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Almost a quarter of the population in Austria has a migration background

Vienna, 2021-06-10 – According to Statistics Austria, an average of approximately 2.14 million people with a migration background (24.4% of the total population) lived in Austria in 2020, this is about 610 000 or 40% more than ten years ago (2010: 1.53 million).

"Austria's current population growth is solely due to international immigration; without it, the population would shrink in the long term to the level of the 1950s, according to population forecasts. In the past ten years, the share of the population with a migration background has risen continuously from 18.5% to 24.4%. Many of them have not only arrived physically, but also feel connected to Austria. For example, about 90% of the people from Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Syria, Chechnya and Turkey living in Austria feel completely at home or at least rather at home here," says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

For more detailed information please refer to the [German version](#) or to the [Statistical Yearbook on Migration & Integration 2021](#) (only available in German).