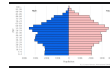


Austria Country Factsheet



Introduction

Background

Once the center of power for the large Austro-Hungarian Empire, Austria was reduced to a small republic after its defeat in World War I. A State Treaty signed in 1955 recognized Austria's independence after a decade of Allied occupation. The treaty's neutrality requirement has kept Austria from joining NATO, but the country joined the EU in 1995.

Geography

Area

total : 83,871 sq km

land: 82,445 sq km

water: 1,426 sq km

Climate

temperate; continental, cloudy; cold winters with frequent rain and some snow in lowlands and snow in mountains; moderate summers with occasional showers

Natural resources

oil, coal, lignite, timber, iron ore, copper, zinc, antimony, magnesite, tungsten, graphite, salt, hydropower

People and Society

Population

total: 8,967,982

Ethnic groups

Austrian 80.8%, German 2.6%, Bosnian and Herzegovinian 1.9%, Turkish 1.8%, Serbian 1.6%, Romanian 1.3%, other 10% (2018 est.)

Languages

German (official nationwide) 88.6%, Turkish 2.3%, Serbian 2.2%, Croatian (official in Burgenland) 1.6%, other (includes Slovene, official in southern Carinthia, and Hungarian, official in Burgenland) 5.3% (2001 est.)

Religions

Roman Catholic 55.2%, Muslim 8.3%, Orthodox 4.9%, Evangelical Christian 3.8%, Jewish 0.1%, other 5.4%, none 22.4% (2021 est.)

Population growth rate

0.3% (2024 est.)

Government

Government type

federal parliamentary republic

Capital

name: Vienna

Executive branch

chief of state: President Alexander VAN DER BELLEN (since 26 January 2017)

head of government: Chancellor Karl NEHAMMER (since 6 December 2021)

Diplomatic representation in the US

chief of mission: Ambassador Petra SCHNEEBAUER (since 19 APRIL 2023)

Diplomatic representation from the US

chief of mission: Ambassador Victoria Reggie KENNEDY (since 12 January 2022)

Economy**Economic overview**

one of the strongest EU and euro economies; diversified trade portfolios and relations; enormous trade economy; Russian energy dependence, but investing in alternative energy; aging labor force but large refugee population; large government debt

Real GDP (purchasing power parity)

\$590.354 billion (2023 est.)

\$595.287 billion (2022 est.)

\$567.987 billion (2021 est.)

Real GDP per capita

\$64,600 (2023 est.)

\$65,800 (2022 est.)

\$63,400 (2021 est.)

Exports

\$306.466 billion (2023 est.)

\$292.012 billion (2022 est.)

\$267.791 billion (2021 est.)

Exports - partners

Germany 28%, US 7%, Italy 7%, Switzerland 5%, Hungary 5% (2022)

Exports - commodities

cars, packaged medicine, vaccines, plastic products, electricity (2022)

Imports

\$288.146 billion (2023 est.)

\$290.277 billion (2022 est.)

\$264.231 billion (2021 est.)

Imports - partners

Germany 40%, Italy 7%, Czechia 5%, Switzerland 5%, Netherlands 4% (2022)

Imports - commodities

cars, refined petroleum, gold, garments, broadcasting equipment (2022)