



Summary general questions

Austria

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Country description

The population in Austria is estimated at 8,7 million, with 81,000 births each year. The average life expectancy is estimated at 79 for men and 84 for women (2016). The gross national income per capita (PPP int. \$) is 52,557 (2017). The estimated total expenditure on health per capita (Intl \$, 2014) is 5,039 and the total current expenditure on health as percentage of GDP (2014) is 11.2%.

General health and school systems

98.5% of children are born in the hospital and attended by skilled personnel. Prematurely born children can be treated from a gestational age of 23 weeks. The average stay in the hospital is 3-4 days. The birth registration coverage is 100%. The infant mortality under the age of 5 per 1000 live births per year is 4.

The primary school starts at age 6.

Existing prevention programmes and coverage

General Preventive Child Health Care Services are both nationally (mother-child passport) and regionally organized. There are small differences in screening in the regions, but this only concerns additional screening to the mother-child passport. The screening is performed by pediatricians, general practitioners, specialists (orthopedic, ENT, ophthalmologist) and individual initiatives such as kindergartens and schools. The care is funded by national health fund and social insurances.

Health care contact moments in the first weeks and at 4-6 year

	Vaccination or tests	Coverage
First weeks		
after birth	General examination	
1 week	General examination	
4-7 weeks	General examination, including orthopedic examination	
7 weeks	rotavirus	
2 months	General examination, including ENT examination	
3 months	General examination, including eye examination	
3 months	DIP-TET-PEA-HIB-IPV-HBV, Pneumococcus, meningococcus B	
4-6 year		
46-50 months	General examination	
4-6 years	Yearly Influenza (recommended, not for free); Refreshment vaccinations recommended hepatitis B and MMR, meningococcus B and C, Tick-borne encephalitis, Varicella, Hepatitis A	

There is a yearly evaluation of the participation and several research projects have been carried out. There is no national invitation system. The parents of children are invited by letter with information about screening and an invitation to go to physician within two weeks before the next recommended medical check of the mother-child-passport-program. The attendance is unknown. However, as parents lose €1.300 of financial support if they don't attend 10 mother-child passport examinations, it can be expected, that the attendance rate is high.

Vaccinations are part of the programme. Depending on disease and cohort 61-95% of children are vaccinated.

The total costs of general screening are about 133 euros per child per year (mother-child passport, from pregnancy to age 5) per child per year. The average salary costs for a GP are 250,000 euros per year (100 euros per hour).

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