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## Graduate tracking (ATRACK)

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## Executive Summary

The project "Graduate Tracking (ATRACK)" is carried out on behalf of a consortium of several Austrian higher education institutions under the leadership of the University of Vienna and provides information on the employment and labour market integration of Austrian higher education graduates.

ATRACK includes data on formal education as well as on employment careers and income from the Employed persons register of Statistics Austria as well as data from the Register-based census and the Register-based labour market statistics. In these databases, data from the Central population register, the Central social security register, the Public Employment Service, the Educational attainment register, current education data, pay slip data and workplace data of the Business register of enterprises and their local units. This data is anonymously merged and processed with the bPK AS according to §§ 15 and 26 of the Federal Statistics Act 2000.

After linking the data, study-related and personal information as well as data on labour market status, income and place of work are available for all graduates and drop-outs from Austrian higher education institutions. Since the project is based on administrative data and can change retroactively, results from previous years (e.g.: the data stock from the previous year) do not have to match exactly current results. This is neither an error nor a change in design.

In addition to the standard documentation, the [ATRACK project report 2022](#) contains detailed documentation including a description of methods, further analyses and main results.

## Graduate tracking (ATRACK) – Main Key Points

<b>Subject matter</b>	Employment careers of graduates and dropouts from Austrian higher education institutions
<b>Population</b>	Graduations and drop-outs from Austrian higher education institutions based on higher education statistics; 2022: approx. 800,000 graduations and 350,000 drop-outs (including higher education courses)
<b>Type of statistics</b>	Secondary statistics on the basis of administrative data and statistical registers and other primary and secondary statistical surveys
<b>Data sources/Survey techniques</b>	Administrative data sources: Central social security register, Public Employment Service, Central population register, pay slip data In-house data sources: ADAM/EVA database, school and higher education statistics, Educational attainment register, Statistical business register
<b>Reference period or due day</b>	Academic years from 2008/09 to 2020/21
<b>Periodicity</b>	biennially
<b>Survey participation (in case of a survey)</b>	-
<b>Main legal acts</b>	the Federal Statistics Act 2000
<b>Most detailed regional breakdown</b>	NUTS2-level
<b>Availability of results</b>	Biennially in December
<b>Other</b>	