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,
anthimony, 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.)
as of October 2021