

Migrants in Austria



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- **Total population:** 8.443.018
- population of *foreign origin*: 17,7%
- of which, *foreign nationals*: 11,5%
- of which, *Austrian nationals born abroad*: 6,2%

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Foreign nationals

- all those persons in Austria who are not Austrian citizens
- on 1 January 2012, this definition applied to more than 970.000 residents of Austria

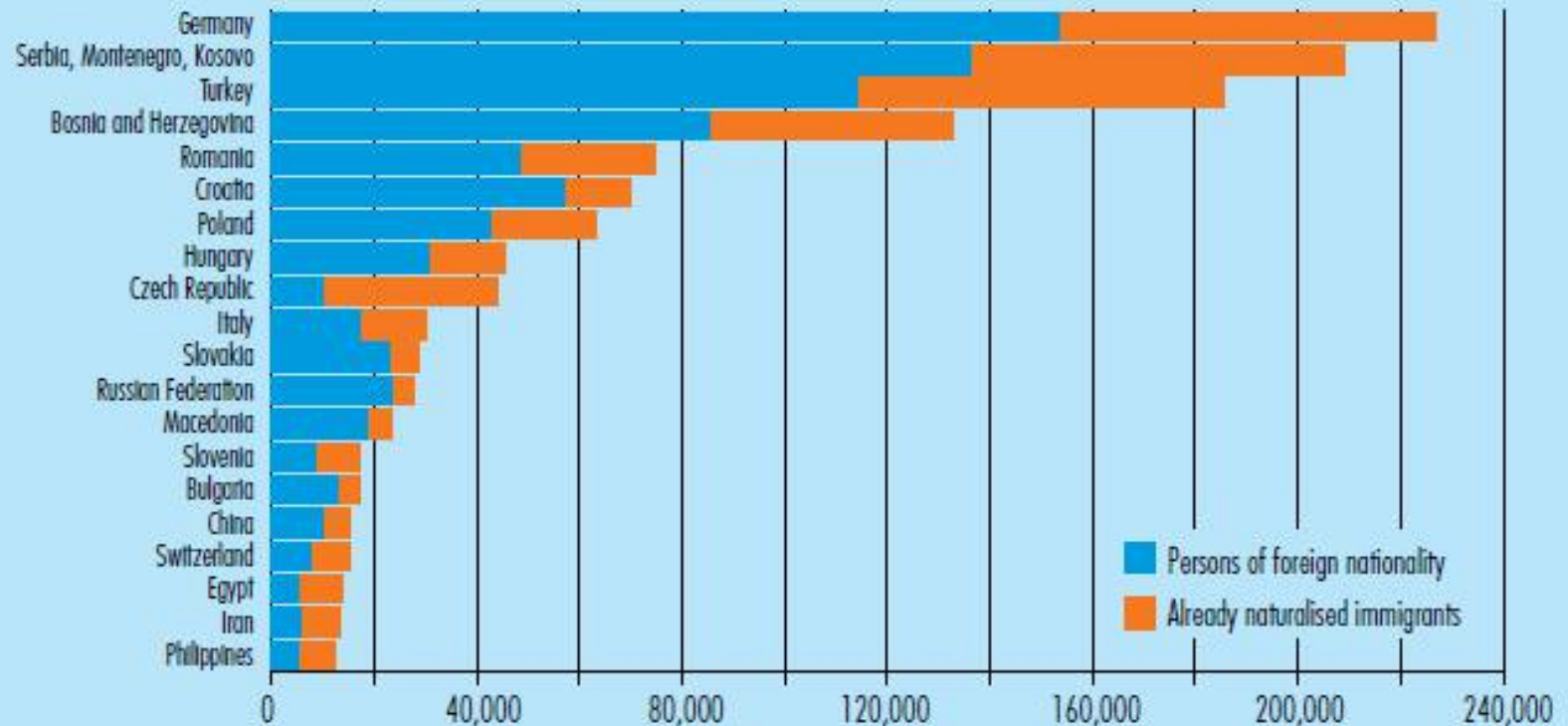
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Persons born outside Austria

- On 1 January 2012, there were some 1,349 million individuals resident in Austria who had been born outside the country (16% of the population).

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Foreign nationals/Austrians born outside Austria on 1 January 2012



S.: STATISTIK AUSTRIA, population statistics.

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Education level of immigrants

- Immigrants are overproportionally represented in the strata with both the highest and lowest levels of education, while the native Austrian population most commonly has an intermediate level of education in terms of vocational and academic qualifications.

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Education level of immigrants

- In 2011 about 29% of 25- to 64-year-olds without a migrant background had a university entrance qualification or academic qualification.
- This was the case for 35% of all persons with a migrant background in the same age range.

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Education level of immigrants

- Immigrants are also overrepresented at the opposite end of the educational spectrum.
- While in 2011 about 13% of Austrians aged 25 – 64 years had only a school leaving certificate as best qualification, this was the case for more than twice as many persons with a migrant background (31%).

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Education level of immigrants

- Although the educational profile of the first generation differs greatly from that of those without a migrant background, the level of education of the second generation is already clearly becoming aligned with that of the Austrian population.

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Changes to level of education of the population aged 25 - 64 years in 1971 - 2011 by nationality



S.: STATISTIK AUSTRIA, censuses (1971 and 1991), microcensus employment figures 2011, annually average over all weeks.

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Employment of foreigners in Austria

- In 2011, 11% of those in paid occupations in Austria were of foreign nationality, including a large proportion of foreign nationals from the EU-27 countries (5%), followed by nationals of the former Yugoslavia (without Slovenia; 4%) and Turkey (1%).
- In 2011, 18% of those in paid employment had a migrant background; 16% belonged to the first immigrant generation and 3% to the second immigrant generation.

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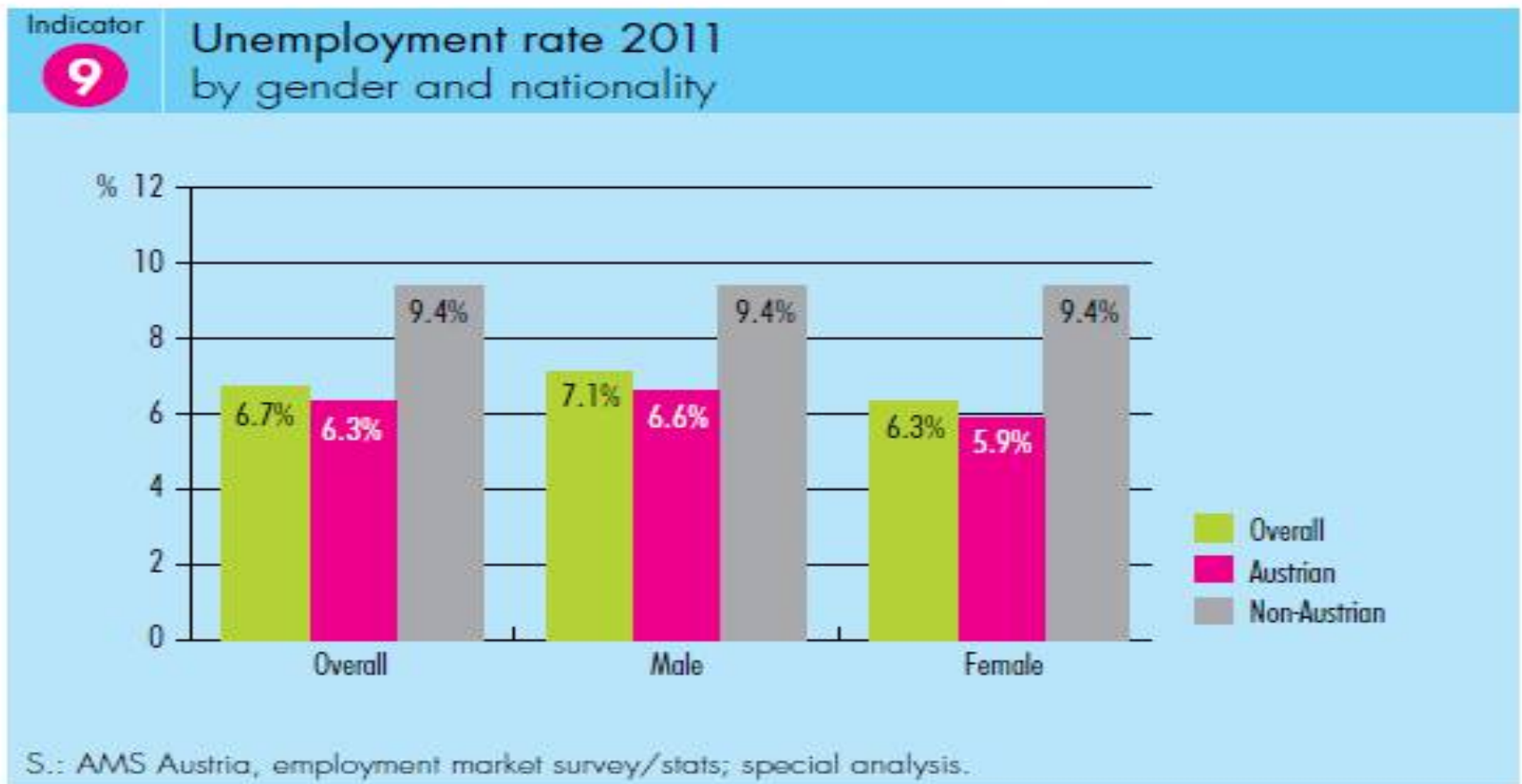
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—Irrespective of their level of education, foreign nationals tend to be more frequently unemployed than Austrians.

In the case of the population that had completed compulsory schooling only, the overall unemployment rate of foreigners (15%) was only slightly higher than that of Austrians (14%). Rates of unemployment were particularly high among Turks (17%) and those of other nationalities (23%) who had completed compulsory schooling only.

—The unemployment rate of immigrants with better qualifications was much lower (6%) and in a similar range to that of the corresponding Austrian population.

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Source

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Austrian Integration Fund



Integration Agreement

The 2011 Integration Agreement (IA) serves the linguistic integration of migrants who want to settle permanently in Austria. This currently applies to migrants (third country nationals, i.e. non-EU citizens) who came into the country after July 1, 2011.

By signing the Integration Agreement, migrants commit to acquiring sufficient German language skills within two years.

Integration Agreement

The 2011 IA consists of two modules:

Module 1

—Level A2 after 2 years: After receiving the initial residence permit in Austria, you have two years during which you must prove that you have reached level A2 in the European Framework of Reference for Languages.

—By doing so you fulfill Module 1 of the 2011 IA. Evidence of level A2 is to be provided with an accepted language certificate.

Integration Agreement

The 2011 IA consists of two modules:

Module 2

—Level B1 for permanent residence and Austrian citizenship:

—If you are applying for permanent residence in Austria and/or Austrian citizenship, you need level B1 German skills according to the European Framework of Reference for Languages. This level fulfills Module 2 of the Integration Agreement. Fulfilling Module 2 is not compulsory and is not reimbursed.

—You are not required to attend courses, but it is recommended.

—You are not required to attend a 300-hour course. It is also possible to not attend a course at all or to take fewer lessons than suggested. Many institutes also offer shorter courses on different levels.

German as a foreign language

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- Powercourse – Module 4: 2x/week (evening), 40 units, € 160,- / A2
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