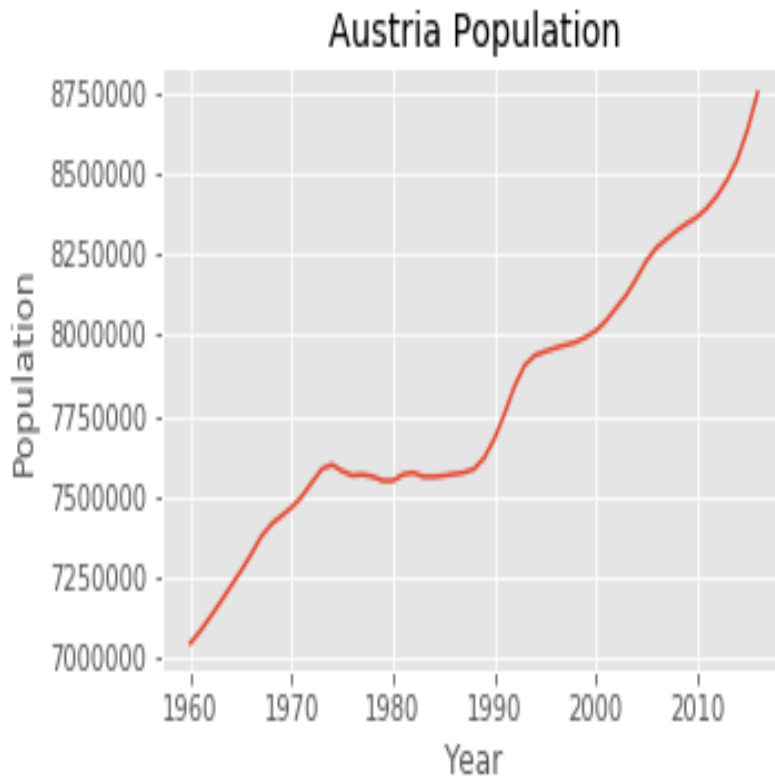


# Austria



Coordinates: 47°20′N 13°20′E﻿ / ﻿47.333°N 13.333°E﻿ / 47.333; 13.333— in Europe (green & dark grey) – in the European Union (green) – [Legend] Austria (listen); German: Österreich [ øst raç] (listen)), officially the Republic of Austria (German: Republik Österreich,  listen (help·info)), is a federal republic and a landlocked country of over 8.8 million people in Central Europe. It is bordered by the Czech Republic and Germany to the north, Hungary and Slovakia to the east, Slovenia and Italy to the south, and Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the west. The territory of Austria covers 83,879 km<sup>2</sup> (32,386 sq mi). The terrain is highly mountainous, lying within the Alps; only 32% of the country is below 500 m (1,640 ft), and its highest point is 3,798 m (12,461 ft). The majority of the population speaks local Bavarian dialects of German as their native language, and German in its standard form is the country's official language. local official languages are Hungarian, Burgenland Croatian, and Slovene.