

## HOW IS A PERSON'S MAIN PLACE OF RESIDENCE DETERMINED?

§ 1 (6) of the Registration Act defines a place of residence as follows:

"A person's **place of residence** is established at the accommodation at which he/she has settled with the verifiable intention - or with the intention arising from circumstances - of having the place serve, until further notice, as a **point of reference for his/her vital relationships**."

If a person has just one place of residence, this place is deemed to be his/her main place of residence.

If a person has several places of residences, § 1 (7) of the Registration Act defines his/her main place of residence as follows:

"A person's **main place of residence** is established at the accommodation at which he/she has settled with the verifiable intention - or with the intention arising from circumstances - of making this place the **centre of his/her vital relationships**; if upon taking into overall consideration the professional, economic and social relations of a person's life, this objective requirement applies to several places of residences, the person must designate the place of residence to which he/she has a predominantly closer relationship as his/her main place of residence."

The Registration Act offers the following supplementary explanations:

The "**centre of vital relationships**" is determined primarily on the basis of specific criteria; i.e. length of stay, location of work, education/training venue, starting point from which the person goes to work or to his/her education/training venue, place of residence of the other family members, particularly minors in the family, and the place at which other members are gainfully employed, undergoing training or attending school or pre-school, positions held in public and private corporate bodies.

Applying these definitions and explanations, the person filling in these forms must determine for each person in the census list whether this household is the person's main place of residence or merely a secondary place of residence.

If the household is the person's **main place of residence**, an "X" must be put in box "3a" and a Personal Data Form must be filled in.

If the household is the person's **secondary place of residence**<sup>1)</sup>, an "X" must be placed in the box "3b".

<sup>1)</sup> A person may have another residence (or several other residences) in addition to his/her main place of residence. For simplicity's sake, this residence is referred to in this questionnaire as a "secondary place of residence".

## DID YOU KNOW THAT .....

- The population of Austria (in today's borders) has grown by 44% over the past 100 years (from 5.4 million in 1890 to 7.8 million in 1991)?
- The smallest municipality in 1991 had just 50 inhabitants<sup>1</sup> while the largest<sup>2</sup> had 1.6 million?  
<sup>1</sup> Gramais in the District of Reutte; <sup>2</sup> Vienna
- Children under 15 made up 24% of the population in 1971 and only 17% in 1991?
- Austria has the largest percentage of pensioners among the EU and EFTA countries. In 1991 only 1.2% of persons over 60 were employed but f.e. in Sweden still 8%.
- 30% of all commuters commuted to just 6 cities<sup>3</sup>?  
<sup>3</sup> Vienna, Linz, Graz, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt
- 30% of all households (some 900,000) are one-person households?
- Since 1945 more than 1.2 million housing units have been built with the support of the Housing Development Fund?
- Apartments had an average of 33 m<sup>2</sup> of area per person in 1991 as compared with 23 m<sup>2</sup> in 1971?
- 72 % of all homes had central heating in 1991 compared with only 15 % in 1971?
- The personnel at a group of just 165 companies (0.1%) accounted for nearly 23% (some 500,000) of the total workforce?
- The personnel at a group of 58,000 enterprises (25.8%) accounted for only about 7% (about 160,000) of the total workforce?

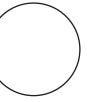
**This was the situation in 1991. What will it be in 2001?**

**This national census will help as provide answers to these and many other questions.**

# CENSUS LIST for a Household

National Census on 15 May 2001

Republik  
Österreich 



<input type="text"/>					
Last Name					
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Street/locality		Building number	Staircase	Floor	Apartment number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>				
Postal code	Municipality				

Ladies and gentlemen:

A national census is conducted in Austria every 10 years. The census results are intended to provide us not only with population statistics but with valuable socio-political information on age structure (provisions for old-age pension), the labour market, the economic situation, etc.

We rely on your co-operation in compiling basic statistics for all these areas and kindly ask that you fill out the statistical forms completely and to the best of your knowledge.

The purpose of the items in this census list (e.g. the last name) is to obtain a full record of all persons in your household. You should indicate whether your household is the main or secondary place of residence for these persons. The municipalities can also compare this data against that in the Register of Residents. The Personal Data Forms are the only ones used for the statistical evaluation of the national census. This evaluation is anonymous, a fact underscored by the absence of name items on the documents which are scanned.

In accordance with § 3 para 3 of the National Census Act of 1980 in its current valid version, every household is obligated to fill out the census forms truthfully and to the best of its knowledge and belief. The information you provide us with is subject to the **obligation to maintain secrecy** as defined in § 4 of the National Census Act of 1980.

If you have not received a sufficient number of statistical forms, please obtain the additional forms you need from the enumerator appointed by your municipality to conduct the census or directly from your municipality (municipal administration office, municipal district administration office).

You can obtain further information on the individual questionnaires from your enumerator or your municipality.

Thank you for being so understanding and for your co-operation.

STATISTIK ÖSTERREICH  
Bundesanstalt öffentlichen Rechts

Last Name, First Name of all persons belonging to this household	Date of Birth	This housing unit is: (please put an "X" in the applicable box)	Citizenship: (please put an "X" in the applicable box)
1	2	3	4
1 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> Day Month <input type="text"/> Year	3a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Your main place of residence</b> ▶ <b>Please fill in the Personal Data Form!</b> 3b) <input type="checkbox"/> Your secondary place of residence ▶ Please fill in a place of residence declaration.	Austrian <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of another country <input type="text"/>
2 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> Day Month <input type="text"/> Year	3a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Your main place of residence</b> ▶ <b>Please fill in the Personal Data Form!</b> 3b) <input type="checkbox"/> Your secondary place of residence ▶ Please fill in a place of residence declaration.	Austrian <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of another country <input type="text"/>
3 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> Day Month <input type="text"/> Year	3a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Your main place of residence</b> ▶ <b>Please fill in the Personal Data Form!</b> 3b) <input type="checkbox"/> Your secondary place of residence ▶ Please fill in a place of residence declaration.	Austrian <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of another country <input type="text"/>
4 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> Day Month <input type="text"/> Year	3a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Your main place of residence</b> ▶ <b>Please fill in the Personal Data Form!</b> 3b) <input type="checkbox"/> Your secondary place of residence ▶ Please fill in a place of residence declaration.	Austrian <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of another country <input type="text"/>
5 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> Day Month <input type="text"/> Year	3a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Your main place of residence</b> ▶ <b>Please fill in the Personal Data Form!</b> 3b) <input type="checkbox"/> Your secondary place of residence ▶ Please fill in a place of residence declaration.	Austrian <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of another country <input type="text"/>
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7 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> Day Month <input type="text"/> Year	3a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Your main place of residence</b> ▶ <b>Please fill in the Personal Data Form!</b> 3b) <input type="checkbox"/> Your secondary place of residence ▶ Please fill in a place of residence declaration.	Austrian <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of another country <input type="text"/>

Please continue on a second list if the number of persons in your household exceeds 7!

**This information is provided by:**  
(Please put an "X" in the applicable box)

- A member of the household
- Another person obligated to provide information
- The Municipality

I hereby confirm that I have provided this information to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of a household member or of another person obligated to provide information

Signature of the competent municipal official

**SIGNATURE**

To distinguish whether the information is provided by a member of the household or by another person (according to the National Census Act, apartment or building owners can also be queried if all members of the household are absent), please enter an "X" in the appropriate box. By affixing your signature, you confirm that you have provided this information to the best of your knowledge.

**WHAT IS A HOUSEHOLD ?**

A household comprises a group of people living in the same housing unit with common housekeeping. (For example, domestic staff are also part of a household if they are provided with room and board.) A household can also comprise one person living alone.

Other occupants (e.g. subtenants) who manage their own household can fill in their own census list.

As an initial step, please determine who is to be included in the census list (column 1).

**WHO SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CENSUS LIST ?**

Persons for whom this housing unit is a main or a secondary place of residence. (This also applies if they are temporarily absent on the day of the census.)

The reference time for determining inclusion in the census list is 1:00 a.m. on 15 May 2001.

All individuals are to be entered by family, with parents listed first and then child(ren).

**WHO SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED ?**

- Persons who died prior to 1:00 a.m. on 15 May 2001 or who were born after this point in time.
- Persons staying only temporarily, e.g. who are visiting or on holiday, at this housing unit.
- Exterritorial persons (foreign citizens employed at authorities representing foreign states and at international organisations) and members of their families.

**INDICATION OF THE MAIN PLACE OF RESIDENCE**

The essential purpose of a census is to record every person living in Austria while avoiding counting anyone twice. To this end, the National Census Act of 1980 in its current valid version provides that every person make a corresponding entry in the statistical forms at his/her main place of residence and submit a Personal Data Form.

We kindly request that you next check to determine who in your household is living there as his/her main place of residence and who is living there merely as his/her secondary place residence (column 3).

Please turn to the next page.