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## Adult Education Survey (AES)

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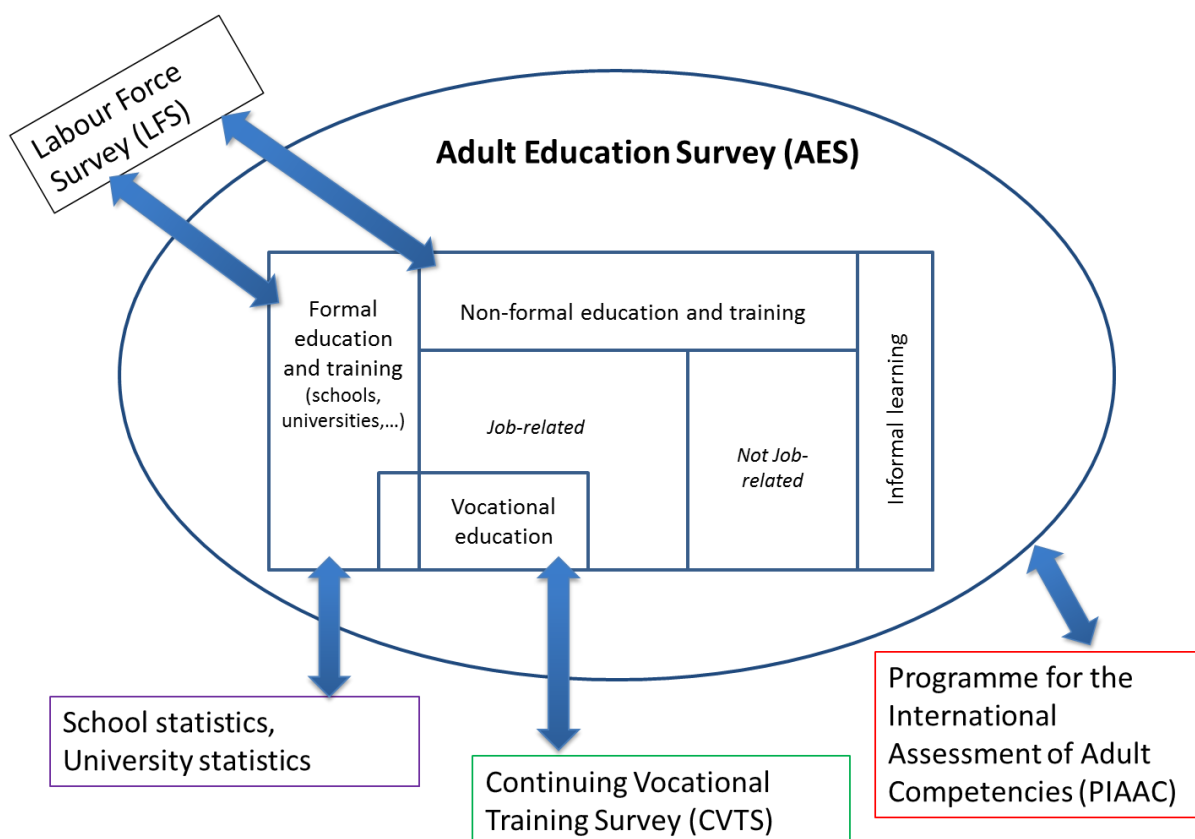
## Executive Summary

The Adult Education Survey 2016/17 (AES) was compulsory for the member states of the European Union and was conducted according to the Commission Regulation ([EU Nr. 1175/2014](#)). In this regulation the EU lays down, amongst others, the variables to be collected and the methodological guidelines.

The central aspect of the Adult Education Survey (AES) is that to a large extent all forms of formalised and non-formalised training and education are captured systematically. Its aim is to deliver an empirical foundation for the discussions on life-long learning and knowledge society as well as related political actions plans.

The Adult Education Survey (AES) closed a gap in the area of education and training statistics as it surveyed in detail educational and training activities in different areas and forms among adults – life-long learning. The Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS) on the other hand comprises only educational activities within enterprises, school and higher education statistics covers only formal education, the Labour Force Survey, however, (LFS) caters for formal and non-formal education, but does not differentiate in-depth (see Figure 1). The PIAAC<sup>1</sup> survey has its main focus on key competences of adults and is carried out approximately every ten years.

**Figure 1: Adult Education Survey (AES) in the context of other education statistics**



<sup>1</sup> PIAAC: Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies

Precisely, the enrolment in the regular education system (formal education and training) and continuing training (non-formal education and training) in form of courses, seminars, workshops, presentations, private lessons as well as guided-on-the-job-trainings were surveyed.

Furthermore, questions on informal learning, e.g. self-study learning or with computer support, were asked. Besides that, questions are included on information access to educational programmes and difficulties in participation in education and training, language skills and social background.

Target population of the Adult Education Survey (AES) 2016/17 was the resident population of the 25 to 64 year-old in Austria (reference day 31 July 2016). Altogether, survey data for 5,620 individuals are available who represent a grossed-up number of 4.8 million inhabitants in Austria in the age group 25 to 64 years.

The Adult Education Survey 2016/17 (AES) was a voluntary individual survey which was conducted via personal interviews at the respondent's residence as a CAPI (Computer Assisted Personal Interview) survey and partly with the use of internet (CAWI). The field work (data collection) in Austria started in the beginning of October 2016 and ended end of March 2017.

Main results were published on the website of Statistics Austria in the 1st quarter of 2018. An article with the most important main results was published in the July issue 2018 of the Statistische Nachrichten. The results of all participating countries are accessible on-line in the [Eurostat data base](#).

### Adult Education Survey (AES) 2016/17 – Main features

<b>Subject Matter</b>	Education and training activities of adults (in the last 12 months prior to the survey)
<b>Population</b>	Austrian resident population between 25 and 64 years; approximately 4.8 million people
<b>Type of statistics</b>	Primary survey among individuals
<b>Data sources/Survey techniques</b>	Sample survey; Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) with a standardised questionnaire and partly with the use of internet (CAWI);
<b>Reference period or due day</b>	Period of twelve months, between October 2016 and March 2017
<b>Periodicity</b>	Every 5 years
<b>Survey participation (in case of a survey)</b>	Voluntary survey among individuals
<b>Main legal acts</b>	<p>FRAMEWORK REGULATION:  <a href="#">Regulation (EC) No 452/2008</a> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2008 concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning</p> <p>COMMISSION REGULATION:  <a href="#">Commission Regulation No. 1175/2014</a> of 30 October 2014 implementing Regulation (EC) No 452/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the production and development of statistics on education and lifelong learning, as regards statistics on the participation of adults in lifelong learning</p>
<b>Most detailed regional breakdown</b>	Austria/NUTS1
<b>Availability of results</b>	Final data: 28 September 2017
<b>Other</b>	-