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Module of the Austrian Microcensus 2021 "Labour Market Situation of Mi- grants"

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Executive Summary

Since 2000, changing modules have been conducted annually as part of the Austrian Microcensus. The aim of a module is to provide users with statistics on a specific topic concerning the labour market by adding a set of variables to supplement the core Labour Force Survey (LFS). The 2021 module dealt with the topic "Labour market situation of migrants in Austria" and is based on European as well as national law. Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council defines the variables to be collected. The national regulation on Employment and Housing Statistics (Erwerbs- und Wohnungsstatistikverordnung) in its current version makes the module mandatory for respondents.

Sample basis of the Austrian Microcensus is the "Zentrales Melderegister" - ZMR (i.e. register of residents), from which a random sample of private households with their main residence is drawn. The sample is stratified by state and covers about 22,500 dwellings nationwide each quarter. Each dwelling remains in the sample for five surveys (quintile rotation). The first survey is conducted by means of face-to-face interviews, i.e. personal interviews by interviewers (CAPI, Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing). The four follow-up interviews are conducted either by Statistics Austria's telephone studio using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) or - since the second quarter of 2021 - online (CAWI, Computer Assisted Web Interviewing).

The questions regarding this module were addressed only to those who were interviewed for the first time, i.e. only face-to-face interviews were carried out. The survey was conducted continuously throughout the year for the reference period January to December 2021. The population of the module included all persons aged 15 to 74 years, with the exception of those in military or civilian service. Depending on the question, there were further restrictions regarding the target group. The analyses in the publication on the 2021 module largely refer to the population of prime working age between 15 and 64 years.

The module's questionnaire was - in the context of the first wave of the survey - asked following the core questions of the Microcensus Labour Force Survey and was addressed to different groups of persons (e.g. all employed persons or all persons born abroad). In 2021, the target group of this survey included 131,645 persons. Of these, 20% were in the initial survey (first wave), meaning that the module questions were asked to 25,907 persons (12,624 men, 13,283 women). Due to the national regulation, the module was subject to mandatory reporting, leading to a high response rate of 98%.

The collected data were checked for completeness and plausibility. Implausible and missing data were imputed using a nearest neighbour method. Finally, the entire dataset was extrapolated to the population level according to Statistics Austria's population register, as was the core program of the Austrian Microcensus.

In December 2022, the results were presented in detail in the publication "[Arbeitsmarktsituation von Migrant:innen in Österreich](#)", the [press release](#) was published on 1st December 2022.

Figure 1: Process of data production of module 2021



**Module of the Austrian Microcensus 2021 "Labour market situation of migrants in Austria"
– Main Key Points**

Subject matter	Questions on the labour market situation and formal qualifications
Population	Austrian resident population in private households aged 15 to 74 years
Type of statistics	Primary statistics
Data sources/Survey techniques	Sample survey: Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) with standardized questionnaire
Reference period or due day	1 st to 4 th quarter of 2021
Periodicity	Regularly (8-years interval from 2021)
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	Mandatory
Main legal acts	EWStV, BGBl. II Nr. 111/2010 idgF Verordnung (EU) 2019/1700 Verordnung (EU) 2019/2240
Most detailed regional breakdown	NUTS 2
Availability of results	1 st December 2022
Other	Sub-sample of the Austrian Microcensus