

Budget 2010 at a Glance



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Indicators of Development of the Overall Public Budget

in % of the GDP

	2008	2009	2010
Austria			
Maastricht deficit	-0,4	-3,5	-4,7
Maastricht debt ratio	62,5	68,5	73,0
Tax ratio	43,0	42,1	41,2

2008: preliminary results

Federal Budget 2010

in million EUR

	Result 2008*)	Budget 2009	Budget 2010
Expenses	73.999	77.442	70.768
% change from previous year	--	4,7	-8,6
Revenues	64.435	63.884	57.592
% change from previous year	--	-0,9	-9,8
Federal deficit (administrative)	-9.564	-13.558	-13.176
in % of the GDP	-3,4	-4,8	-4,6
Maastricht deficit of the federal state	-1.633	-8.999	-11.563
in % of the GDP	-0,6	-3,2	-4,1

* preliminary results January 2009 (incl. the stabilisation package for the banking sector); based on the new budget law

Economic stimulus and relief measures 2010

Taking into account the objectives of the current legislative periods government programme, the Austrian Federal Government reacts to the actual business cycle developments via several budgetary policy measures.

In this regard, the key areas are:

- Stabilisation measures to mitigate crisis implications (Effects 2010: Stabilisation package for the banking sector: 500 mill. €, Economic stimulus programme 2008: 105 mill. €, Economic stimulus programme 2009: 448 mill. €).
- Increase in financial resources for active labour market policies to 1 bn. €; (additionally, 190 mill. € are provided for the short shift working scheme).
- Anti-inflation package 2008 (1.1 bn. €) including the introduction of a 13th-month family benefit (250 mill. €), an additional increase of pensions (53 mill. €), an increase of care benefits (135 mill. €) and a promotion of day-long care.
- Permanent relief of all personal income and wage tax payers (especially families) via the tax reform 2009 (Effect 2010: 2.9 bn. €).
- In 2010, health insurance funds are provided with a fund, which is endowed with 100 mill. €.
- Prolongation of the education offensive: Compared to 2009, there are further 55 mill. € provided for tuition.
- Against 2009, financial resources for universities are increased by 192 mill. €.
- Against 2009, quota-relevant F&E expenditures are increased by 214 mill. €.
- Public investment in rail and road infrastructure projects amount to 3.4 bn. €.
- The climate- and energy fund is endowed with 150 mill. €.

Federal Expenditure according to the Federal Expenditure Framework

in million EUR

Category	Total	fixed	variable
0,1 General Government Affairs, Court and Security	8.007	7.912	95
2 Employment, Social Services, Health and Family	33.010	18.807	14.203
3 Education, Research, Art & Culture	11.870	11.870	
4 Economic Affairs, Infrastructure and Environment	9.120	7.163	1.957
5 Financial Management and Interest	8.811	8.811	

Federal Income

in million EUR

	Budget 2010
Public taxes (net)	38.631
Parafiscal taxes	9.374
Other income	9.587
Total	57.592
Payroll tax	20.300
Self-assessed income tax	1.900
Corporate income tax	4.500
Value added tax	22.100
Other taxes	15.245
Total public taxes (gross)	64.045
deducted by transfers to the regional/local level and funds to the European Union	-23.014
Total transfers	-25.414
Remaining federal income (net)	38.631

Overall Economic Indicators

in %

	2008	2009	2010
GDP growth, real	1,8	-2,2	0,5
GDP growth, nominal	4,2	-0,7	1,3
Inflation rate	3,2	0,6	1,1
Unemployment rate (EU-definition)	3,8	5,0	5,8

Source: WIFO (Austrian Institute of Economic Research) Forecast March 2009