

Austria – Facts and Figures

Official Name:

Republic of Austria (Republik Österreich)

International Abbreviation:

A (Internet country ID: .at)

Size:

32,382 sq mi (83,871 sq km), about the same area as the US state of South Carolina.

Population: 8.6 million (2015 est.)

Capital City: Vienna (Wien)

Largest Cities: (2014) Vienna (Wien) 1.8 million (over 2 million in metro area), Graz 270,000, Linz 193,814, Salzburg 146,600, Innsbruck 124,579; no other Austrian cities have a population of over 100,000.

Ethnicity: Austrians 81.1%, Germans 2.7%, Turks 2.2%, other 14%

Religions: (2014) Roman Catholic 61.4%, Protestant (Lutheran) 3.6%, Muslim 4%, unaffiliated 20%, other 11%

Monetary Unit: Euro, since 2002. Formerly der Schilling.

Economy/Industries: Austria is one of the 10 wealthiest countries in the world, measured by GDP per capita. Key industries include: agricultural products, banking, metals, chemicals, paper products, machinery, communications equipment, and tourism.

Climate: Temperate; cool, cloudy, wet winters (snow in Alpine areas); mild summers with occasional heat waves. Cooler in Alpine areas.

Neighboring Countries: Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Switzerland.

Famous Austrians: Marie Antoinette, Fred Astaire (dancer, film actor; Austrian father), Christian Doppler (physicist), Falco (Hans Hölzel), Sigmund Freud, Peter Handke (author), Josef Haydn (composer), Paul Henreid (film actor), Friedensreich Hundertwasser (artist), Franz Kafka (author), Gustav Klimt (painter), Hedy Lamarr (film actress), Niki Lauda (auto racing), Peter Lorre (film actor), Ernst Mach (scientist), Gustav Mahler (composer), Lise Meitner (nuclear physicist), Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Richard Josef Neutra (architect), Otto Preminger (film director), Egon Schiele (painter), Romy Schneider (film actress), Franz Schubert (composer), Arnold Schwarzenegger, Johann Strauss (composer, "Waltz King"), Kurt Waldheim (politician), Oskar Werner, Billy Wilder (film director), and more...

