

Austria

Ethnicity in Austria

Power relations

The law recognizes Croats, Czechs, Hungarians, Roma, Slovaks, and Slovenes as national minorities ¹⁰⁷. The Turks are the fastest growing and, according to the 2001 census, the second most populous ethnic minority in Austria ¹⁰⁸.

¹⁰⁷ [United States State Department, 2009]

¹⁰⁸ [Central Intelligence Agency, 2010]

The Slovenes living in the southern parts of the Carinthia region constitute the only politically relevant ethnic group beyond Austrians. From 1960 to 1970, conflict between Austrians and Slovenes was relatively intense with some acts of violence. However since 1972, after broad cultural rights were granted to the Slovenes, the conflict diminished. The regional political party associated with ethnic Slovenes, the Enotna Lista, has participated in national elections by partnering with the party "Liberales Forum" until 2008 (but not in 2013). The party still participates in local elections. 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. But they are still coded here as a distinct, politically relevant ethnic group, a decision which should be subject to periodic review.

There is no sign that any of the other groups is politically active (nor discriminated).

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Political status of ethnic groups in Austria

From 1955 until 2013

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Austrians	0.93	MONOPOLY
Slovenes	0.01	POWERLESS



Figure 32: Political status of ethnic groups in Austria during 1955-2013.

Geographical coverage of ethnic groups in Austria

From 1955 until 2013

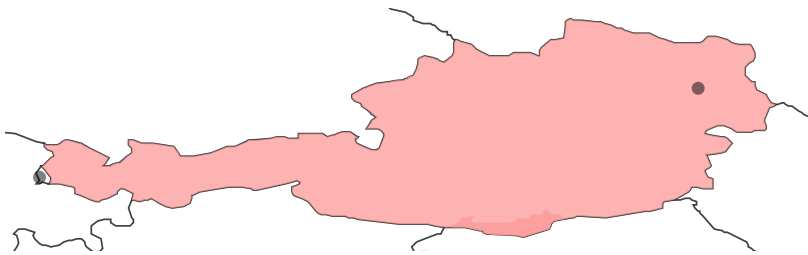


Figure 33: Map of ethnic groups in Austria during 1955-2013.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
■ Austrians	83 708	Statewide
■ Slovenes	1481	Regional & urban

Table 14: List of ethnic groups in Austria during 1955-2013.