



Austria



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. Nazi Germany annexed Austria in 1938, and the victorious Allies then occupied the country in 1945. As a result, Austria's status remained unclear for a decade after World War II, until a State Treaty signed in 1955 ended the occupation, recognized Austria's independence, and forbade unification with Germany. A constitutional law that same year declared the country's "perpetual neutrality" as a condition for Soviet military withdrawal. Austria joined the EU in 1995, but the obligation to remain neutral kept it from joining NATO, although the country became a member of NATO's Partnership for Peace program in 1995. Austria entered the EU Economic and Monetary Union in 1999.

Capital name: Vienna

Government type federal parliamentary republic

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

Population total: 8,967,982 (2024 est.)

Population growth rate 0.3% (2024 est.)

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.)

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.)

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.)

Executive branch chief of state: President Alexander VAN DER BELLEN (since 26 January 2017)
head of government: Chancellor Christian STOCKER (since 3 March 2025)

Legislative branch legislature name: Parliament (Parlament)

Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador Petra SCHNEEBAUER (since 19 APRIL 2023)

Diplomatic representation from the US	chief of mission: Ambassador Art FISHER (since 19 November 2025)
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)	\$581.131 billion (2024 est.) \$588.031 billion (2023 est.) \$593.701 billion (2022 est.)
Real GDP per capita	\$63,300 (2024 est.) \$64,400 (2023 est.) \$65,700 (2022 est.)
Exports	\$299.366 billion (2024 est.) \$303.914 billion (2023 est.) \$291.804 billion (2022 est.)
Exports - partners	Germany 25%, USA 9%, Italy 7%, Switzerland 5%, Hungary 4% (2023)
Exports - commodities	cars, packaged medicine, vaccines, vehicle parts/accessories, nitrogen compounds (2023)
Imports	\$284.467 billion (2024 est.) \$293.692 billion (2023 est.) \$294.324 billion (2022 est.)
Imports - partners	Germany 34%, China 7%, Italy 7%, Switzerland 5%, Czechia 4% (2023)
Imports - commodities	cars, garments, vaccines, vehicle parts/accessories, refined petroleum (2023)

Population Pyramid

