

Austria

Ethnicity in Austria

Group selection

The law recognizes Croats, Czechs, Hungarians, Roma, Slovaks, and Slovenes as national minorities ¹⁶⁹. The Turks are the fastest growing and, according to the 2001 census, the second most populous ethnic minority in Austria ¹⁷⁰. We identify only two politically relevant ethnic groups: **Austrians** and **Slovenes**, as none of the other groups is politically represented by an organization.

¹⁶⁹ [United States State Department, 2009]

¹⁷⁰ [Central Intelligence Agency, 2010]

Power relations

The Slovene minority lives in the southern parts of the Carinthia region. From 1960 to 1970, conflict between Austrians and Slovenes was relatively intense with some acts of violence. However, in 1972, broad cultural rights were granted to the Slovenes and conflict has disappeared. The regional political party associated with ethnic Slovenes, the Enotna Lista, has participated in national elections by partnering with the party "Liberale Forum" until 2008 (but not in 2013). The party still participates in local elections. They are coded as "powerless" throughout, with Austrians holding a monopoly on power. Since 2006 the party is a member of the European political coalition the European Free Alliance (EFA) (¹⁷¹). Since 2009 they have their first Major. It is not clear if Slovenes are still politically relevant at the national level, and it seems likely that they will eventually "dissolve" into the larger Austrian population.

¹⁷¹ [Austria Forum, 2015]

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Political status of ethnic groups in Austria

From 1955 until 2017

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Austrians	0.93	MONOPOLY
Slovenes	0.006	POWERLESS



Figure 30: Political status of ethnic groups in Austria during 1955-2017.

Geographical coverage of ethnic groups in Austria

From 1955 until 2017

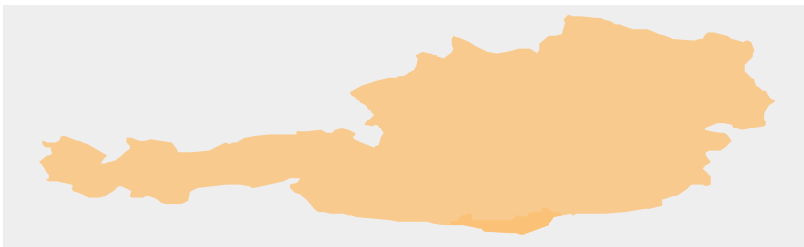


Figure 31: Map of ethnic groups in Austria during 1955-2017.

	Group name	Area in km ²	Type
■	Austrians	83 695	Statewide
■	Slovenes	1474	Regional & urban

Table 13: List of ethnic groups in Austria during 1955-2017.