

4.0 Labour market (overview)

year	employees ¹ 1,000	of which: foreigners 1,000	unemployed persons ² 1,000	unemploy- ment rate ³ %	job vacancies 1,000	vacancy ratio ⁴
1980	2,788.3	174.7	53.2	1.9	36.5	1.5
1990	2,925.4	217.6	165.8	5.4	55.6	3.0
2000	3,133.2	319.4	194.3	5.8	35.5	5.5
2005	3,228.8	373.7	252.7	7.3	26.2	9.6
2010 ⁵	3,360.3	451.3	250.8	6.9	31.0	8.1
2011	3,421.8	488.9	246.7	6.7	32.3	7.6
2012	3,465.5	527.1	260.6	7.0	29.4	8.9
2013	3,483.0	556.8	287.2	7.6	26.4	10.9
2014	3,503.4	588.7	319.4	8.4	26.3	12.1
2015	3,534.9	615.7	354.3	9.1	29.3	12.1
2016	3,586.9	651.7	357.3	9.1	40.3	8.9
2017	3,655.3	698.5	340.0	8.5	56.9	6.0
2018	3,741.5	752.9	312.1	7.7	71.5	4.4
2019	3,797.3	799.5	301.3	7.4	77.1	3.9
2020	3,717.2	777.3	409.6	9.9	62.8	6.5
2021	3,805.0	839.6	331.7	8.0	95.1	3.5
2022	3,913.7	927.0	263.1	6.3	125.5	2.1
2023	3,956.3	980.8	270.8	6.4	108.4	2.5

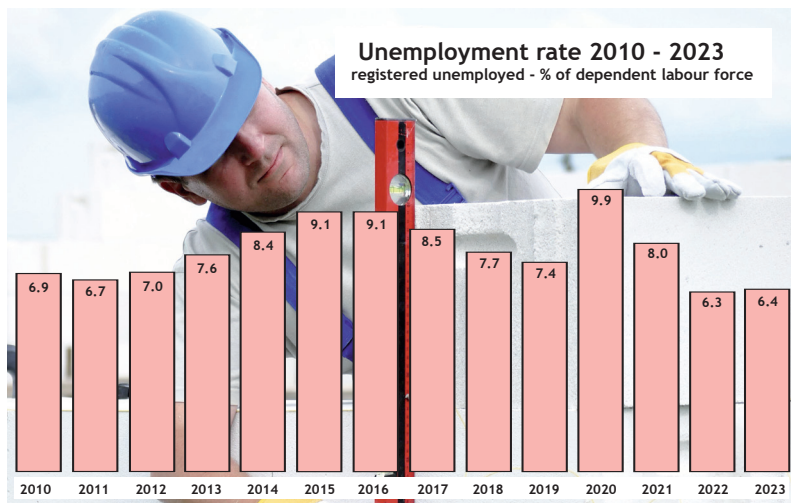
¹ number of contracts

source: SV, AMS

² registered unemployed according to "Arbeitsmarktservice"

³ registered unemployed per registered vacancy

⁴ registered unemployed per registered vacancies

⁵ 2008: break in time series


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4.1 Employees by province

province	total number of employees ¹				foreign employees	
	2010	2015	2020	2023	2010	2023
Burgenland	92,340	99,799	105,164	112,852	14,152	32,963
Carinthia	203,251	205,266	209,886	223,075	17,721	41,227
Lower Austria	564,156	588,119	624,906	656,674	62,383	139,078
Upper Austria	594,997	629,128	665,691	699,664	58,537	147,471
Salzburg	234,908	246,953	253,572	271,499	36,955	73,804
Styria	465,432	489,682	520,642	548,634	38,361	110,619
Tyrol	296,596	317,498	329,376	356,604	46,663	94,281
Vorarlberg	144,268	156,506	165,001	172,678	28,264	48,379
Vienna	764,310	801,919	842,938	914,591	148,242	293,006
AUSTRIA	3,360,258	3,534,870	3,717,176	3,956,271	451,278	980,828

¹ number of contracts

source: SV

4.2 Unemployment by province

province	number of unemployed ¹					
	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023
Burgenland	7,810	10,263	10,949	9,080	7,492	7,658
Carinthia	20,239	25,670	26,749	20,969	16,997	16,922
Lower Austria	43,115	58,522	64,939	51,984	40,987	40,997
Upper Austria	29,591	41,193	46,559	35,960	28,740	30,312
Salzburg	11,480	15,450	20,087	15,130	10,230	10,712
Styria	34,883	44,461	47,911	37,179	30,127	31,742
Tyrol	19,154	23,845	28,928	23,135	14,724	14,664
Vorarlberg	10,331	10,243	13,817	11,624	8,975	9,394
Vienna	74,179	124,685	149,701	126,680	104,848	108,372
AUSTRIA	250,782	354,332	409,639	331,741	263,121	270,773

province	unemployment rate (%) ²					
	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023
Burgenland	7.8	9.3	9.4	7.7	6.3	6.4
Kärnten	9.1	11.1	11.3	8.8	7.1	7.1
Niederösterreich	7.1	9.1	9.4	7.5	5.9	5.9
Oberösterreich	4.7	6.1	6.5	5.0	4.0	4.2
Salzburg	4.7	5.9	7.3	5.6	3.7	3.8
Steiermark	7.0	8.3	8.4	6.5	5.2	5.5
Tirol	6.1	7.0	8.1	6.5	4.0	3.9
Vorarlberg	6.7	6.1	7.7	6.5	5.0	5.2
Wien	8.8	13.5	15.1	12.7	10.5	10.6
ÖSTERREICH	6.9	9.1	9.9	8.0	6.3	6.4

¹ registered unemployed according to "Arbeitsmarktservice"

source: AMS

² registered unemployed in relation to dependent labour force

4.3 Employment by economic activity and employment status 2023 ¹

economic activity	number	employees		
		%-share	blue collar workers	white collar workers
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	26,012	0.7	21,407	4,605
PRIMARY SECTOR	26,012	0.7	21,407	4,605
Mining and quarrying	5,417	0.1	3,698	1,719
Production of goods	645,783	16.6	359,875	285,908
Energy supply	28,164	0.7	3,909	24,255
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	18,596	0.5	11,993	6,603
Construction	288,654	7.4	207,968	80,686
SECONDARY SECTOR	986,614	25.4	587,443	399,171
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	572,332	14.7	139,502	432,830
Transportation and storage	204,190	5.3	101,721	102,469
Accommodation and food service activities	224,712	5.8	189,477	35,235
Information and communication	121,748	3.1	3,435	118,313
Financial and insurance activities	110,971	2.9	2,769	108,202
Real estate activities	44,191	1.1	13,208	30,983
Professional, scientific and technical activities	209,781	5.4	11,391	198,390
Administrative and support services	233,086	6.0	161,809	71,277
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	599,783	15.4	89,730	510,053
Education	116,471	3.0	8,854	107,617
Human health and social work	308,398	7.9	36,262	272,136
Arts, entertainment and recreation	41,202	1.1	12,525	28,677
Other services	85,253	2.2	33,084	52,169
Households as employers; goods- and service-producing activities of households for own use	2,511	0.1	1,590	921
Extra-territorial organisations and bodies	915	0.0	57	858
TERTIARY SECTOR	2,875,544	74.0	805,414	2,070,130
TOTAL OF ALL SECTORS	3,888,170	100.0	1,414,264	2,473,906
Economic activity unknown	1,257		30	1,227
Persons doing their military service	4,677		3,555	1,122
Persons receiving maternity leave	62,167		13,575	48,592
EMPLOYEES TOTAL	3,956,271		1,431,424	2,524,847

¹ number of contracts

source: SV

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4.4 Employees by economic activity and gender 2023 ¹

economic activity	employees			female share %
	total	men	women	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	26,012	16,542	9,470	36.4
PRIMARY SECTOR	26,012	16,542	9,470	36.4
Mining and quarrying	5,417	4,673	744	13.7
Manufacturing and production of goods	645,783	479,559	166,224	25.7
Energy supply	28,164	22,347	5,817	20.7
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	18,596	14,502	4,094	22.0
Construction	288,654	250,852	37,802	13.1
SECONDARY SECTOR	986,614	771,933	214,681	21.8
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	572,332	267,932	304,400	53.2
Transportation and storage	204,190	159,660	44,530	21.8
Accommodation and food service activities	224,712	102,176	122,536	54.5
Information and communication	121,748	81,303	40,445	33.2
Financial and insurance activities	110,971	53,618	57,353	51.7
Real estate activities	44,191	18,996	25,195	57.0
Professional, scientific and technical activities	209,781	97,352	112,429	53.6
Administrative and support services	233,086	134,640	98,446	42.2
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	599,783	228,867	370,916	61.8
Education	116,471	46,335	70,136	60.2
Human health and social work	308,398	74,970	233,428	75.7
Arts, entertainment and recreation	41,202	22,436	18,766	45.5
Other services	85,253	29,502	55,751	65.4
Households as employers; goods- and service-producing activities of households for own use	2,511	548	1,963	78.2
Extra-territorial organisations and bodies	915	398	517	56.5
TERTIARY SECTOR	2,875,544	1,318,733	1,556,811	54.1
TOTAL OF ALL SECTORS	3,888,170	2,107,208	1,780,962	45.8
Economic activity unknown	1,257	681	576	45.8
Persons doing their military service	4,677	4,648	29	0.6
Persons in maternity leave	62,167	2,511	59,656	96.0
EMPLOYEES TOTAL	3,956,271	2,115,048	1,841,223	46.5

¹ number of contracts

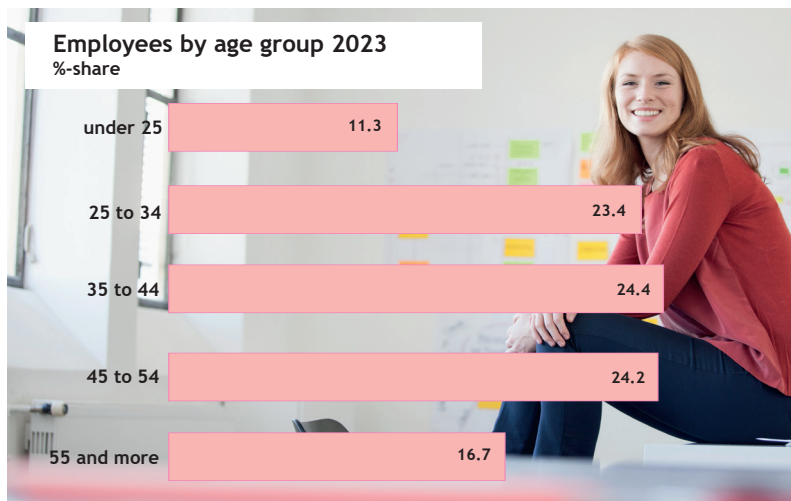
source: SV

4.5 Employees by age group 2023 ¹

age group (years)	total	employees			
		men	women	blue collar workers	white collar workers
under 19	140,064	86,194	53,870	88,653	51,411
20 to 24	308,916	170,072	138,844	134,319	174,597
25 to 29	439,777	237,429	202,348	149,701	290,076
30 to 34	484,960	267,318	217,642	161,172	323,788
35 to 39	481,731	259,021	222,710	161,299	320,432
40 to 44	484,294	250,996	233,298	166,228	318,066
45 to 49	459,809	231,547	228,262	167,632	292,177
50 to 54	497,647	245,429	252,218	179,172	318,475
55 to 59	484,979	241,786	243,193	168,884	316,095
60 to 64	154,556	113,161	41,395	48,580	105,976
65 to 69	13,713	8,379	5,334	4,215	9,498
70 to 74	3,715	2,285	1,430	1,132	2,583
75 and more	2,110	1,431	679	437	1,673
EMPLOYEES TOTAL	3,956,271	2,115,048	1,841,223	1,431,424	2,524,847

¹ number of contracts; including persons doing their military service und persons in maternity leave

source: SV



4.6 Establishments and employees by size groups ¹

employees per establishment	establishments			employees ²		
	January 2020	January 2024	share 2024 in %	January 2020	January 2024	share 2024 in %
1	86,089	87,897	34.4	86,089	87,897	2.7
2	38,022	38,276	15.0	76,044	76,552	2.3
3	24,408	24,606	9.6	73,224	73,818	2.2
4	17,221	16,988	6.6	68,884	67,952	2.1
5	12,447	12,434	4.9	62,235	62,170	1.9
6 to 9	27,221	27,411	10.7	196,565	198,297	6.0
10 to 14	15,105	15,353	6.0	176,947	179,646	5.5
15 to 19	8,075	8,074	3.2	135,391	135,582	4.1
20 to 29	7,968	8,267	3.2	189,606	197,017	6.0
30 to 49	6,759	6,757	2.6	256,905	257,611	7.8
50 to 99	4,582	4,887	1.9	316,225	337,828	10.3
100 to 199	2,479	2,530	1.0	341,926	350,783	10.7
200 to 249	535	515	0.2	119,289	114,214	3.5
250 to 299	319	328	0.1	87,355	89,480	2.7
300 to 499	625	694	0.3	240,891	265,307	8.1
500 to 999	407	401	0.2	281,017	277,229	8.4
1,000 and more	226	249	0.1	483,192	522,290	15.9
TOTAL	252,488	255,667	100.0	3,191,785	3,293,673	100.0
1 to 99	247,897	250,950	98.2	1,638,115	1,674,370	50.8
100 to 249	3,014	3,045	1.2	461,215	464,997	14.1
250 and more	1,577	1,672	0.7	1,092,455	1,154,306	35.1
TOTAL	252,488	255,667	100.0	3,191,785	3,293,673	100.0

¹ social security statistics ("ÖGK"; "BVAEB-Eisenbahn Bergbau")

source: SV

² excluding persons doing their military service and persons receiving maternity allowances

Employment by size of establishment 2024 * - %-share

1 to 99

50.8

100 to 249

14.1

250 and more

35.1

4.7 Self-employment

year	self-employed persons ¹			self-employment-ratio ²	
	agriculture	non-agricultural activities	employment total	total	non-agricultural activities
1980	256,000	227,600	3,262,800	14.8	7.7
1985	230,800	211,300	3,201,800	13.8	7.2
1990	185,700	224,600	3,344,600	12.3	7.2
1995	133,800	230,800	3,432,800	10.6	7.1
1996	126,100	234,100	3,407,500	10.6	7.2
1997	121,900	239,900	3,417,400	10.6	7.3
1998	118,300	246,800	3,441,000	10.6	7.5
1999	114,600	254,600	3,475,300	10.6	7.6
2000	110,200	262,800	3,506,200	10.6	7.8
2001 ³	135,800	243,600	3,527,577	10.8	7.2
2002	132,800	250,500	3,537,812	10.8	7.4
2003	129,900	259,200	3,573,217	10.9	7.6
2004	126,500	268,000	3,591,750	11.0	7.8
2005	122,800	277,300	3,628,877	11.0	8.0
2006	119,200	285,500	3,683,144	11.0	8.1
2007	115,500	295,700	3,752,199	11.0	8.2
2008	111,700	314,600	3,814,932	11.2	8.5
2009	108,200	327,700	3,774,964	11.5	9.0
2010	104,700	340,700	3,805,658	11.7	9.3
2011	101,400	350,600	3,873,755	11.7	9.3
2012	98,100	356,800	3,920,363	11.6	9.4
2013	95,700	362,800	3,941,521	11.6	9.5
2014	94,100	372,100	3,969,604	11.7	9.7
2015	91,700	383,700	4,010,270	11.9	9.8
2016	88,900	395,000	4,070,778	11.9	10.0
2017	86,200	403,800	4,145,302	11.8	10.0
2018	83,600	410,000	4,235,095	11.7	9.9
2019	80,900	415,200	4,293,417	11.6	9.9
2020	78,200	417,400	4,212,776	11.8	10.2
2021	75,700	426,400	4,307,052	11.7	10.1
2022 ⁴	73,700	434,400	4,421,752	11.5	10.1
2023 ⁴	72,100	438,400	4,466,771	11.4	10.0

¹ exclusive self-employed persons according to Labour-career monitoring (Labour market database of AMS und BMAW)

source: WIFO

² number of self employed as a percentage of total employment (dependent and independent employed)

³ break in time series; 2001 onwards: new calculation method based on social security data

⁴ provisional data