

AUSTRIA - COUNTRY INFO



A FEW FACTS

Austria's population is about 8,960,000

Austria's capital city is Vienna with 1.900,000

Salzburg's population is 152,244.

Innsbruck's population is 136,335.

The population of Reutte is 7,275.

Austria is slightly smaller than the US state of Maine.

81% of the country's population are Austrian.

55% of the population are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

History

Austria was once the center of power for the large Austro-Hungarian Empire, but it was reduced to a small republic after its defeat in World War I.

Following annexation by Nazi Germany in 1938 and subsequent occupation by the victorious Allies in 1945, Austria's status remained unclear for a decade.

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.

The Soviet Union's collapse in 1991 and Austria's entry into the European Union in 1995 have altered the meaning of this neutrality.

A prosperous, democratic country, Austria entered the EU Economic and Monetary Union in 1999.

Military training is compulsory for all males under the age of 35 years. They must complete 6 months of active duty and then remain in the militia or inactive service. At any point until age 50 years, they may be re-activated into compulsory service.

Austria, with its well-developed market economy, skilled labor force, and high standard of living, is closely tied to other EU economies, especially Germany's. Its economy features a large service sector, a sound industrial sector, and a small but highly developed agricultural sector.

In 2024 Austria's Inflation rate around 2.4%

In 2024 the unemployment rate is 5.24%

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