main legal acts	Bundesstatistikgesetz 2000 idgF (only available in German)
Most detailed regional breakdown	political districts
Availability of results	usually in October after the end of the reporting period
Other	the subject of “hunting” is not regulated uniformly in Austria, but is subject to the respective federal legislations