



Austria



Introduction to AUSTRIA

THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA lies landlocked in Central Europe, bordering Germany and the Czech Republic to the north. Despite its defeat in World War I and post-WWII German occupation, Austria has become a wealthy, highly-developed country. It is famous for its musical history of Mozart, Strauss and others.

The AUSTRIAN people

Total population:	8,210,281
Children under 15:	1,190,892
Average Life Expectancy:	79.5 years
Per capita annual income:	\$40,400
% children in primary school:	97.37%
Average years of education:	15 years
Literacy rate:	98%
Internet users:	5.937 million
Cell phones in use:	10.816 million
Major/official language(s):	German, Turkish Serbian, Croatian, Hungarian

Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

More about AUSTRIA

Capital city:	Vienna
Type of government:	Federal Republic; part of EU
Square kilometers:	83,871
General terrain:	Mountainous in south and west, north and east flat or gently sloping
Major industries/jobs:	Machinery and equipment, motor vehicles and parts, metal, lumber and wood processing, communications equipment, textiles, tourism
National motto:	"It is Austria's destiny to rule the world"
Major airport(s):	Vienna International in Schwechat Salzburg International Linz International

Reaching AUSTRIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 78.3%
None	- 12%
Muslim	- 4.2%
Other	- 3.5%
Unspecified	- 2%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 79%
Other	- 12.3%
Protestant	- 6.6%
Orthodox	- 0.8%
Independent	- 0.8%
Anglican	- 0.5%

Unreached People Groups:	7 (3% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.00081
Average annual baptisms:	51,826
Foreign missionaries:	1,600
Per million:	192.96
National Christian workers/pastors:	24,000
Per million:	2,894.36
Number of churches/congregations:	4,061

Children's ministry in AUSTRIA

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Austria. The following information regards general children's ministry in Western Europe, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

Overview: • There is a strong history and emphasis on children's ministry within the churches of Western Europe. A lot of curriculum and program development is in place and widely accessible in most languages.

- Non-Christian parents can be wary of letting their children participate in evangelical activities. Many adults are Christian only nominally.
- As the continent continues to diversify, many marginalized groups of children remain unreached, such as the growing population of Muslims and various refugee groups.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
4,061 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
1,190,892 children for Christ