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ISLAM IN AUSTRIA



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Short history of Islam in Austria

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **1912-First Islamic law**
- **1979-Second Islamic Law**
- **First Islamic Religious Community- IRCA**
(Die Islamische Glaubensgemeinschaft in Österreich -IGGIÖ)
- **Islamic center in Vienna**
- **1997 Islamic Religious Pedagogical Academy**
- **2000 Initiative of Muslim Austrians**



Demographic aspect

NUMBER OF MUSLIMS

2001	2010
338.998	515.914

~6,2% of the total population: highest proportion in the EU
49% Austrian citizenship
21,2% were born in Austria



Proportion of Islam in 2001 and 2009 by nationality

Staatsangehörigkeit	15.05.2001		01.01.2009		Veränderung 2001-2009	
	abs.	Anteil (%)	abs.	Anteil (%)	abs.	in % von 2001
Insgesamt	345.906	100,0%	515.914	100,0%	170.008	49,1%
Österreich	97.721	28,3%	252.845	49,0%	155.124	158,7%
Türkei	125.631	36,3%	109.290	21,2%	-16.341	-13,0%
Bosnien und Herzegowina	66.497	19,2%	52.059	10,1%	-14.438	-21,7%
Serbien, Montenegro, Kosovo	22.954	6,6%	34.331	6,7%	11.377	49,6%
Russische Föderation	87	0,0%	18.437	3,6%	18.350	21157,5%
Mazedonien, ehem.jug.Rep.	11.263	3,3%	13.954	2,7%	2.691	23,9%
Afghanistan	1.707	0,5%	4.205	0,8%	2.497	146,3%
Ägypten	3.756	1,1%	4.024	0,8%	268	7,1%
Iran	4.087	1,2%	3.873	0,8%	-214	-5,2%
Pakistan	1.591	0,5%	2.496	0,5%	905	56,9%
Tunesien	1.108	0,3%	1.405	0,3%	298	26,9%
Irak	907	0,3%	1.374	0,3%	468	51,6%
Bangladesch	1.084	0,3%	1.353	0,3%	268	24,7%
übrige Staaten	7.514	2,2%	16.268	3,2%	8.754	116,5%

Q: Statistik Austria, Volkszählung 2001, Statistik des Bevölkerungsstandes 2009.



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Islamic Religious Community- IRCA

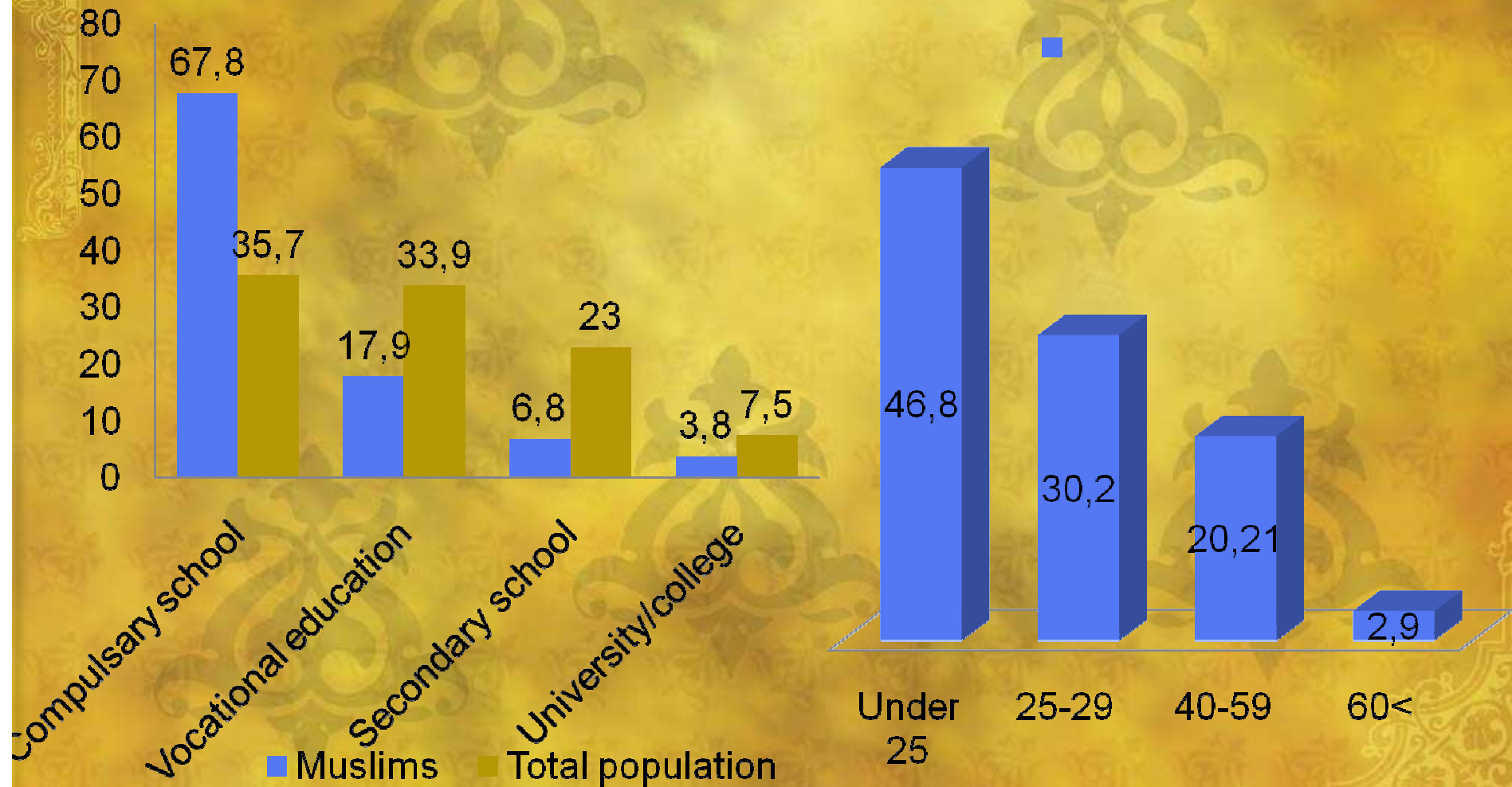
Die Islamische Glaubensgemeinschaft in Österreich –IGGIÖ

- Official legal representative organization of Muslims
- Organization of mosques and prayer rooms
- General administrative and service functions under Islamic rites
- Islamic Religious Pedagogical Academy
IRPA
- Islamic literature and newspapers
- Islamic cemeteries
- Residence permits for imams





Education and age of the second and third generation of Muslims





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Islamic Religious Education in Austria

- Religious education is a **compulsory subject** in all public schools
- 1979 -Islamic law
- Hanafite doctrine

- **40,000 Muslim pupils**
- **350 teachers**
- **2700 schools**

- **School year of 1982/ 83**
- **Austria was the first European country to introduce Islamic teaching in German language in Public schools!**
- The salaries are paid by the state
- Syllabuses are published by the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs



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The aims of Islamic religious education in public schools

- To provide a good understanding of Islam according to high pedagogical standards
- To encourage the formation of a personal identity based on shared values of the heterogeneous society
- To promote an inner-Islamic dialogue through teaching different Islamic traditions
- To contribute to the religious, ethnical and cultural diversity in Austria.
- To encourage participation of the young generation in society to establish a peaceful coexistence in mutual respect



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Islamic Religious Pedagogical Academy , IRPA Islamische Religionspädagogische Akademie

- Since 2003 IRPI, the Islamic Religious Pedagogical Institute
- Confessional private teaching institution under private law
- Located in Vienna
- Founded by the state
- Primary and secondary school levels

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Turkish imams in Austria

- **Official religious functionaries**
- The Turkish Directorate for Religious Affairs (DIYANET)
- Work for ATIB mosque associations
- Graduated from a faculty of theology
- Higher income
- Accurate job description
- **Private religious functionaries**
- Milli Görüş Österreich
- Islamic Centers' group-Avusturya Islam Kültür Merkezleri Birliği