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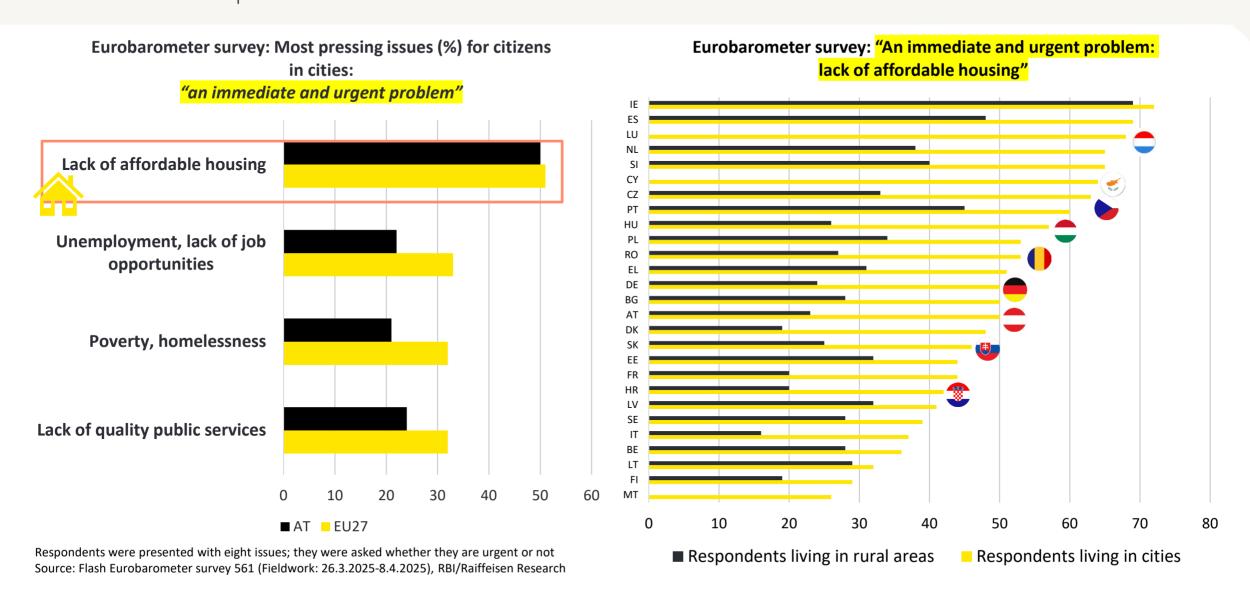
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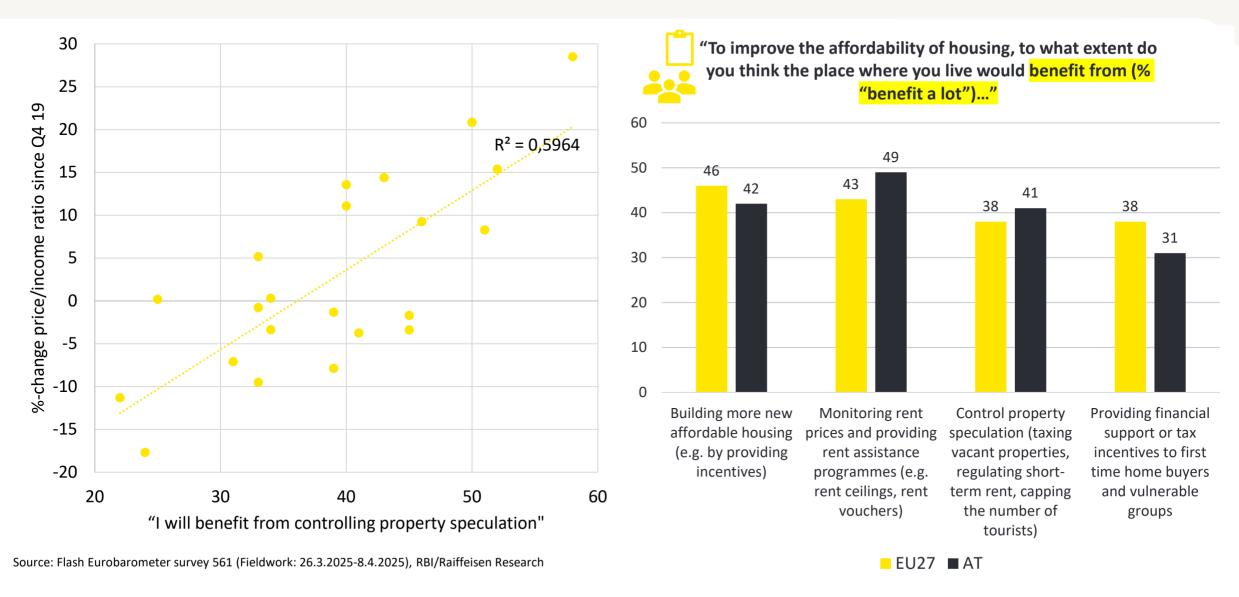


Public opinion: "Housing market is moving into the wrong direction"



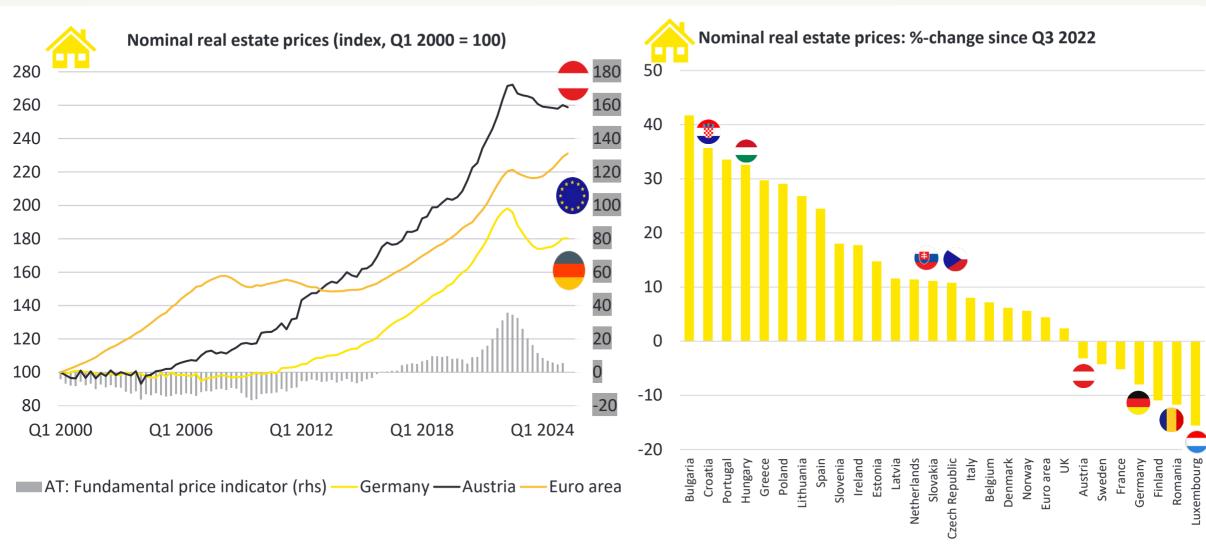


Public opinion: "market intervention will do the job"





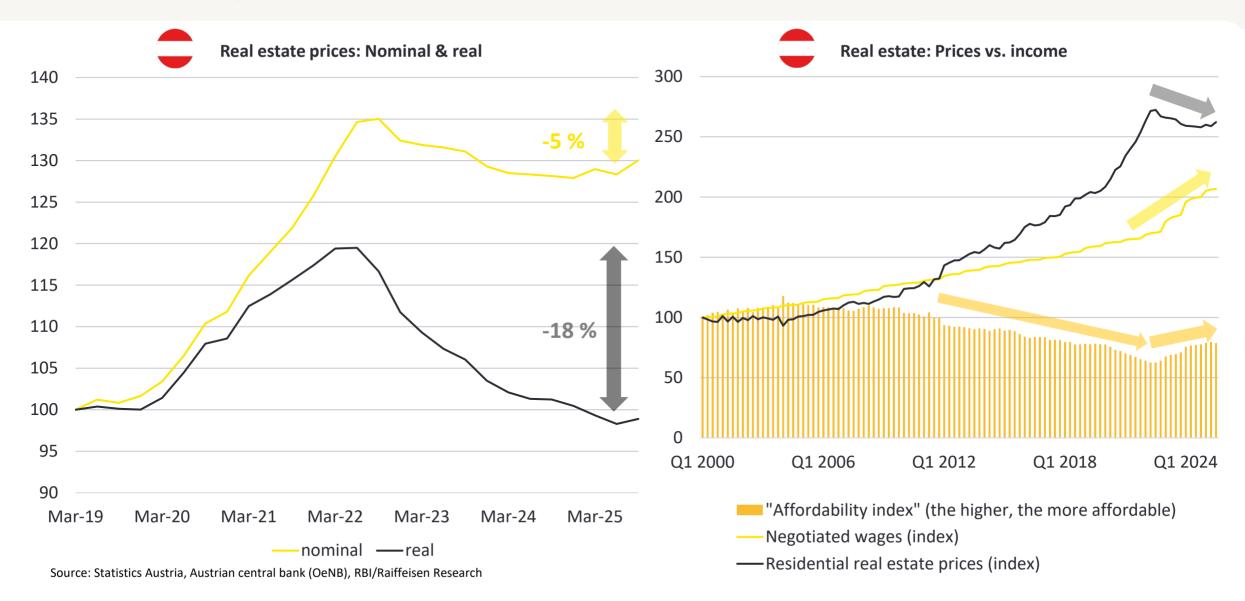
Austria: Record long cycle came to an end in mid-2022



Source: OECD, Austrian central bank (OeNB), RBI/Raiffeisen Research

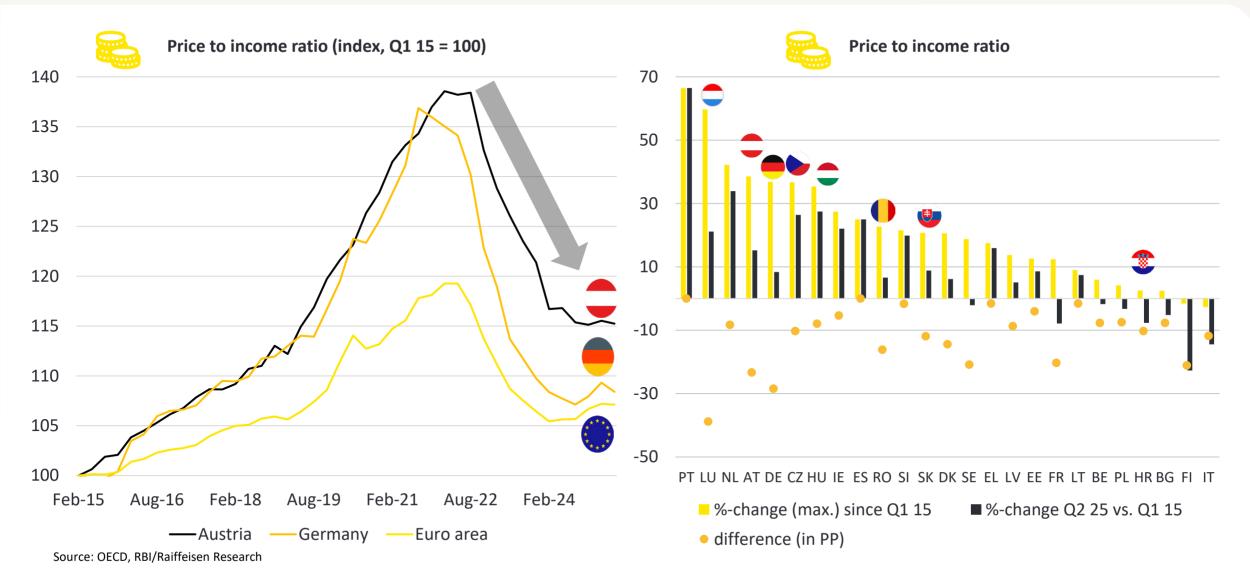


Austria: "Silent" price correction – with a little help from inflation



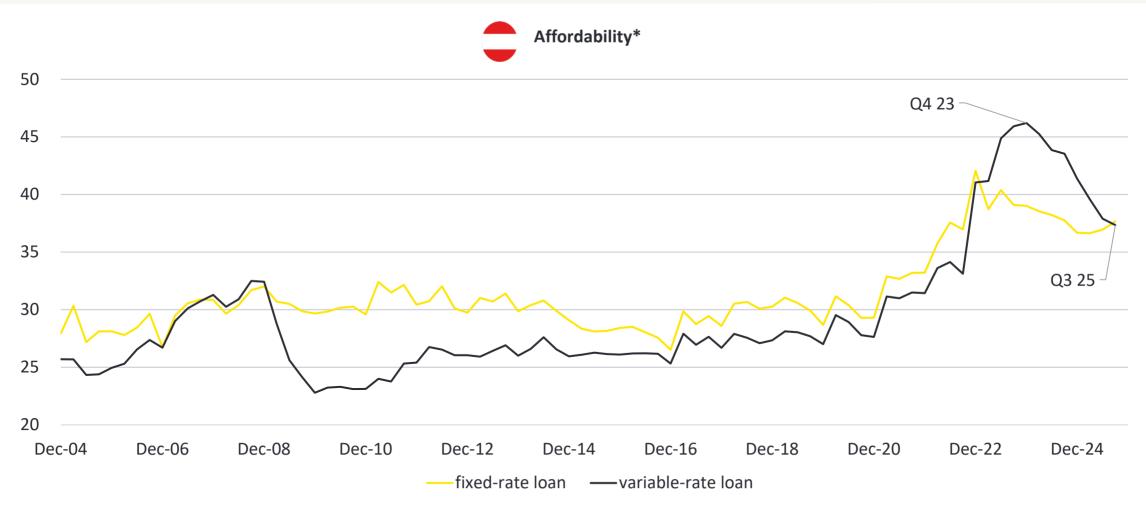


Europe: Affordability (price/income) back to pre-pandemic levels





Austria: "Affordability" of mortgage financed house purchases back at acceptable levels – but not as generous as in times of low interest rates!



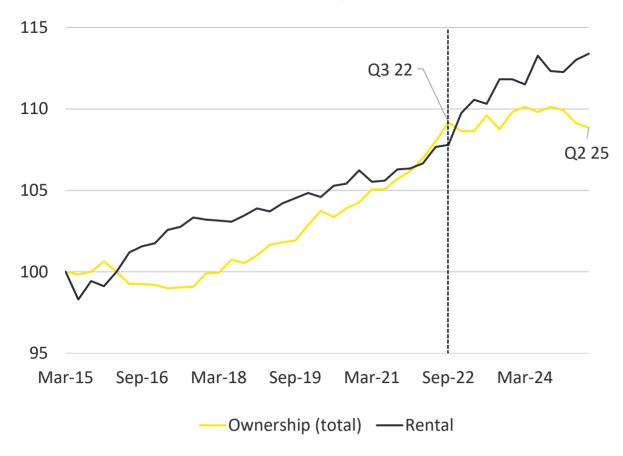
^{*} monthly loan payment for the purchase of an average-sized Austrian single-family home with fixed-rate/variable-rate mortgage financing (loan-to-value ratio 90%, 30-year term) as a percentage of net household income (median)

Source: Austrian central bank (OeNB), Statistics Austria, RBI/Raiffeisen Research



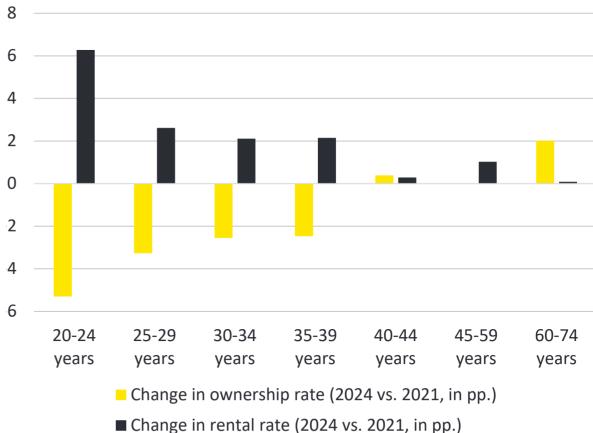
Austria: "Ownership dreams" are being dreamed in rental appartements

Interest rate shift & KIM-V - "winner: rental market"



Number of households (main residence registrations, index, Q1 2015 = 100) by legal status of the residential unit according to the microcensus Source: Statistics Austria, RBI/Raiffeisen Research

homeownership rate: declined more (sharply) among younger households

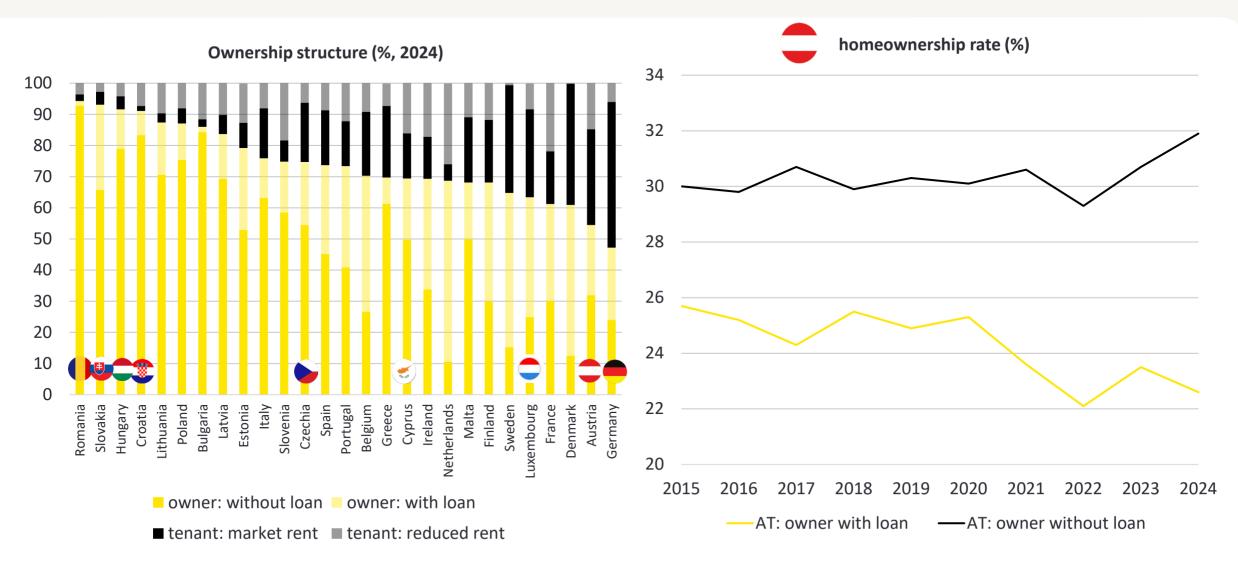


Private households (microcensus labor force survey), age of the household reference person, and legal statis of the residential unit

Source: Statistics Austria, RBI/Raiffeisen Research



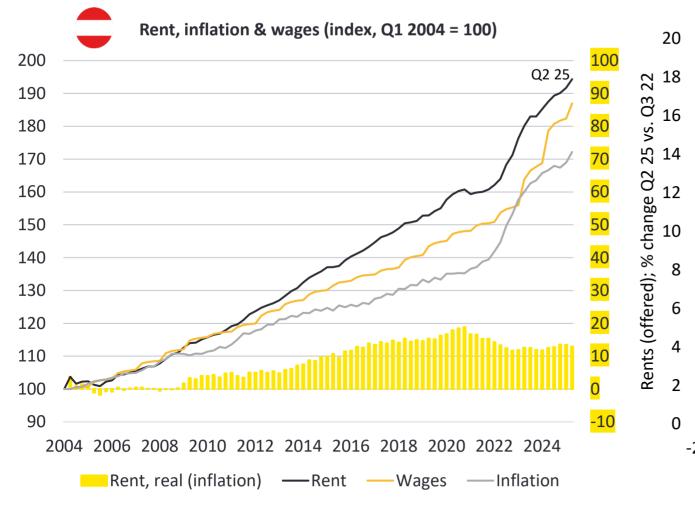
Homeownership rate: Large differences within Europe

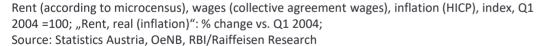


Source: Eurostat, RBI/Raiffeisen Research



Austria: Rents have risen significantly over the last 20 years... but so have inflation and wages







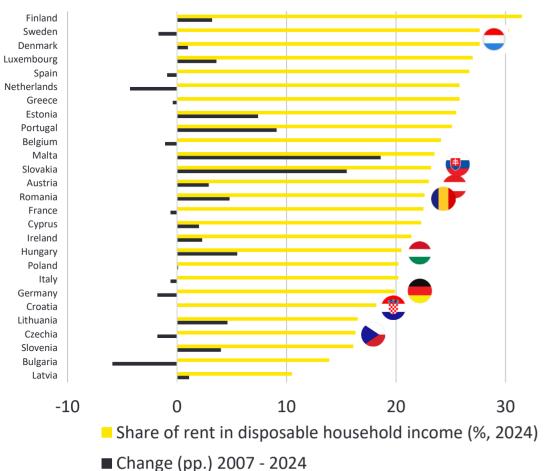
only those of the 116 districts with at least 5000 appartements, representing at least 60% of all residential units in the district, were taken into account;

Source: Statistics Austria, DataScience Service GmbH, RBI/Raiffeisen Research

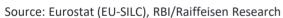


Rental cost burden: "Perceived" burden higher than actual burden?

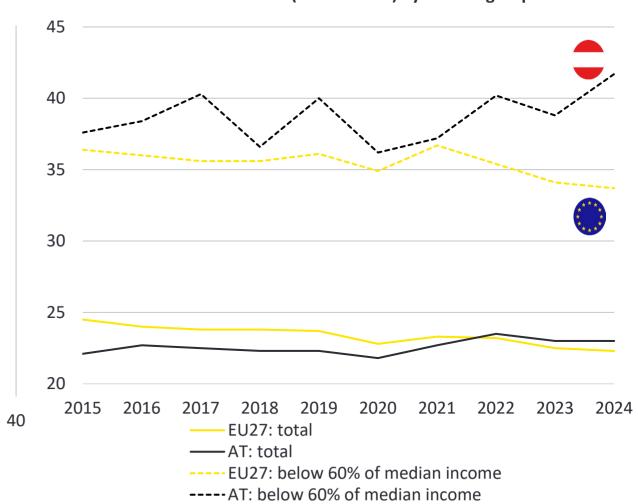




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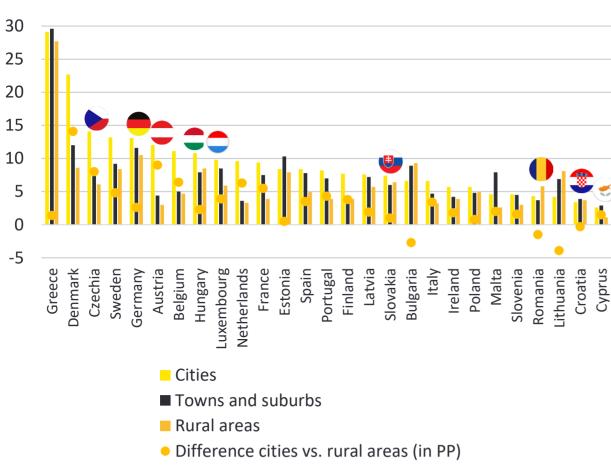
Rent cost burden (% of income) by income group





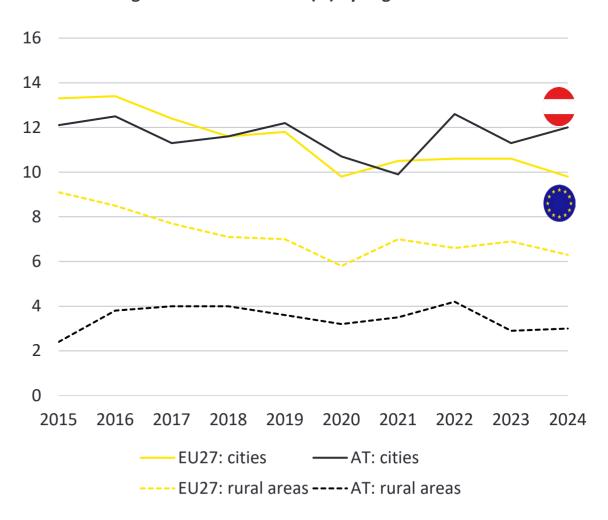
Housing cost burden: Living in a city comes at a (too high?) price

Housing cost overburden rate (%) by degree of urbanisation



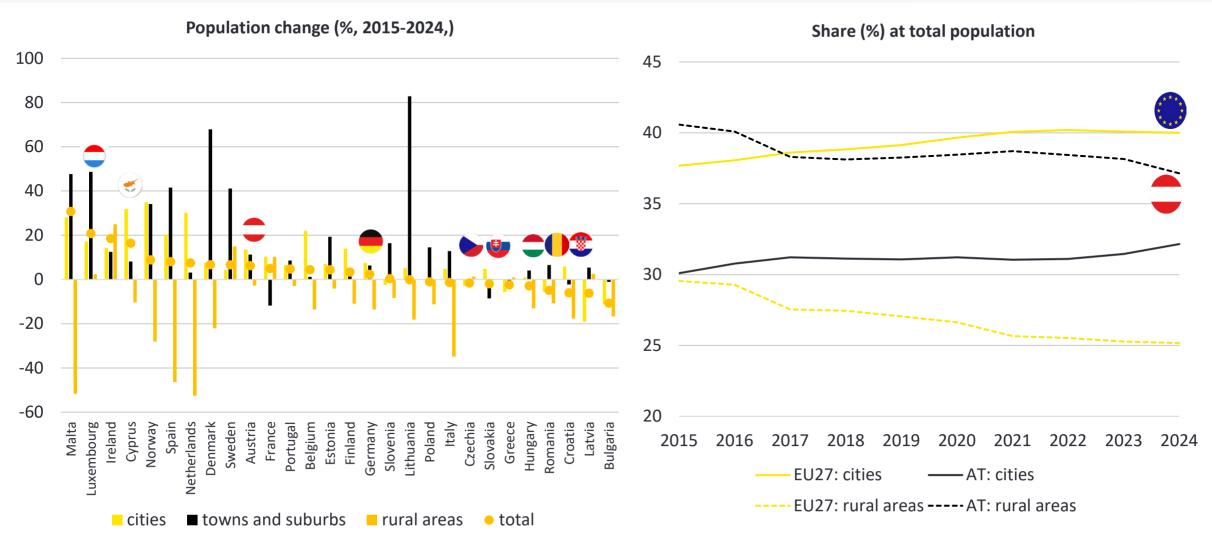
housing cost overburden rate: percentage of the population living in households where housing costs exceed 40% of their disposable income
Source: Eurostat (EU-SILC), RBI/Raiffeisen Research

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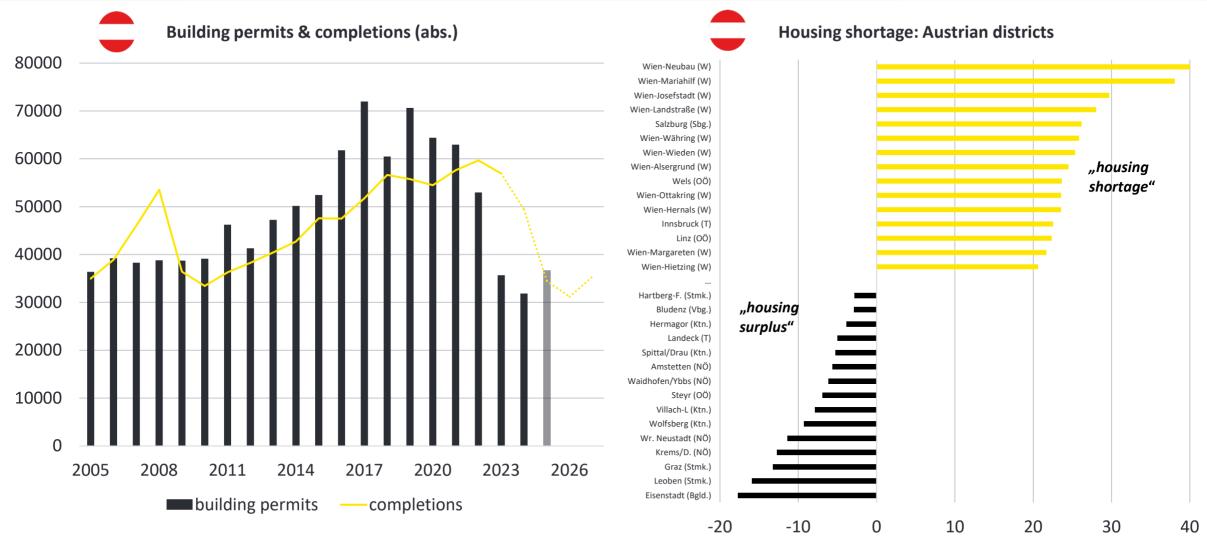
Demographics: Urbanisation trend puts housing affordability under pressure



Population >15 yrs; Source: Eurostat, RBI/Raiffeisen Research



Austria – the supply side: Years of substantially lower completions ahead. No nationwide shortage, but regional shortages will increase

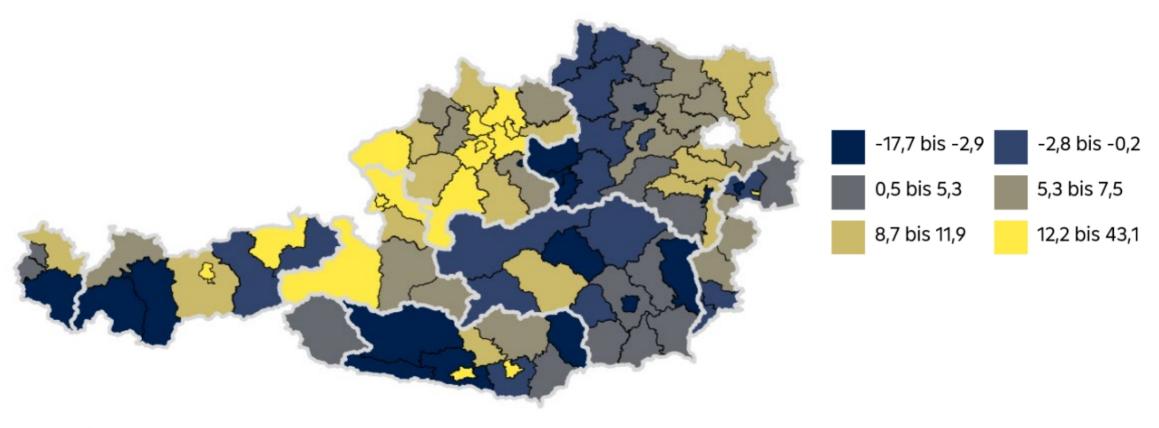


Source: Statistics Austria, Austrian central bank (OeNB), RBI/Raiffeisen Research



Housing shortage? Large disparity within Austria

Districts: Shortage (+) / surplus (-) residential units per 1,000 residents as of 2023 (the brighter/yellower, the more severe the shortage)



Missing (+) / surplus (-) housing units per 1,000 inhabitants; Calculation:

Change (abs.) in housing demand (2023 vs. 2011) minus change (abs.) in housing supply (2023 vs. 2011);

Housing supply: Change (abs.) in housing stock (building and housing census) 2023 vs. 2011;

Housing demand: Change (abs.) in households 2023 vs. 2011 plus annual renewal/replacement need of the total stock (Austria total: 0.24% per year, but differentiated by federal state) plus increase (abs.) in secondary residences 2023 vs. 2011;

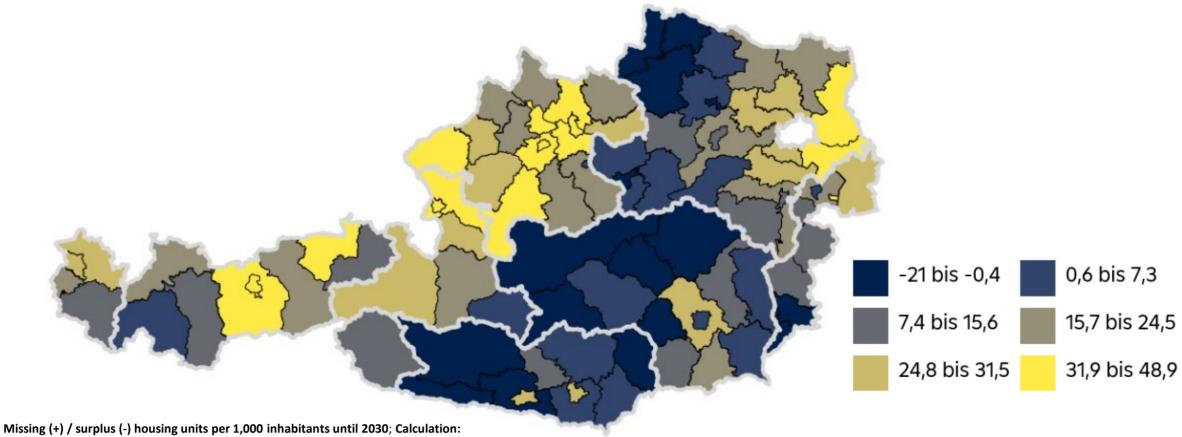
If increase in demand > increase in supply, then housing shortage; If increase in demand < increase in supply, then housing surplus; Assumption: Equilibrium in 2011;

Source: Statistics Austria, RBI/Raiffeisen Research



Forecast 2030: Where is the greatest need?

Districts: Shortage (+) / surplus (-) residential units per 1,000 residents until 2030 (the brighter/yellower, the more severe the shortage)



Change (abs.) in housing demand (2025-2030) plus missing/surplus housing units as of the end of 2023;

Housing demand: Increase in households until 2030 (Basis: ÖROK population forecast and current household size at district level) plus annual renewal/replacement need of the total stock (Austria total: 0.24% per year, but differentiated by federal state)

Source: Statistics Austria, ÖROK, RBI/Raiffeisen Research



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