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Statistics on Driver's Licenses and Driving Authorizations

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Executive Summary

The Statistics on Driver's Licenses and Driving Authorizations provide data about the number, age and gender distribution of new license holders in Austria and their acquired rights to operate different types of vehicles. Aside from new licenses also extended licenses are subject of the statistics (e.g. authorization to drive a car is extended to steering motorcycles). The evaluations focus on new and extended driver's licenses, the driver's license holders and the driving authorizations issued in a reporting year.

Definitions:

- Driver's license: the official document stating acquired driving authorizations
- Driving authorization: the right to operate a particular category of vehicles (e.g. category A for motorcycles, B for cars, D for buses) or to tow trailers on a public road

Evaluations by federal provinces and political districts make it possible to show regional differences.

The statistics are based on administrative data. Statistics Austria receives data once a year from the Driver's License Register, which is managed as an information network (§ 50 Data Protection Act) in the Federal Computing Center BRZ. It is a central IT application for the issuance of driver's licenses as well as a central data base for all driver's license relevant information.

Based on the anonymized administrative data of the Driver's License Register, Statistics Austria selects new driver's licenses and extensions of driver's licenses of a reporting year, including updated personal data. The data is checked for plausibility with automatic corrections and the results are tabulated. The entire processing takes place largely without manual interventions.

The Driver's License Register basically includes the stock of driver's license holders in Austria. However, analyses show that the number of holders is too high, presumably due to inadequate adjustments of deaths. A comparative check with the data from the Central Register of Residents (CRR) is suggested by the Federal Computing Center BRZ.

In the course of this, an area-specific person identifier is also to be defined.

Statistics on Driver's Licenses and Driving Authorizations – Main Features	
Subject matter	New and extended driver's licenses as well as driving authorizations issued in Austria in a reporting year; including documents issued
Population	Driver's licenses and driving authorizations issued in Austria in a reporting year; about 117 600 new and extended driver's licenses and in addition around 31 000 so-called moped driving licenses (class AM only) in 2017
Type of statistics	Secondary statistics
Data sources/Survey techniques	Driver's License Register, managed by the Federal Computing Center BRZ
Reference period or due day	Calendar year
Periodicity	Annual
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	The Führerscheingesetz 1997/II/120 obligates driver's license authorities to collect data and transmit it to the Driver's License Register and regulates the transmission of anonymized data to Statistics Austria
Main legal acts	Führerscheingesetz 1997/II/120 § 16b Abs. 8 and Bundesstatistikgesetz 2000 idF BGBl.I.Nr.71/2003
Most detailed regional breakdown	Austrian districts; exception: districts of Vienna (federal province level)
Availability of results	t+9 months (latest)
Other	-