



Education in Austria

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- landlocked country
- in Central Europe
- in the Eastern Alps
- Federation of nine federal states
- Capital: Vienna
- Neutrality

- Population: 9 159 993 (2024)
- National language: Austrian German

- Official regional languages: Hungarian, Slovene, Croatian
- Ethnic groups (2020): 75.6% Austrians, 24.4% other

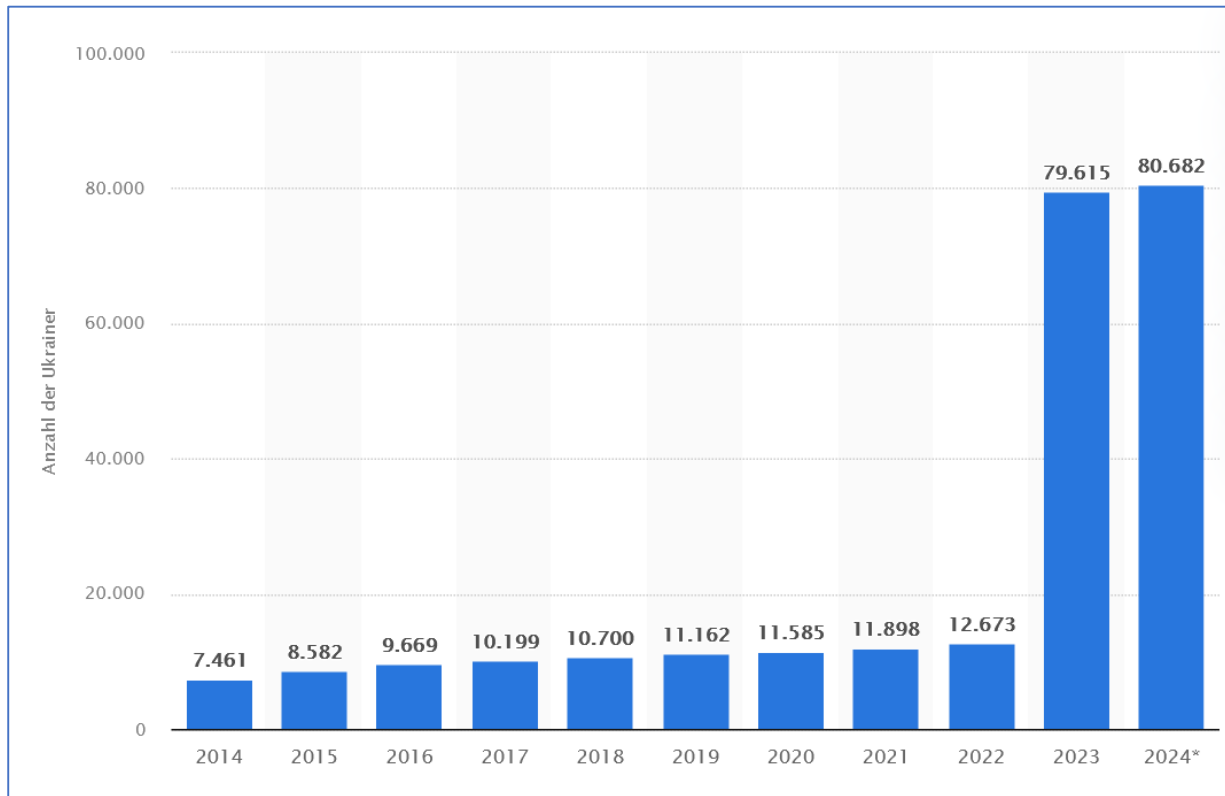
- Area (Total): 83,879 km²
- over 40% of Austria is covered by forests
- Less than one-fifth of Austria is arable
- Alpine geography (western Austria): area of permanent settlement of only 15%

Source: Wikipedia

<https://www.worlddata.info/country-comparison.php?country1=AUT&country2=UKR>



Number of Ukrainians in Austria



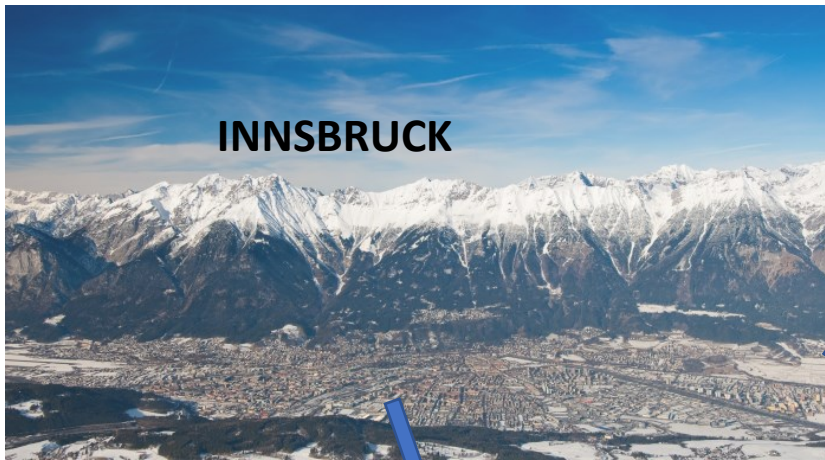
Source: Statista

72% of Austrian citizens support the reception of Ukrainian refugees.

Österreichisch-ungarische Monarchie und die Schweiz, Staatenkarte.



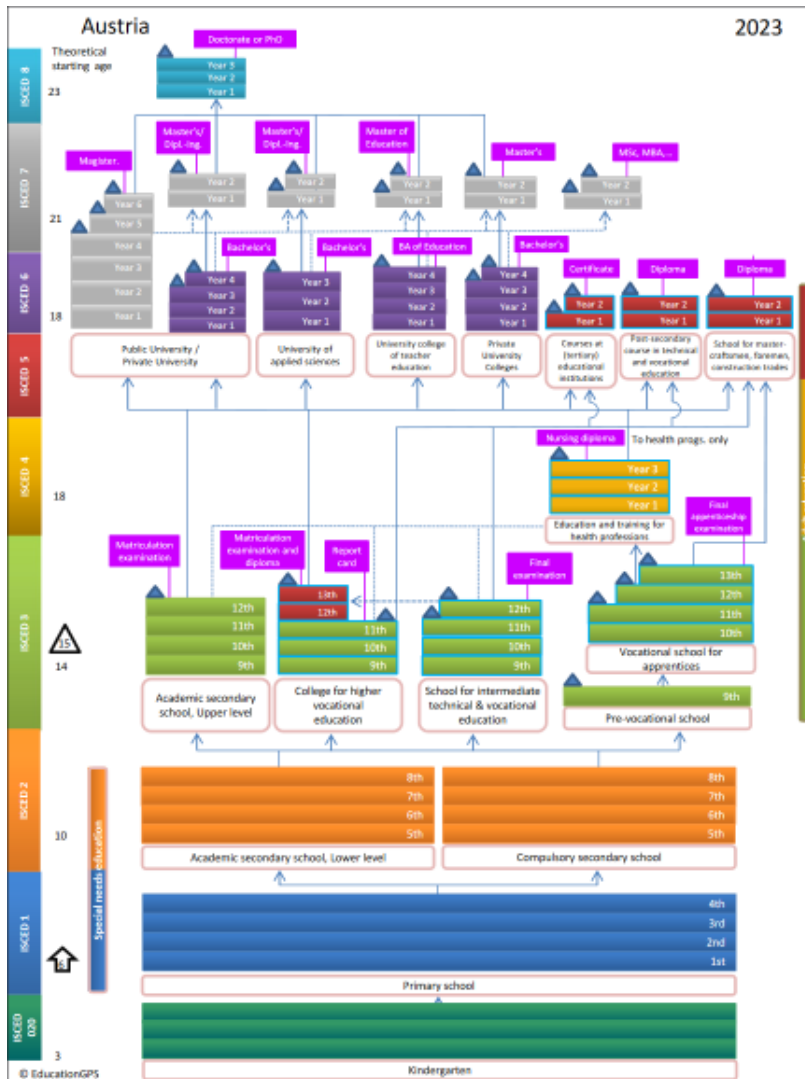
Ternopil (Тернопіль) + Galicia (Галичина) was part of the Austrian monarchy from 1772-1918



16 Faculties
83 Departments
Students: 27,583 (51% internationals)
Staff: 5,629
Academic: 3,982
Non-academic: 1,647

Brief History of the Austrian Education System

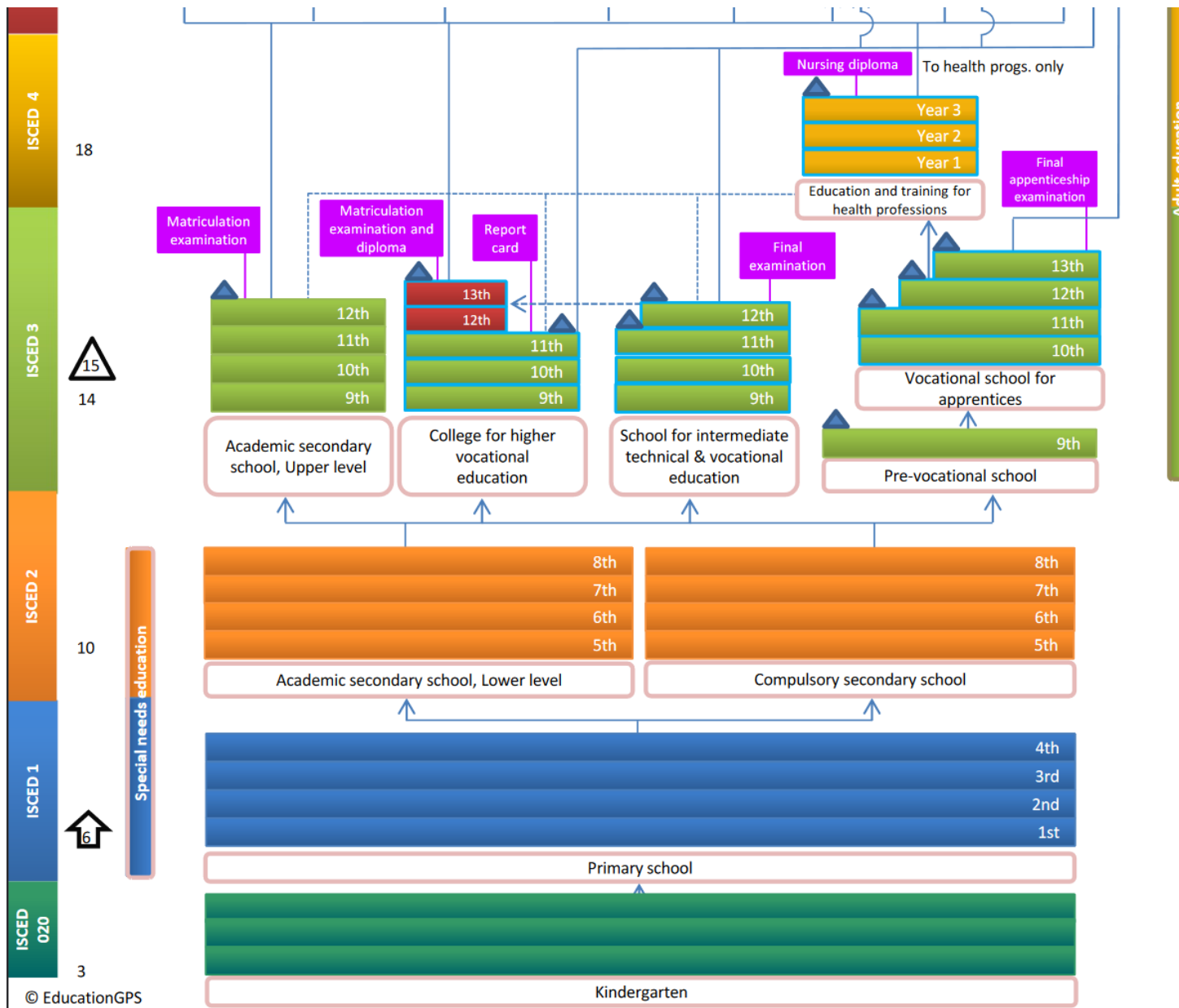
- Stiftsgymnasium Melk: Founded in the 12th century as a monastic school, it is also the oldest continuously operating school in present-day Austria.
- Before 1774, education in Austria was primarily a task of the Catholic Church
- 1774: Empress Maria Theresa (1740–1780) introduced mandatory primary education (all children of both sexes from the ages of six to twelve had to attend school).
- 1868: first secondary school for girls
- 1892: first gymnasium for girls was founded
- From 1872 girls were also allowed to graduate, yet remained excluded from universities.
- Women were admitted to the Philosophical Faculty in 1897, in 1900 to the Faculty of Medicine, in 1919 to the Faculty of Law
- Austrian education system after World War II: an attempt to transform higher education from a traditional entitlement of the upper social classes to more equal access for all social classes.
- After 2012: latest big reform



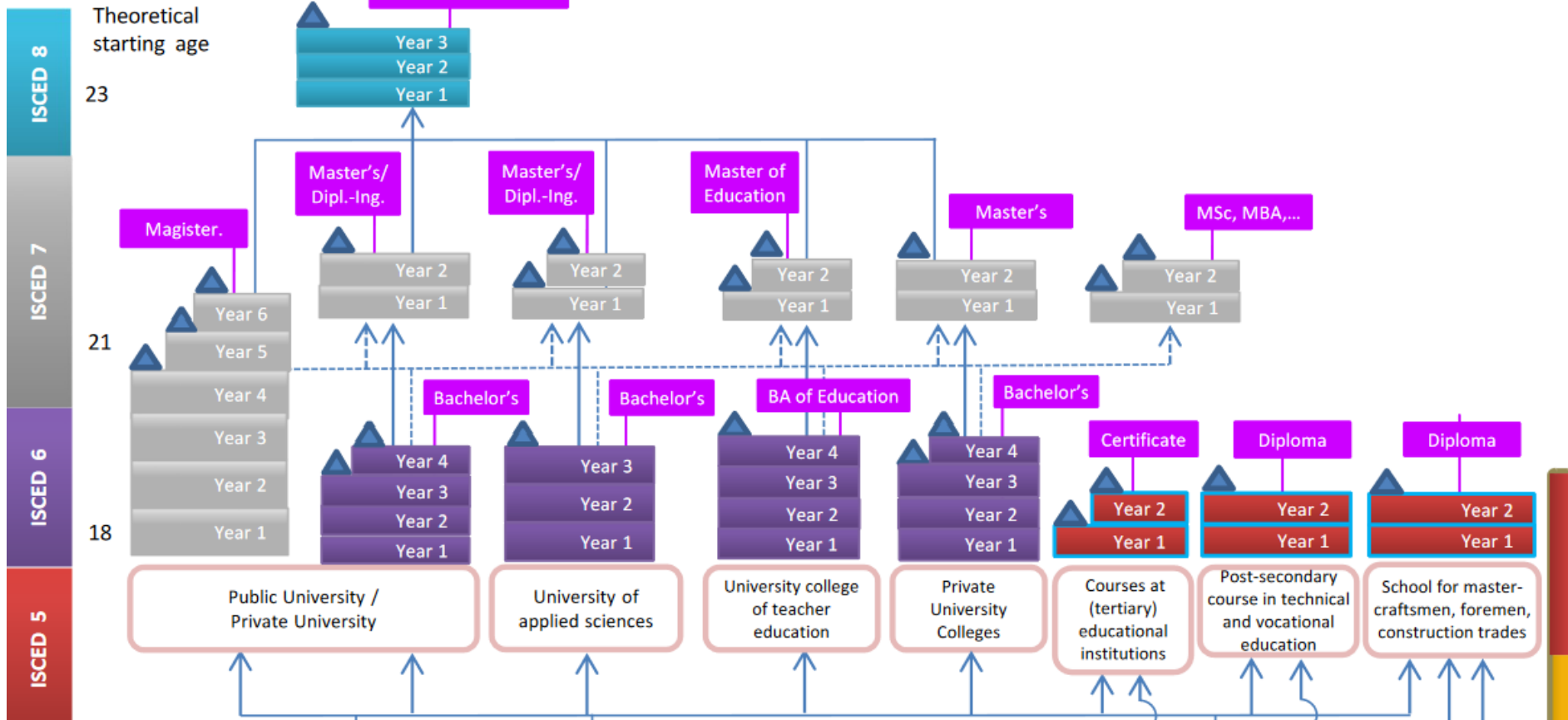
Austrian Education System

- It is mandatory for pupils in Austria to complete nine years of school.
- four years: elementary school
- four years: lower secondary education
- then: apprenticeship or higher education

https://gpseducation.oecd.org/Content/MapOfEducationSystem/AUT/AUT_2011_EN.pdf



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Teacher Education in Austria

„Higher Education“ (lower/upper secondary school)

- 2 subjects (including subject didactics) + pedagogy (educational science foundations) + school practice
- four-year bachelor program (240 ECTS)
- two-year master program (120 ECTS)

Primary School

- four-year bachelor program (240 ECTS)
- one-year master program (60 ECTS)

<https://www.bildungssystem.at/en/>