



517,477 BUSINESSES

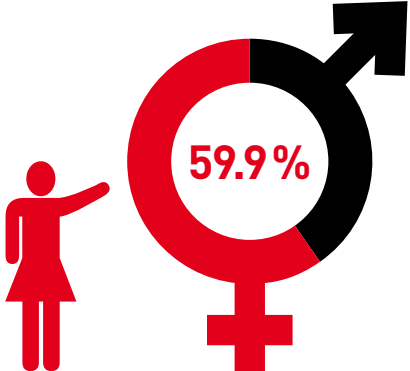
AND WHAT THEY ACHIEVE FOR AUSTRIA

Businesses in Austria create growth and prosperity

Successful business location Businesses and entrepreneurs generate growth, innovation, employment and prosperity. They are crucial for the success of Austria as a business location.



Female founders six out of ten founders are female.

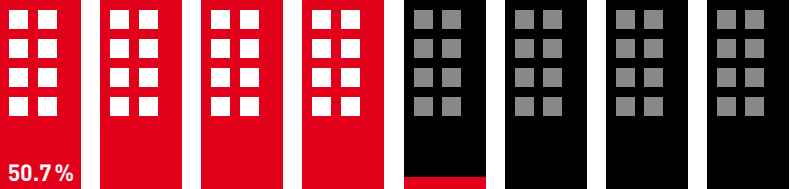


517,477 ^{+2.2%}
as compared to 2016

businesses active in Austria in 2017

39,965

of them are **newly founded businesses**



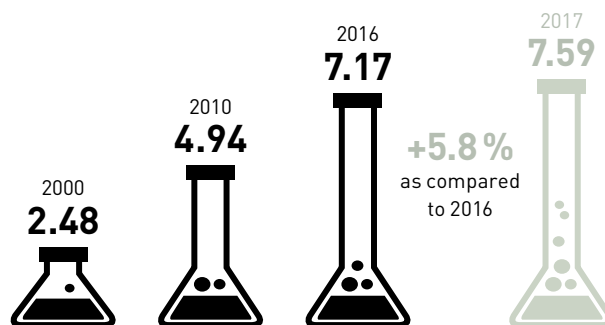
Sustainable entrepreneurship

More than half of 2010 newly-founded businesses were still active in 2015. This figure puts Austria in the top segment of the EU.

Shaping the future with investments in R&D and innovation

Investments generate economic growth and prosperity. In 2017, Austrian businesses invested almost 47 billion euros.

Research, development and innovation are crucial for Austria to compete internationally. Austrian businesses have increased R&D expenditure by over 5 billion euros since 2000.



216.2 bn Euro

+4.6%
as compared to 2016

Gross value added (Value of all goods and services produced of the business economy, excluding intermediate consumption of other industries)

manufacturing, mining and quarrying	19.1%
education; human health and social work activities	12.3%
wholesale and retail trade	12.0%
real estate activities	10.4%

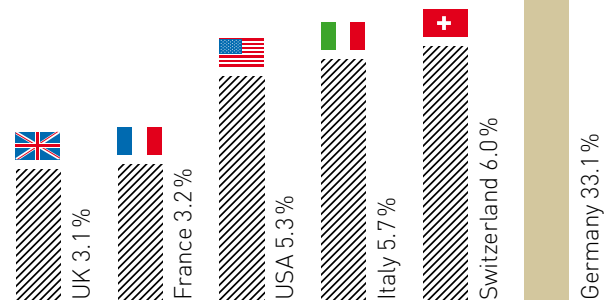
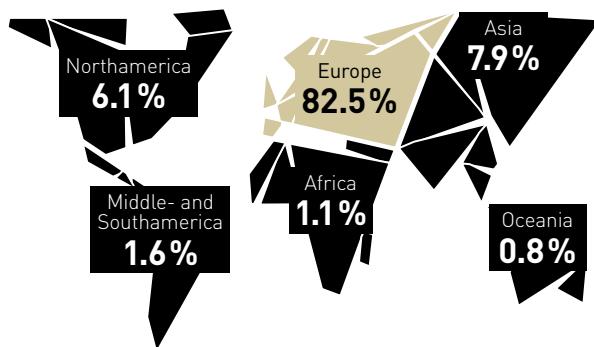
The four economic sectors* contributing most to gross value added in 2017.

Austria is everywhere: Austria as an exporting country

Foreign trade is one of the growth engines of Austria's economy. In 2017, 58,000 exporting businesses increased export of goods and services by more than 7 % compared to the previous year. Europe remains by far the most important trading region.

Important trading partners

Almost 60 % of the exports are sold to these six countries. More than 70 % of all exports are destined to the EU.



197.6 bn Euro

+7.2%
as compared
to 2016

Exports of goods and services in billion euros in 2017

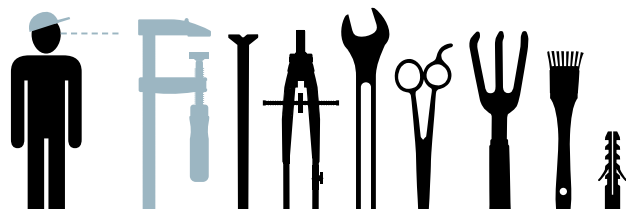
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54%

Export share amounts to more than half of the Austrian GDP in 2017.

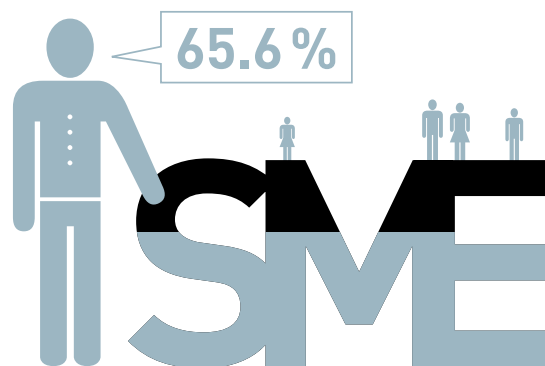
Businesses sustain and create employment and jobs

Young talents The dual education system offers offers a competitive advantage to the Austrian economy, as apprentices are the entrepreneurs and the skilled personnel of the future.



106,613 apprentices
27,792 training enterprises

SMEs are the backbone of the economy. Nearly two thirds of employment in Austria is provided by SMEs.



2.62 m

employees in the Austrian economy in 2017

+4%

+98,000 employees as compared to 2016

120.9 bn euros in wages and salaries were paid by Austrian businesses in return for the valuable work of their employees in 2017. This is the equivalent of about 33 % of the Austrian GDP.

+3.5%
as compared
to 2016

The achievements of businesses in Austria

Entrepreneurship is the driving force of the economy.



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