



AUSTRIA



INTRODUCTION

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.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Alexander VAN DER BELLEN

Head of Government

Chancellor Alexander SCHALLENBERG

Government Type

federal parliamentary republic

Capital

Vienna

Legislature

bicameral Federal Assembly or Bundesversammlung consists of: Federal Council or Bundesrat (61 seats); National Council or Nationalrat (183 seats)

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

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

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$463.1 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$51,900 (2020 est.)

Industries - construction, machinery, vehicles and parts, food, metals, chemicals, lumber and paper, electronics, tourism

Agricultural products - milk, maize, sugar beets, wheat, barley, potatoes, pork, triticale, grapes, apples

Exports \$226.8 billion (2020 est.)

cars, packaged medical supplies, vehicle parts, medical vaccines/cultures, flavored water (2019)

partners: Germany 28%, US 7%, Italy 6%, Switzerland 5% (2019)

Imports \$211.9 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, broadcasting equipment, refined petroleum, packaged medical supplies (2019)

partners: Germany 39%, Italy 7%, Czechia 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

8.9 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.32% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

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

Language

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.)

Religion

Catholic 57%, Eastern Orthodox 8.7%, Muslim 7.9%, Evangelical Christian 3.3%, other/none/unspecified 23.1% (2018 est.)

