

Study on Migration and Integration (Integration Survey)

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What is the "Migration and Integration" study about?

Migration and integration are diverse topics and people have different opinions about them. The aim of this survey is to ask people from all population groups about their views. The survey also represents an important basis for the annually published statistical annual "migration&integration".

This information cannot be found in normally prepared statistics or in databases managed by public administrative bodies. Surveys are therefore an essential source for the reporting activities. Which is why we're asking you to help out! By providing us with your information, you will be making a valuable contribution; only if each respondent answers the questions conscientiously and honestly will we be able to provide an accurate depiction of the situation in Austria.

What is the legal basis for the survey?

Participating in the survey is not subject to any statutory requirement to provide information and is therefore entirely voluntary. However, a high participation rate is extremely important for the quality of the data. The survey is being commissioned and financed by the Federal Chancellery, and has been part of the legally required integration monitoring programme since 2017.

Who carries out the survey?

The survey is being carried out by the federal agency Statistik Austria. Statistik Austria prepares high-quality statistics and analyses on the Austrian economy and society on behalf of the government. These facts and figures form a reliable basis for the decisions taken by policy makers, administrations, industry and international institutions. Statistik Austria is a company that works on behalf of the Austrian public and is a non-profit organisation. Accuracy, non-affiliation, objectivity and relevance are the guiding principles for the work done by Statistik Austria. As Austria's leading information service provider, Statistik Austria surveys the largest random samples, which supply precise information about social and economic life in the country. Modern quality assurance tools are also used.

How are you selected for the survey?

It is impossible to survey everyone in Austria for reasons of time and cost. A group of people is therefore selected that is intended to reflect the entire population living in Austria as accurately as possible. The group is selected at random to ensure that everyone has the same opportunity of being surveyed.

How does the survey proceed?

Firstly, the people selected for the random sample are sent a letter of notification by Statistik Austria. This letter contains the link to the online questionnaire and access data (user name and password).

How are your data protected?

Migration and integration are very personal subjects for many people. All information will, of course, be treated confidentially.

You can find comprehensive data protection information about this survey in our [data protection sheet](#) (PDF, 27 kb) (this document is available in German only). Statistical secrecy and the protection of your personal data are amongst our most important [principles](#). We are required to ensure this by the [Federal Statistics Act](#), the [General Data Protection Regulation](#) and the [Data Protection Act](#). Statistical data are therefore processed without reference to your name (rendered anonymous). Your name and address are needed only to get in contact with you. These details are stored separately from the answers in a database and deleted again once the survey closes. Personal information such as names and addresses are deleted from the evaluated data. The evaluations also only make reference to groups, not to individual people. In other words, individual answers cannot be identified in the results. Data protection naturally also means that details containing personal information must not be forwarded to any other parties – neither to government authorities nor to companies.

Is the survey a legal requirement?

There is no legal obligation to take part in the survey. Participation is therefore voluntary. You will receive a small token of our thanks if you do participate.

Contact

We are happy to answer your questions in German or English under:

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