

COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: AUSTRIA

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	2009	2014	2014/2015	2020
Name	RBs for Essential Household Expenses in Austria	Enhancements of the Austrian RBs according to the MIS Method	Participation in the pilot project “Developing a common methodology for reference budgets”	RB for children and teenager - Analysis of children’s costs
Year of first construction	2009	2014	2014/2015	2020
State of use	In use	not in use, just for research	In use for cross-national research	In use
Key moments	<p>31.12.2007 – 31.3.2010: First RBs in Austria for 5 household types (EU funded project – Standard/Reference Budgets – An instrument to prevent and fight over-indebtedness and financial inclusion - within the European Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS Mutual Learning on Social Inclusion And Social Protection (VP/2007/012)</p> <p>2011: yearly update + conceptual start of RB for budget advice</p>	<p>2013: Idea to develop Reference budgets according to the MIS Method;</p> <p>2013/2014: national project to develop reference budgets for three household types according to the established international methodology (MIS Method) and to compare them with the existing reference budgets</p>	<p>Exploration of the Improve methodology for several baskets for the Austrian reference budgets</p>	<p>2020 Extension of RB in Austria, separate calculation of children’s costs</p>

	<p>2012+2013 + 2014: yearly update: since 2012 RBs for seven household types</p> <p>2015: comprehensive revision of RB: update not only with regard to budget figures but also with regard to the basis of calculation. In addition to experience gathered in the context of the 2014/2015 EU Project the results from numerous focus group discussions with consumers were also used as input for the new RB.</p> <p>2016 + 2017+2018+2019: yearly update</p> <p>Comprehensive revision of the RBs in 2020.</p> <p>2021: yearly update</p>			
Geographical focus	- Entire country	- Entire country - but with the restriction of assumed life in a bigger city with good public transport	- capital region	- entire country
Data used	- scientific and expert knowledge - data from focus group discussions	- Focus group discussions - Data based on the RBs for Essential Household Expenses in Austria	- scientific knowledge and experts	- scientific knowledge and experts

	- fixed tariffs - primary data: own research			
Household types	7 household types: Single person Single parent with one child Single parent with two children Couple without children Couple with one child Couple with two children Couple with three children	3 household types: Single Person Single parent with one child Couple with one child	3 household types: Single person Single parent with two children Couple with two children	2 household types (separate calculation of costs for children related to all RB household types): 7 year old child 14 year old teenager
Institutions involved	ASB Schuldnerberatungen GmbH	Ilse Arlt Institute on Social Inclusion Research at the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences, ASB Schuldnerberatungen GmbH	ASB Schuldnerberatungen GmbH; Ilse Arlt Institute on Social Inclusion Research at the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences Leading partners: Applica, Brussels and University of Antwerp	ASB Schuldnerberatungen GmbH
Key publications	See below	Final project report – internal – not published	Baskets sent to University of Antwerp	Press release, published on asb website, asb Report “das budget, Nr. 85/86; Nov. 2020: Was Kinder brauchen.”
Updates	Yearly updates, primarily by adjustment for inflation based on the consumer price index, 5-yearly rebase	-	-	Yearly updates, primarily by adjustment for inflation based on the consumer price index, 5-yearly rebase
Last update	2021			2021

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List of all available publications about RBs in your country (A-Z; national & cross-national literature; references in any language):

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