

15.0 Economic Chamber members by province ¹

province	total number of chamber members						
	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017	2018	2019
Burgenland	7,964	8,604	11,414	19,181	25,374	25,824	25,838
Carinthia	18,867	20,643	25,661	32,745	41,261	41,643	41,994
Lower Austria	40,044	49,302	69,678	104,427	132,149	133,481	135,357
Upper Austria	34,199	40,967	57,088	80,241	96,404	97,577	98,886
Salzburg	20,759	25,439	31,534	39,263	44,773	45,450	45,944
Styria	30,694	36,304	49,736	70,585	89,290	91,172	92,880
Tyrol	26,583	30,099	36,492	45,807	53,311	53,715	54,616
Vorarlberg	11,872	14,064	18,612	22,430	25,956	26,328	26,800
Vienna	62,422	71,770	87,156	122,457	137,834	139,791	141,219
AUSTRIA	253,404	297,192	387,371	537,136	646,352	654,981	663,534
	of which: active chamber members						
Burgenland	7,161	7,759	9,473	15,011	18,870	19,393	19,790
Carinthia	15,903	17,210	20,493	26,639	33,112	33,964	34,446
Lower Austria	34,672	39,344	51,905	80,423	102,299	103,892	105,885
Upper Austria	30,155	33,682	44,946	65,024	78,447	79,638	80,796
Salzburg	18,221	20,638	24,313	31,344	36,437	37,221	37,902
Styria	27,595	30,829	39,807	57,517	72,684	74,654	76,404
Tyrol	23,461	25,154	29,208	37,916	44,785	45,521	46,521
Vorarlberg	10,471	11,855	14,884	18,539	21,879	22,334	22,772
Vienna	53,569	57,835	65,584	96,011	108,964	111,334	113,120
AUSTRIA	221,208	244,306	300,613	428,424	517,477	527,951	537,636

¹ multiple counting in case of membership in more than one province

source: WKO

Explanations to chapter 15:

all data: end of the year (31.12.)

Members of an Economic Chamber are all physical and legal persons as well as partnerships entitled to run a business of crafts and trades, industry, commerce, banks and insurance, transport, tourism and information and consulting.

Membership exists regardless whether and to what extent the licence is applied. Should a physical or legal person own licences in more than one province membership with all appropriate Economic Chambers exists.

Members of a division (no legal entity) are all owners of licences, which are covered by the operations of the professional groups comprising this division.

Members of a professional group are all physical and legal persons as well as partnerships owning licences within the operations of these professional groups regardless whether and to what extent these licences are applied. Should, however, licences be applied within a professional group in multiple provinces this entails separate memberships with all appropriate Economic chambers. Should the licences fall under more than one professional groups, memberships with all relevant professional groups exist.

15.1 Economic Chamber members by legal form 2019 ¹

legal form	active members		inactive members	total members	
	number	share (%)		number	share (%)
Sole proprietorship	395,128	73.5	120,194	515,322	77.7
off record	370,251	68.9	117,217	487,468	73.5
on record	24,877	4.6	2,977	27,854	4.2
Limited company (Ges.m.b.H)	104,991	19.5	3,017	108,008	16.3
Limited Partnership (KG) ²	20,304	3.8	1,322	21,626	3.3
General Partnership (OG) ³	9,392	1.7	643	10,035	1.5
Association (Verein)	3,273	0.6	443	3,716	0.6
Public company (AG)	1,255	0.2	17	1,272	0.2
Co-operatives (Erwerbs- und Wirtschaftsgenossenschaften)	771	0.1	15	786	0.1
Territorial corporate body	968	0.2	115	1,083	0.2
Foreign legal form	1,170	0.2	47	1,217	0.2
(Not) recorded enterprise of a legal person	81	0.0	35	116	0.0
Other legal form	303	0.1	50	353	0.1
TOTAL	537,636	100.0	125,898	663,534	100.0

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source: WKO

² including KEG³ including OEG15.2 Division members by gender 2019 ¹

division	all division members		division members by sex (sole proprietorship)		
	active	total	total	men	women
Crafts and trades	269,157	334,893	280,935	116,168	164,767
Industry	5,078	5,478	1,169	1,069	100
Commerce	155,596	186,367	129,676	84,248	45,428
Banks and insurance	953	953	1		1
Transport and logistics	31,261	38,110	24,208	20,944	3,264
Tourism and leisure	70,798	84,746	57,707	33,499	24,208
Information and consulting	105,912	132,423	92,980	67,796	25,184
TOTAL	638,755	782,970	586,676	323,724	262,952

¹ multiple counting in case of membership in more than one province and section

source: WKO

**15.3 Professional group members 2019:
division CRAFTS AND TRADES ¹**

	active	inactive	total
Building trades	14,732	2,857	17,589
Roofers, glaziers and sheet metal technicians	2,991	268	3,259
Potters, pavers, tilers and ceramists	1,994	172	2,166
Painters and upholsterers	5,855	655	6,510
Building support trades	11,011	2,176	13,187
Timber construction	2,108	232	2,340
Joiners and wood-design	9,562	1,088	10,650
Metal technicians	9,624	1,147	10,771
Plumbers, heating fitters and ventilation technicians	6,132	602	6,734
Electrical engineers, facility, alarm systems and communication technicians	11,047	2,249	13,296
Synthetic material processors	694	78	772
Mechatronics technicians	7,467	1,024	8,491
Automotive technique	8,157	616	8,773
Art handicrafts	7,411	1,291	8,702
Fashion and clothing technique	5,325	650	5,975
Health care professions	2,587	126	2,713
Food crafts	5,920	637	6,557
Pedicurists, cosmeticians and masseurs	19,450	3,120	22,570
Gardeners and florists	4,634	821	5,455
Professional photographers	8,872	908	9,780
Chemical trades and commercial cleaning	12,699	2,153	14,852
Hairdressers	9,071	633	9,704
Chimney sweepers and undertakers	1,148	53	1,201
Commercial service providers	22,748	5,876	28,624
Personal coaching and care workers	68,926	30,035	98,961
Personal service providers	28,280	10,103	38,383
Film and music business	5,426	903	6,329
<i>Members not categorized</i>	133	4	137
TOTAL CRAFTS AND TRADES	294,004	70,477	364,481

¹ multiple counting in case of membership in more than one professional group

source: WKO

15.4 Professional group members 2019:
division INDUSTRY ¹

	active	inactive	total
Mining and steel industry	115	7	122
Petroleum industry	33	1	34
Building materials and ceramics industry	362	17	379
Glass industry	47	2	49
Chemical industry	548	24	572
Paper industry	33	3	36
PROPAK - Paper and cardboard products	117	5	122
Construction industry	137	0	137
Wood industry	1,266	253	1,519
Food industry (including beverages)	524	32	556
Textile, clothing, shoe and leather industry	383	25	408
Gas and district heating supply companies	381	4	385
Non-ferrous metals industry	48	3	51
Machinery, metalware and foundry industry	1,342	45	1,387
Automotive industry	144	6	150
Electrical and electronics industry	349	11	360
<i>Members not categorized</i>	7	0	7
TOTAL INDUSTRY	5,836	438	6,274

¹ multiple counting in case of membership in more than one professional group

source: WKO

**15.5 Professional group members 2019:
division COMMERCE ¹**

	active	inactive	total
Food retailers and wholesalers	14,124	2,359	16,483
Tobacconists	4,974	2	4,976
Sales of medicines, perfumes, toiletry products, chemicals and paints	6,749	936	7,685
Agricultural wholesalers	4,653	617	5,270
Fuel and petroleum distributors	1,741	160	1,901
Market, street and door-to-door sales	3,293	1,401	4,694
Foreign trade	4,043	911	4,954
Sales of fashion & leisure products	16,481	2,969	19,450
Direct marketing	15,990	4,828	20,818
Sales of paper goods and toys	2,523	363	2,886
Commercial agents	8,487	3,312	11,799
Sales of jewellery, watches, art, antiques and stamps	3,106	385	3,491
Sales of construction material, hardware and timber	18,608	2,748	21,356
Sales of machines, computer systems, technical and industrial goods	14,018	2,052	16,070
Motorvehicle dealers	15,147	2,555	17,702
Sales of photographic, optical and medical devices	2,940	364	3,304
Sales of electrical & electronic goods and home & office furnishings	12,361	1,719	14,080
Mail order, E-Commerce and general trade	17,794	3,665	21,459
Insurance agents	9,074	2,375	11,449
<i>Members not categorized</i>	638	14	652
TOTAL COMMERCE	176,744	33,735	210,479

¹ multiple counting in case of membership in more than one professional group

source: WKO

**15.6 Professional group members 2019:
division BANKS AND INSURANCE ¹**

	active	inactive	total
Banks and bankers	204	0	204
Savings banks	68	0	68
Credit cooperatives (Schulze-Delitzsch)	35	0	35
Cooperative banks (Raiffeisen)	392	0	392
Federal mortgage banks (Hypo)	24	0	24
Insurance companies	226	0	226
Pension funds	8	0	8
<i>Members not categorized</i>	0	0	0
TOTAL BANKS AND INSURANCE	957	0	957

¹ multiple counting in case of membership in more than one professional group

source: WKO

**15.7 Professional group members 2019:
division TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS ¹**

	active	inactive	total
Railways and public transport	127	7	134
Bus, air and water transport	1,874	256	2,130
Cableways	613	57	670
Freight logistics	1,740	136	1,876
Taxis, hire-cars with driver and individual passenger transport	11,352	2,685	14,037
Road haulage	11,729	3,300	15,029
Driving schools and other transport	886	91	977
Parking garages, petrol and service stations	5,929	883	6,812
<i>Members not categorized</i>	4	0	4
TOTAL TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS	34,254	7,415	41,669

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source: WKO

**15.8 Professional group members 2019:
division TOURISM AND LEISURE ¹**

	active	inactive	total
Professional restaurants	39,180	8,226	47,406
Professional hotels	14,188	1,955	16,143
Private healthcare facilities	1,997	175	2,172
Travel agents and tour operators	2,154	297	2,451
Cinema exhibitors and showmen	2,223	388	2,611
Leisure and sports establishments	15,928	3,887	19,815
<i>Members not categorized</i>	5	0	5
TOTAL TOURISM AND LEISURE	75,675	14,928	90,603

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source: WKO

**15.9 Professional group members 2019:
division INFORMATION & CONSULTING ¹**

	active	inactive	total
Waste disposal and resource managemet	5,766	693	6,459
Financial services provider	5,613	1,656	7,269
Advertising and market communication industry	26,110	4,577	30,687
Management consultancy, book keeping and information technology	50,631	15,556	66,187
Consulting engineers	6,317	1,231	7,548
Printing	1,309	225	1,534
Real estate professionals and property trustees	8,902	2,303	11,205
Books and media industry	2,875	338	3,213
Insurance brokers and insurance advisors	4,024	1,502	5,526
Telecommunication and broadcasting	1,141	32	1,173
<i>Members not categorized</i>	10	0	10
TOTAL INFORMATION AND CONSULTING	112,698	28,113	140,811

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source: WKO