



Wind Energy in Austria

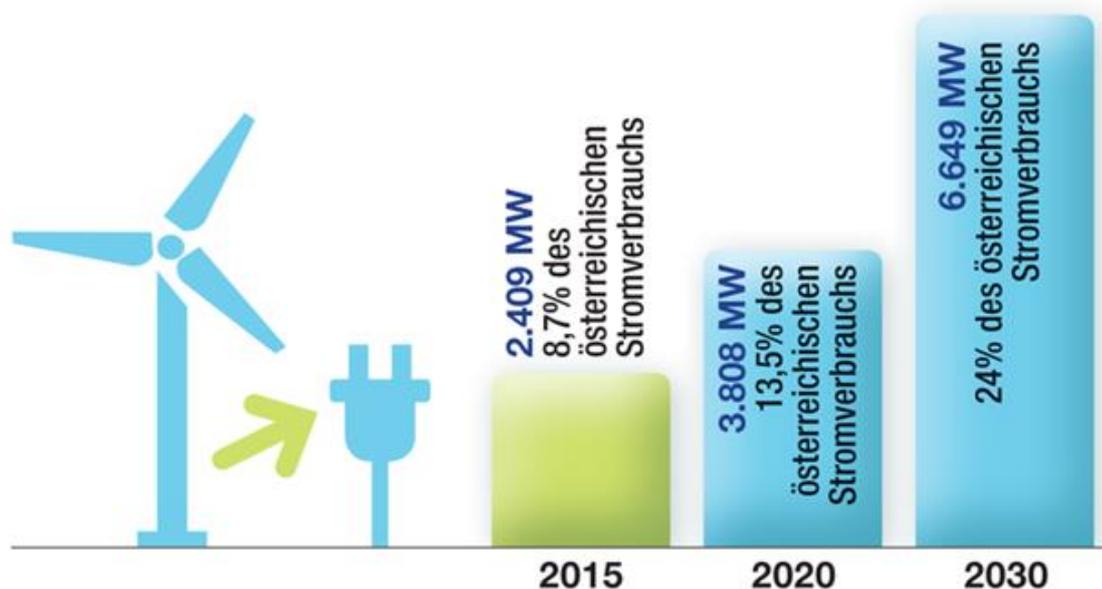
Population: 8.6 million (2015 est)
GDP: \$374.2 billion (2015 est)
GDP per capita: \$43,711 (2015 est)
Currency: Euro
Language: German



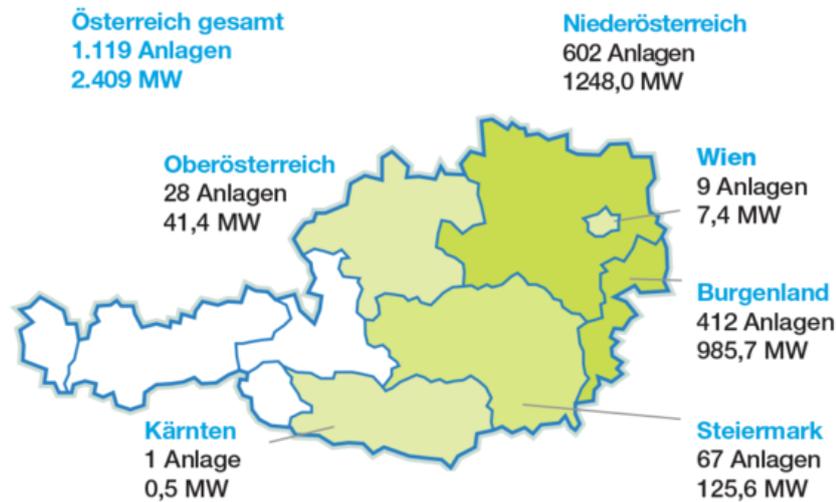
By the end of 2015, 1,119 wind power stations supplied 2,408.6 MW of power to over 1.5 million Austrian homes. That is the equivalent of 40% of all Austrian households. By the end of 2016, experts predict that around 70 additional wind power stations will add over 240 MW of capacity at a cost of around \$450 million.

Austria hopes to significantly increase the importance of wind energy in the domestic mix from 8.7% of total consumption in 2015 to 13.5% in 2020 and 24% by 2030. In order to reach those goals, it will be necessary to maintain favorable eco-electricity regulations (Ökostromgesetz), which govern feed-in tariffs and other investment factors.

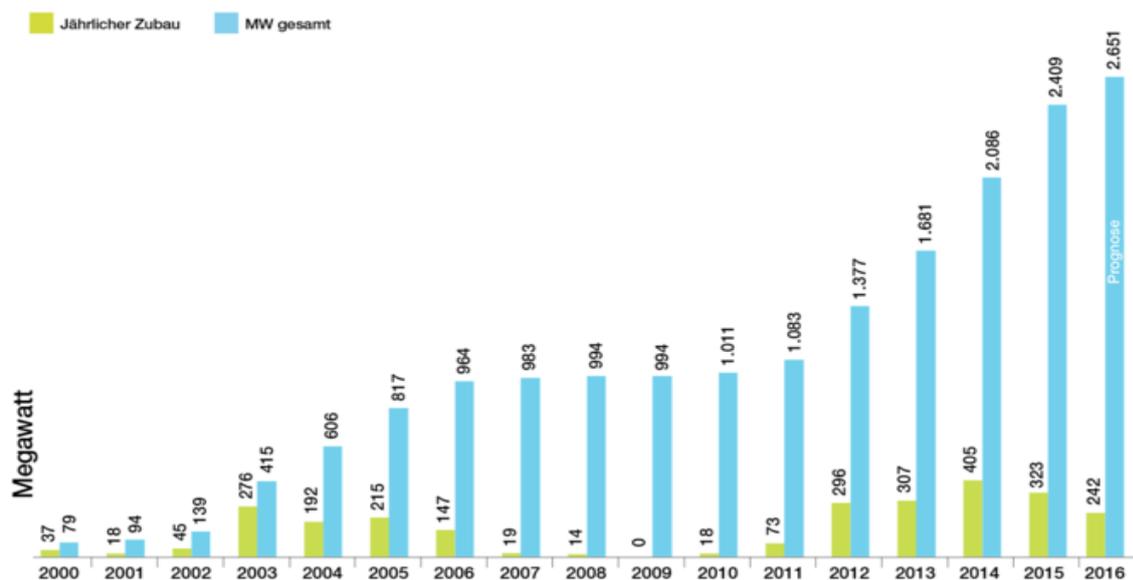
Planned expansion of wind power in Austria



Map of the distribution of wind power in Austria (2015)



Since Austria's ecological energy regulations were reformed in 2012, giving a higher priority to the development of wind power, there has been a notable increase in investment. Over the past four years alone, wind power capacity has doubled and total investment volume reached over \$2 billion.



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