

Business Environment

Gross Value Added

economic growth – annual percentage change; real
(stated at prices of the previous year)

Federal state	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
▪ Vienna	+1.3	+1.4	+2.9	+2.9	+2.6
▪ Lower Austria	+1.9	+2.6	+1.6	+4.7	+3.8
▪ Burgenland	+1.8	+1.8	+2.4	+4.1	+2.6
▪ Styria	+2.4	+3.3	+2.6	+4.4	+3.5
▪ Carinthia	+1.6	+2.7	+2.3	+4.6	+3.5
▪ Upper Austria	+1.6	+2.7	+3.7	+4.7	+4.8
▪ Salzburg	+0.9	+3.0	+1.8	+3.3	+3.4
▪ Tyrol	+1.8	+1.4	+3.6	+4.1	+3.5
▪ Vorarlberg	+0.0	+2.5	+3.6	+4.7	+4.2
▪ Austria	+1.5	+2.4	+2.3	+4.0	+3.5

Source: WIFO monthly report 7/2008

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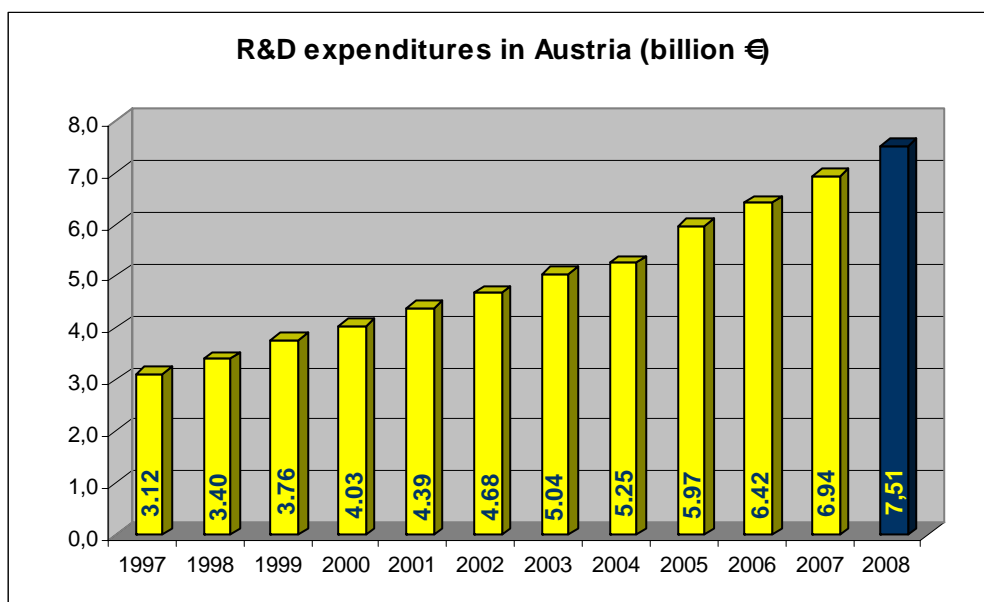
economic growth – annual percentage change; real

	2005	2006*	2007*	2008F	2009F
Gross domestic product					
Lower Austria (ECONOMICA /IHS)	+1.1	+4.3	+3.7	+2.5	+1.8
Austria (IHS)	+2.0	+3.3	+3.4	+2.1	+2.2
Austria (WIFO)	+2.0	+3.3	+3.4	+2.1	+1.7
Gross value added (incl. agriculture and forestry)					
Lower Austria (ECONOMICA /IHS)	+1.3	+4.8	+3.7	+2.5	+1.8
Austria (WIFO)	+2.3	+3.8	+3.4	+2.1	+1.8

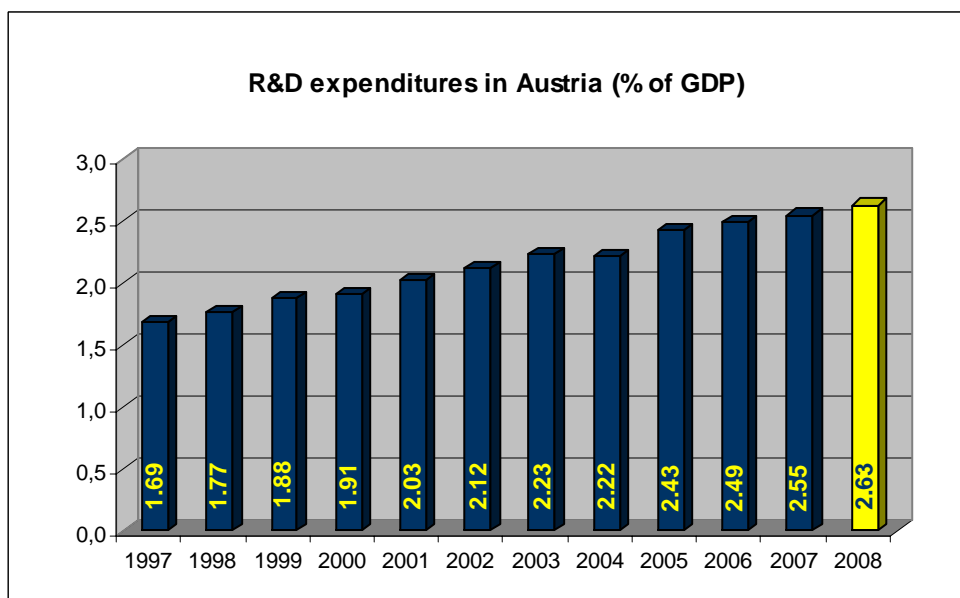
Source: Statistic Austria, ECONOMICA/IHS, WIFO; stated at prices of the previous year;

*preliminary valuations. F forecast

Research and Development



Source: Statistic Austria, 2008 WIFO forecast (March 2008)



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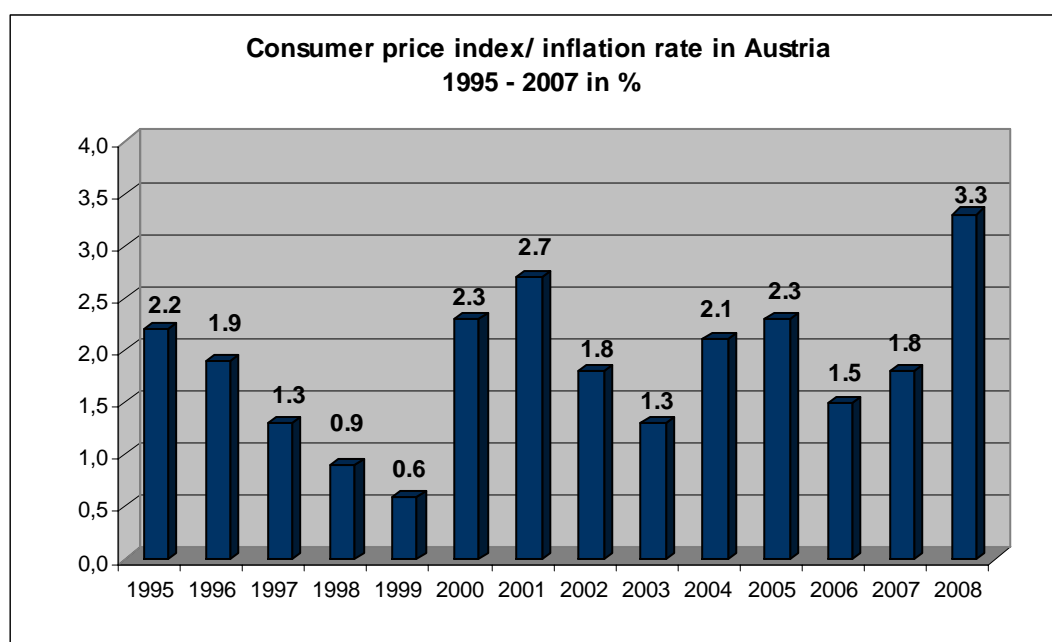
Start-Ups 1993 – 2007

Federal state	Start-ups		%		Intensity of start-ups*
	1993 - 2007	2007	1993 - 2007	2007	2007
Burgenland	11,868	1,109	3.4	3.6	9.33%
Carinthia	20,923	1,825	6.0	6.0	7.54%
Lower Austria	69,449	6,113	19.8	20.0	9.29%
Upper Austria	49,021	4,364	14.0	14.3	7.95%
Salzburg	23,924	1,957	6.8	6.4	6.95%
Styria	45,753	3,749	13.0	12.3	7.53%
Tyrol	27,311	2,408	7.8	7.9	7.07%
Vorarlberg	13,921	934	4.0	3.1	5.70%
Vienna	88,452	8,043	25.2	26.4	9.73%
Austria	350,621	30,501	100.0	100.0	8.29%

*start-ups compared to active members of The Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Source: WKO (final facts: publication expected in the middle of 2008)

Inflation Rate



Source: Statistic Austria, preliminary data (May 2008)

2005 consumer price index 2005. on basis 2005 = 100

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1995 consumer price index 1996. on basis 1996 = 100

Purchasing Power per inhabitant

Federal state	Inhabitants	purchasing power index (per inhabitants)	households	purchasing power index (per households)
Burgenland	279,317	94.5	110,000	101.8
Carinthia	560,300	94.5	234,000	96.1
Lower Austria	1,581,422	102.4	647,900	106.1
Upper Austria	1,402,050	98.5	567,900	103.2
Salzburg	528,351	104.0	219,000	106.5
Styria	1,202,087	94.5	491,200	98.2
Tirol (inkl. Eastern Tirol)	697,435	97.7	279,100	103.7
Vorarlberg	363,526	97.7	145,000	104.0
Vienna	1,651,437	106.0	816,100	91.1
Austria	8,265,925	100.0	3,510,200	100.0

Source: RegioData Research GmbH, 2007