

BUILDRES Project

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Country overview, healthcare services and financial & social benefits

The Austrian demographic indicates a population of over 9.1 million, characterised by a total fertility rate of 1.3 live births per woman in 2025¹. Although the two-child ideal remains the societal aspiration for 59% of respondents aged 18-49, the fertility intention declined significantly to 1.68 children per woman in 2023, falling below the replacement level projected a decade earlier. The total average fertility age is 31.19, and the overall divorce rate stands at 36.46%. Family structures encompass 1,111,300 couples with children and 296,300 one-parent families (as of 2024)². Significantly, recent global crises, including inflation and the war in Ukraine, have impacted reproductive planning, with 30% of respondents changing or becoming unsure of their fertility intentions, often favouring fewer or no additional children.

Reproductive health data³ reveal that 15% of women and 11% of men have experienced infertility. In terms of labour market dynamics, a pronounced gender disparity exists in work hours. Fathers maintain full-time employment (36 hours or more per week) as the norm across all family stages. Conversely, mothers primarily return to work part-time; half of mothers with pre-school children work 20 hours or less, leading to 84% of partnerships with a young child having at least one parent working part-time. While overall life satisfaction is high among parents (65–67%), socio-economic vulnerability is concentrated in one-parent families. Single parents experience pronounced financial strain, with 44% reporting annual net earnings below €20,000, which is substantially higher than the 10–16% reported for couples with children. Furthermore, 86% of single parents reported feeling strongly affected by inflation, and this group is statistically more likely to be at increased risk of depression compared to couples with children.

The Austrian Federal Chancellery provides support to families primarily through a series of benefits⁴ intended to mitigate the economic burden associated with upbringing, looking after, and providing for children. These measures are financed by the Family Equalisation Fund. Importantly, these transfer payments are made at the same levels to all families regardless of their income situation, which simultaneously produces vertical redistribution effects

¹ <https://www.worldometers.info/demographics/austria-demographics/>

² <https://www.statistik.at/en/statistics/population-and-society/population/families-households-living-arrangements/family-types>

³ https://www.ggp-austria.at/fileadmin/user_upload/k_ggp_austria/GGPat_Families_in_Austria_2023.pdf

⁴ <https://www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/en/agenda/family/family-benefits/childcare-allowance.html>



favouring households with medium and lower-level incomes. Specific benefits available to families include the Childcare Allowance, Family Allowance and Tax Credit for Children, the Multiple-Child Bonus, Family Time Bonus, Maternity allowance, and Benefits for Schoolchildren and Apprentices/Trainees. Additional resources are available through Counselling and Information services, such as Counselling Centres and Family Services, as well as support for Financial Emergencies.

Name of the organisation	Concordia
Short Description (Around 300 characters)	CONCORDIA Social Projects ensures that the children and young people entrusted to them are protected and can grow up in safety. They work to improve the living conditions of disadvantaged children, young people and families.
Country	Austria
Mail	office@concordia.or.at
Phone	T: +43 1 2128149, F: +43 1 2128149-23
Website	https://www.concordia.or.at/en
Address	Hochstettergasse 6, 1020 Vienna
Name of the organisation	Der familie zuliebe elternbildung
Short Description (Around 300 characters)	Parent education events are organised by a wide variety of organisations, primarily non-profit, throughout Austria. Parent education events include supervised parent-child groups, which can be attended even with babies, as well as lectures and workshops for parents.
Country	Austria
Mail	
Phone	
Website	https://www.eltern-bildung.at/
Address	
Name of the organisation	Familien Beratung
Short Description (Around 300 characters)	<p>A nationwide network of counselling centres that offers free, confidential, anonymous and high-quality counselling on a variety of issues.</p> <p>The Family Service is the information office of the Chancellery and provides information on matters of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all family benefits in Austria • family allowance and multiple-child bonus • free use of public transportation for schoolchildren and apprentices • family hardship compensation and family hospice leave-hardship compensation • parent education • family counselling centres
Country	Austria
Mail	familienservice@bka.gv.at
Phone	0800 240 262
Website	https://www.familienberatung.gv.at/en/
Address	Ballhausplatz 2, 1010 Vienna
Name of the organisation	Berufundfamilie GmbH
Short Description (Around 300 characters)	The Federal Chancellery – Division Family and Youth funds a number of measures that help to improve the reconciliation of family and work. It established the “Companies for Families” network to make family



	friendliness a trademark of Austria. By joining this network, companies and communities make concrete contributions to family-friendly work and living environments.
Country	Austria
Mail	office@familieundberuf.at
Phone	+43 1 218 50 70
Website	https://www.familieundberuf.at/contact
Address	Untere Donaustraße 13-15/3, 1020 Vienna, Austria
Name of the organisation	Autonome Österreichische Frauenhäuser
Short Description (Around 300 characters)	Contact addresses for all women's shelters, violence protection centres and counselling centres specialising in domestic violence in Austria Victim groups: young people, women, children, the elderly.
Country	Austria
Mail	verein@frauenhaeuser-wien.at
Phone	+43 664 12 82 174 or +43 1 544 08 20
Website	https://www.aoef.at
Address	Bacherplatz 10/4, 1050 Viena, Austria