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Geography

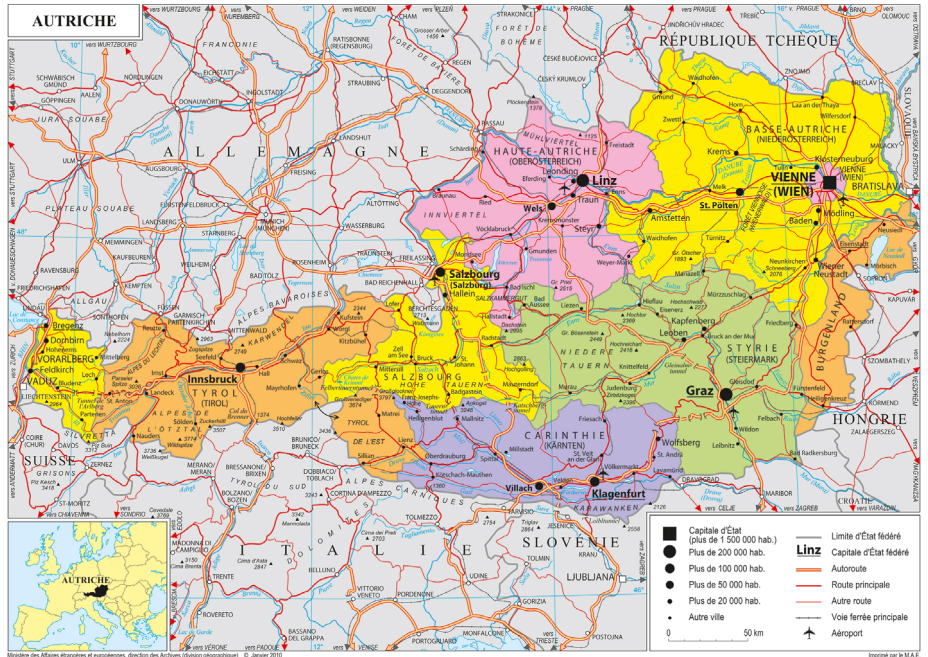
Area: 83,870 km²
Borders: 2,562 km (Czech Republic: 362 km, Germany: 784 km, Hungary: 366 km, Italy: 430 km, Liechtenstein: 34 km, Slovakia: 91 km, Slovenia: 330 km, Switzerland: 164 km)
Capital: Vienna
Official language: German



Population

Population: 9,104,772 inhabitants (2023 est.)
Natural change rate: -1.2 ‰ (2023 est.)
Migration rate: 3.5 ‰ (2023 est.)
Asylum applicants: 112,245 (2022)
Population: 14.1% under 15 years old, 20.8% over 65 years old (2023)
Foreign residents: EU nationals 9%, non-EU nationals 8% (2021)
Life expectancy: men 79.9 years, women 85.2 years (2023 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.)
Foreign citizens: community: 8.1%, **non-community:** 7.9% (2019)
Religions: Catholic 55%, Orthodox 4.9%, Muslim 8.3%, Evangelical Christian 3.8%, other / none / not specified 27.8% (2022)

Source : Eurostat, The World Factbook



Economy

Currency: Euro
GDP: 477,250 million € (2023)
GDP per capita (PPS): 37,460 € (2023)
GDP growth: -0.8% (September 2023)
Unemployment: 5% (May 2024)
Inflation: 3.3% (May 2024)
Public debt: 78.4% (December 2022)
Budget balance: -4.6% of GDP (December 2022)
Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world: 54.9% (2022)

Sources: Eurostat, Trading Economics



Political System

Federal republic, parliamentary democracy
Head of State: Alexander Van der Bellen (Greens) was re-elected in the first round of the election on October 9th 2022 with 56.7% of the votes for an additional six-year term. He took office for his second term on January 26th 2023.
Head of Government: On 6th December 2021, Karl Nehammer was sworn in by the Austrian President as Chancellor, following the resignation of Alexander Schallenberg. Karl Nehammer, until then Minister of the Interior, leads an ÖVP-Green coalition.
Bicameral parliamentary regime: the **Bundesrat** (Senate), whose 60 members are elected through provincial diets; the **Nationalrat** (Chamber of deputies), whose 183 members are elected by direct universal suffrage for a period of five years.



Political Representation

Composition of the Bundesrat:

- 25 seats ÖVP (Austrian People's Party)
- 18 seats SPÖ (Social Democratic Party of Austria)
- 10 seats FPÖ (liberal party, far-right)
- 6 seats Greens
- 1 seat without affiliation

Composition of the Nationalrat after the elections on October 23rd 2019:

- 71 seats ÖVP (Austrian People's Party)
- 40 seats SPÖ (Social Democratic Party of Austria)
- 30 seats FPÖ (Freedom Party of Austria, far right)
- 26 seats Greens
- 15 seats Neos (Liberal Party)
- 1 independent

Female representation:

- in the government: 5/15
- in the Nationalrat: 75/183
- in the Bundesrat: 29/60

Next elections: general elections on September 29th 2024; presidential election in 2028