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1. BASIC INFORMATION

This country report provides an overview of the Austrian EUROMOD country and basic information on the Austrian tax-benefit system in 2020-2023. It describes the most important policies and policy changes. The report explains, how these policies are reflected in the model and where modelling limitations need to be considered.

The input data for the model are national data from the European Union Survey of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC), supplemented by some additional information from Eurostat.

1.1 Basic information about the tax-benefit system

- The tax-benefit system is largely a unified, national system. The main exceptions are social assistance, the family supplement and one-off compensation payments (e.g. housing and energy costs), which are regulated differently in each federal state.
- The fiscal year runs from 1st of January to 31st of December. Main changes in the tax-benefit system take place at the beginning of each year, but may come into force during the year, then mainly in July.
- The state pension age is 60 for women and 65 for men. However, the average effective retirement age is lower (in 2022: 59.7 years for women and 61.6 years for men).
- Compulsory education applies until the age of 15. The definition of dependent children is based on the eligibility criteria of the family allowance. Dependent children are children under 18 years of age, children below 24 years (in certain exceptional cases below 25 years) of age who are in full time education and who have an annual taxable income of no more than € 15,000 for the year they reach 20 years of age, and children with disabilities.
- A lone parent is a parent of a child that is entitled to child allowances for more than 6 months of the calendar year and who is not cohabiting with a partner (independent of whether the partner is the parent of the child) for more than 6 months of the calendar year.
- A single earner is a person who is married or in a cohabitating relationship and is entitled to child allowances for more than 6 months per year if the income of the spouse/partner does not exceed a certain annual income limit. If both spouses/partners fulfil the condition to be a single earner only one can claim the corresponding tax allowance.
- The income tax system is an individual system in which the spouses/partners are assessed independently of each other. However, the family tax credit (“Familienbonus”) can be shared between spouses/parents.
- The personal income tax is a progressive tax consisting of 7 tax brackets. The following income sources are exempted from the regular scheme:
 - Only 25% of pension payments received from a voluntary higher insurance are liable to income tax. Pensions from a premium-favoured pension provision, premium-favoured future provision and of the new severance pay system are exempted from tax.
 - Special payments (“Sonderzahlungen”) i.e., 13th and 14th employment income, pension and sickness benefit up to € 25,000 per year and severance payments are taxed at a reduced rate of 6%.
 - The capital gains tax rate is 25% for gains from cash deposits (e.g., interests from savings and current accounts and non-securitised other claims at credit

institutions) and 27.5% for all other incomes from capital assets (e.g., income from dividends from domestic corporations, foreign dividends distributed by a domestic bank, substance profits of domestic funds).

- A tax return is voluntary for most employees. It is done automatically if there are advantages for the taxpayer, for example through entitlement to negative tax. Persons who receive wages from at least two different employments, or who receive sickness benefits, or whose self-employed income exceeds € 730 per year must submit a tax return.
- Indexation does not follow a uniform scheme.
 - Until 2023 there were no statutory indexation rules for income tax. From 2023 onwards tax brackets are indexed by 2/3 of the inflation rate, with exception of the starting threshold of 1 million EUR for the highest tax bracket (compensation for bracket creep).
 - For social insurance contributions, there is a (discretionary) adaptation factor for the upper and the lower contribution limit.
 - Pensions are supposed to be indexed according to the CPI, but mostly a higher indexation takes place, especially for lower pensions. Social assistance benefits are partly linked to pension indexation. Care benefit is indexed according to the pension indexation factor since 2020. Family benefits are not indexed and only adjusted discretionarily from time to time, but from 2023 onwards according to the CPI.
 - Benefits still without indexation rules from 2023: unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance.
- Means-tested benefits assess entitlement according to benefit unit income. In general, the benefit unit is the nuclear family - a couple (cohabiting or married) or a single adult plus any dependent children. Benefits with a monthly income test are unemployment benefits (only against personal income), housing allowance, minimum pension top-up, social assistance, and family supplements of the Federal States. Benefits with a yearly income test are family allowance (incomes of the child, family income for multiple children supplement), education allowance and childcare benefit. Except for the multiple children supplement within the family allowance that is related to the taxable income of the previous year before, all means-tests consider current income.
- Minimum wage: There is no uniform minimum wage in Austria. Instead, 98% of employment relationships is subject to collective bargaining agreements. Minimum wages in all collective agreements amount to at least € 1,500 (paid 14 times a year).

1.2 Social Benefits¹

In Austria, there is a wide range of social benefits to support people in different life situations. For **children and families**, the most important benefits are family allowance, maternity benefit, maternity leave benefit, advance maintenance payments, education benefits and child bonuses of the Federal States. In times of **unemployment** insured persons receive unemployment benefit and unemployment assistance. **Pension** payments include old-age pensions, survivor's pension, and invalidity pension. **Social assistance** and **housing allowances** are granted to persons in particular need.

¹ Benefits not simulated. For simulated benefits see chapter 2. Policy descriptions are mainly based on Kammer für Arbeiter und Angestellte 2020-2023a.

Benefits simulated in EUROMOD are described in section 2. The following benefits are not simulated but included in the data:

1) Maternity benefit (*Wochengeld: bma*): The maternity benefit is a replacement income for female employees during the legal retention period before and after the birth of a child. At the beginning of the legal retention period the applying mother has to be compulsory insured in the health insurance. Basically, the maternity benefit is granted eight weeks before the birth till eight weeks after the birth. The amount depends on the amount of the prior net employment income or the benefit from the unemployment insurance or the receipt of childcare benefit. A potential income of the receiver of maternity benefit due to continued remuneration or employment leads to the suspension of the maternity benefit up to the amount of the achieved income. The maternity benefit is exempted from tax.

2) Maintenance payments by the state (*Staatlicher Unterhaltsvorschuss: ypt*): Maintenance payments by the state should secure the maintenance of children in case one parent does not fulfil his/her obligations. There is only entitlement for minor children (below 18 years of age) with Austrian or EU/EEA-citizenship or conventional refugees who usually stay in Austria. The maintenance payment by the state is paid starting with the applying month at most for 5 years and at most till reaching 18 years of age. Basically, it amounts to the legal claim to maintenance and is limited with the standard rate of pensions for single orphans above 24 years. There is no means-test. The maintenance payment by the state is exempted from tax.

3) Education benefit (*Studienbeihilfe: bed*): The study allowance should enable students from families with low incomes to complete their studies. Pre-condition to an entitlement is orderly studies. The proof of successful studies is necessary. Foreigners and stateless persons are equated with Austrian citizens under certain conditions. A basic criterion is social need whereat the decisive factors are income and family status. To a limited extent also the student him/herself may have further incomes. Basically, the study allowance is granted at most for the legally stipulated study duration plus an additional semester per studies section. The amount depends on the income situation of the parents, the size of the family, the family status, the place of residence and the incomes of the student. The study allowance is exempted from tax. **Single payment/ inflation adjustment federal level 2022 (*bedtu01_s*):** All individuals which received study allowance in November 2021, received a lump-sum payment of € 300,- in April 2022. All individuals which received study allowance in June 2022, received a lump-sum payment of € 300,- in September 2022. The lump-sums are excluded from means-tests for social assistance.

- ***EUROMOD modelling***

The lump-sum payments are given to those individuals who receive an education benefit (*bed > 0*) and who are students (*dag > 18*). It can be assumed that receivers of study allowance are long-term receivers and receive the benefit throughout the year. As also receivers of unemployment benefit/ assistance, sickness benefit, minimum pension top-up, and social assistance are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the inflation compensation is only granted once.

In September 2022 study allowances were increased by 8.5 till 12%. In September 2023 study allowances were indexed by 5.8% (*bedtu02_s*).

- **EUROMOD modelling**

We modelled an average increase of 3.42% ($8.5+12/2/3$) for the aggregated variable *bed* if *dag* > 18 (study allowance), as the increase is only relevant for the last 4 months of the year 2022. We modelled an average increase of 1.93% ($5.8/3$) for the aggregated variable *bed* (study and pupil allowance; see below), as the increase is only relevant for the last 4 months of the year 2023.

4) Pupil allowance (*Schülerbeihilfe und Heimbeihilfe: bed*): The pupil allowance represents a support for pupils from families with low incomes in case they prolong school attendance beyond the general compulsory education. The asylum allowance („Heimbeihilfe“) represents a support for pupils from families with low incomes in case they have for the purpose of attending school to live outside the place of residence of their parents. Entitled are Austrian citizens who attend a middle or higher school from the 9th level of education (asylum allowance) and from the 10th level of education (pupil allowance) on, in case they are in social need and can proof school success. Citizens from EU/EEA-states, conventional refugees and other persons under certain conditions are equated with Austrian citizens. Decisive for granting the allowances are income, family status and family size of the pupil, his/her parents and his/her marriage partner. The amount of the allowances depends on the income of the parents, of the marriage partner and of the pupil him/herself as well as on family size and family status of the pupil. The allowances are exempted from tax.

In September 2022 pupil allowances were increased by 12%. In September 2023 pupil allowances were indexed by 5.8% (*bedtu02_s*).

- **EUROMOD modelling**

We modelled an increase of 4% ($12/3$) if *dag* ≤ 18 (pupil allowance), as the increase is only relevant for the last 4 months of the year 2022. Modelling for 2023 see above.

5) Pension advancement (*Pensionsvorschuss: bunct, bunnc*): The pension advancement represents a financial security for persons who applied for a pension during receipt of unemployment benefit or assistance. There has to be a pension application which is likely to be accepted. The pre-conditions for unemployment benefit or assistance except willingness to work and capability to work must be fulfilled. The means-test refers to the means-test of the underlying unemployment benefit or assistance. The duration of receipt refers to the duration of receipt of the unemployment benefit or assistance. The amount of the pension advancement refers to the amount of the unemployment benefit or assistance with certain ceilings. In case of underlying pre-conditions there is entitlement to family supplements. The pension advancement is exempted from tax (however, see „progression adjustment“).

6) Rehabilitation benefit (*Rehabilitationsgeld: bhl*): The rehabilitation benefit is granted together with measures of medical rehabilitation. It amounts to the level of the sickness benefit but amounts at least to the amount of the minimum pension top up for singles. Basically, it is granted without time limit. However, usually once a year a medical assessment takes place. In case a substantial improvement of the health status is observed the rehabilitation will be withdrawn. In case of an employment income beyond the limit for marginal employment the rehabilitation benefit is only granted in parts. The rehabilitation benefit belongs to the incomes from non-self-employed work and is liable to income tax. 6/7 of the rehabilitation benefit are

taxed under the regular tax rates, 1/7 belongs to special payments and is only taxed with the preferential rate of 6%.

7) Sickness benefit (*Krankengeld: bhl*): The sickness benefit represents a replacement income for the income loss due to incapacity to work for employees liable to health insurance contributions. The sickness benefit is suspended completely (to 50% of the 60%) in periods of entitlement to continuing remuneration of more than 50% (of 50%) of the income before the beginning of incapacity to work. There is no means-test. The sickness benefit is granted from the 4th day of incapacity to work. Basically, it is paid for max. 26 weeks. Basically, the amount of the sickness benefit depends on the prior period of contributions and on the duration of the incapacity to work. The sickness benefit belongs to the incomes from non-self-employed work and is liable to income tax. 6/7 of the sickness benefit are taxed under the regular tax rates, 1/7 belongs to special payments and is only taxed with the preferential rate of 6%.

Inflation adjustments federal level (*bhltu_s*): All recipients of sickness or rehabilitation benefit which received those benefits continuously for at least 30 days in February 2022, receive an inflation adjustment of € 150,- in April 2022. All recipients of sickness or rehabilitation benefit which received those benefits continuously for at least 30 days in June 2022, receive an inflation adjustment of € 300,- in September 2022. The lump-sum is exempted from income tax and excluded from means-tests for the social assistance.

- **EUROMOD modelling**

The first lump-sum payment is given to those individuals who receive sickness or rehabilitation benefit above the level for minor occupation to reflect that the benefit has to be received for at least 30 days (*bhl > 174.49#m*). The second lump-sum payment is given to those individuals who receive sickness or rehabilitation benefit above 5 times the level for minor occupation to reflect that the benefit has to be received for a longer period of time to receive both payments (*bhl > 873.40#m*). As also receivers of study allowance, unemployment benefit/ assistance, minimum pension top-up, and social assistance are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the inflation adjustments are only granted once.

8) Accident pension (*Vershrtenrente UV: bac00*): The accident pension represents a compensation for the occurred damage due to an impairment of the capacity to work following an occupational accident or disease. Basically, entitled are employees, self-employed, pupils and students, participants in training courses. An insured event (occupational accident or disease) must have occurred. In addition, the impairment of the capacity to work must amount to at least 20 % (pupils, students 50 %). There is no means-test. Basically, the accident pension is granted for the duration of the impairment of the capacity to work (at least by 20%). The amount depends on the degree of the impairment of the capacity to work and on the assessment base. The accident pension is paid 14 times per year. It is exempted from tax.

9) Accident survivor's pension (*Hinterbliebenenrenten UV: bac01*): The accident survivor's pension represents a transfer money of entitlements based on compensation for damages vis-à-vis the author of damage. The following persons are potentially entitled to accident survivor's pension: spouse, children, parents in need and non-provided siblings of accident insured persons. There is no means-test. The widow/er pension is granted up to the death of the widow/er or his/her re-marriage. The orphans' pension is granted till the child reaches 18 years of age, for children incapable to work for an unlimited period of time. At the latest the orphan's pension for students is withdrawn when they reach 27 years of age. The pension is paid 14 times a year. In the first instance the amount of the pension depends on the assessment base of the deceased insured person. The yearly widow/er pension amounts to 20 % of the assessment based of the deceased

person. The year orphans' pension amounts to 20 % of the assessment base of the deceased persons for a single orphaned child and to 30% for a double orphaned child. The survivors' pension from the accident insurance is exempted from tax and paid without any deductions.

10) Care benefit (*Pflegegeld: bdi*): The care benefit should cover care-related additional expenditures across-the-board. There is entitlement to the care benefit in case there is a need for care in the extent of more than 65 hours per month due to a disability for a minimum period of six months. There is no means-test. The amount of the care benefit depends on the extent on the need for care. There are seven care degrees. The care benefit is paid 12 times a year and is granted as long as the pre-conditions are fulfilled. The care benefit is exempted from tax and paid without any deductions.

11) Regular old age pension (*Normale Alterspension PV: poa00*): The old age pension represents a replacement income for the insurance case old age. There is entitlement to old age pension in case the minimum insurance time is fulfilled within a certain period of time. Old age pensioners must have reached the legal pension age (men 65, women 60). There is no means-test. The amount of the old-age pension depends on the assessment base and on the number of insurance months. In case the old-age pension and other family income fall short of the standard rates, the minimum pension top-up is granted. Furthermore, a child bonus is granted for each child who is maintained by the pensioner. The pension incl. potential supplements (minimum pension top-up, child bonus) are paid 14 times per year. The gross pension is reduced by the health insurance contribution and by income tax.

12) Early retirement pension (*Vorzeitige Alterspension bei langer Versicherungsdauer PV, „Hacklerregelung“ PV, „Korridorpension“ PV: poa00*): In case of an appropriate number of insurance months elder persons insured in the pension insurance are enabled to retire before reaching the legal pension age. A certain age and an appropriate duration of pension insurance has to be fulfilled. Depending on the concrete pension form and/or the year of retirement certain deductions for each month of early retirement before the legal pension age are applied (limited by in sum 15%). In case the early retirement pension and other family income fall short of the standard rates, the minimum pension top-up is granted. Furthermore, a child bonus is granted for each child who is maintained by the pensioner. The pension incl. potential supplements (minimum pension top-up, child bonus) are paid 14 times per year. The gross pension is reduced by the health insurance contribution and by income tax.

13) Invalidity pension (*Invaliditäts- oder Berufsunfähigkeitspension PV: poa00*): Persons insured in the pension insurance whose capability to work has decreased due to their health status in order that they are completely unable to work or at least cannot continue with their present job (depending on the distinct group of persons), should be provided against the economic outcomes of a limited working capability by being granted invalidity pension. A certain number of insurance months and invalidity or incapability to work is required. The necessary minimum number of insurance time depends on the age. Under certain conditions the qualifying period is achieved in any case. In case the pensioner has an employment income above minor employment, the invalidity pension is granted as partial pension. The invalidity pension is calculated following the principles of the old-age pension. In case the invalidity pension is taken up before reaching 60 years of age, each month up to 60 years is counted as (fictitious) insurance month. However, in this case the amount of pension is limited with 60% of the assessment base. In case the early retirement pension and other family income fall short of the standard rates, the minimum pension top-up is granted. Furthermore, a child bonus is granted for each child who is maintained by the pensioner. The pension incl. potential supplements (minimum pension top-up, child bonus) are paid 14 times per year.

14) Widow/ers' pension (*Hinterbliebenenpensionen PV : psu*): Widow/ers' pension should compensate the loss of maintenance which occurred by the death of the marriage or registered

partner. A minimum period of insurance of the deceased person has to be existed (at least five years, more in case of older persons). Under certain conditions the qualifying period is achieved in any case. A potential income consideration depends on the pension key date and the difference in the assessment bases between the deceased person and his/her widow/er. Widow/ers' pensions amount between 0% and 60 % of the pension, the deceased person has received or would have been entitled to. It is paid 14 times per year. Depending on the concrete circumstances the widow/ers' pension might be a timely unlimited or limited benefit. In case the widow/ers' pension and other family income fall short of the standard rates, the minimum pension top-up is granted. The gross pension is reduced by the health insurance contributions and by income tax.

15) Orphans' pension (*Waisenpension PV* : psu): With the orphan's pension a social coverage is granted to orphans, in case of the death of one or both parents the obligation to maintenance cannot be fulfilled anymore. There is entitlement to orphans' pension for conjugal and non-conjugal children, adopted children and stepchildren, provided that a minimum insurance period of the deceased parent exists. There is no means-test. Basically, children are entitled below 18 years of age. The orphan's pension is granted below 27 years of age in case of full-time education. In case of incapacity to work the orphan's pension can be granted for an unlimited period of time. The orphan's pension amounts to 24 % of the pension of the deceased person for single orphans and to 36% for double orphans. In case the orphan's and other net incomes fall short of the respective standard rate, the minimum pension top-up is granted. The pension (incl. a potential top-up) is paid 14 times per year. From the gross pension only income tax but not health insurance contribution is deducted.

16) Civil servants' pension (*Ruhegenuss PG*: poacs): Civil servants' pension is a replacement income for civil servants after dislocation into the retirement status due to old age or disability for service. A minimum service period of basically 15 years and reaching a certain age is required. In case of disability for service the minimum service period is basically reduced to 5 years. There is no means-test. The civil servants' pension depends on the duration of service period and the assessment base. In case of early retirement deductions are due. As a rule, for each child of the pensioner a child bonus is granted. In case the pension and other family income fall short of the standard rates, the minimum pension top-up for civil servants is granted. The pension (incl. potential supplements) is paid 14 times per year. The gross amount is reduced by pension insurance contribution (excl. pension top-up and child bonus), health insurance contribution and income tax.

17a) Housing allowance („*Wohnbeihilfe*“: bho): For the individual support of current monthly costs (rent, credit rates) a housing allowance, in the first instance offered by the Federal States, can be granted. Most Federal States offer a general housing allowance (not linked to a certain type of flat, e.g., subsidized newly built houses). In most cases the Austrian citizenship or the citizenship of an EU-country is required. Partly, non-EU-citizens can apply for housing allowance under certain conditions. The granting of housing benefits is means-tested. The benefit amount depends on family income, family size and the concrete regulations in each Federal State. Housing benefits are exempted from social insurance contributions and income tax.

17b) Energy cost flat-rate Vienna in 2022 (bhotu_s): All households receiving housing allowance in Vienna, receive a single payment of € 200,- (lone parents: € 300,-) in the second quarter of 2022. The lump-sum is excluded from means-tests for the social assistance.

- ***EUROMOD modelling***

The lump-sum payment in Vienna in 2022 is given to all households which receive housing allowance in Austria (bho >0). Although only foreseen for receivers in Vienna, also other Federal States provide this kind of compensation payments for poor people. Thus, we model the situation in Vienna for the whole country. As also receivers of unemployment benefit/ assistance, minimum

pension top-up, and social assistance (in Vienna) are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the energy cost flat-rate is only granted once.

18) The COVID-family hardship fund (Familienhärtefonds) for parents affected by short-time work, unemployment or shortfall of self-employed activity due to the crisis provides up to € 1,200 per month for a maximum of three months. The family income must not exceed certain limits. In case of families, who were already affected by unemployment before the crisis, the support (here from the family crisis fund/Familienkrisenfonds) is limited with in total € 100 per child. Applications were possible from 15 April 2020 till 30 June 2021, but only one-time.

- *Not strictly benefits*

In addition, there are components of income that are not strictly part of the benefit system. These include:

Continued remuneration in case of sickness (“Entgeltfortzahlung im Krankheitsfall”): The continued remuneration in case of sickness should allow for an adequate maintenance for the employee and his/her family in case he/she is unable to work due to sickness or accident. The employee is granted a continued remuneration in case of sickness, in case of work accidents and in case of cures and stays at health resorts. The duration depends on the duration of the employment contract. Basically, each employee is entitled to full continued remuneration up to six weeks. Furthermore he/she is entitled to another four weeks for half the remuneration. However, no variable for continued remuneration in case of sickness is included in EU-SILC. Potential amounts should be included in employment income (yem).

Severance pay (“Abfertigung”): According to the duration of the employment contract the (old) severance pay system provides a certain number of monthly salaries in case the employee is dismissed by the employer or in case the employee retires. For severance pay no social insurance contributions are due and they are taxed with the preferential tax rate of 6% only. Although there is an own variable for severance pay in the EU-SILC, at least parts of the severance pay, which cannot easily be filtered out, are also included in employment, unemployment or pension income variables. Thus, we did not include an own variable for severance pay in EUROMOD.

Insolvency deficiency compensation (“Insolvenz-Ausfallgeld”): Insolvency deficiency compensation is granted in case of opening insolvency proceedings, etc. It is paid for entitlement to current remuneration and entitlement referring to the termination of an employment contract (severance pay, etc.). However, for insolvency deficiency compensation no variable is included in EU-SILC. Potential amounts should be included in employment income (yem).

Company (ypp01) and private pensions (ypp02): Company pensions are additional benefits to the legal pension. They are voluntary benefits which the employer grants his employees. They are regulated via single working contracts, company or collective agreements. They can comprise of old-age, invalidity or survivor’s pensions. There are also special payments (13th, 14th pension) which are taxed with the preferential tax rate of 6%. No social insurance contributions are due. Since EU-SILC 2012 data, information on companies is no longer available but company pensions are partly included in poa00.

Private pensions are benefits from a voluntary private pension plan. There are no special payments (13th, 14th pension). No social insurance contributions are due.

Payments from pension funds (payments and pensions, which are based on contributions by the employer, are fully taxable; of payments and pensions, which are based on contributions by the

employee, only 25% are taxed. Pensions from a premium-favoured pension provision, premium-favoured future provision and of the new severance pay system are exempted from tax.

Military (Präsenz-) service and civil service (Zivildienst): In 2023, the compensation for persons in military service is increased by 38%, in civil service by 48% on average (both groups 43% on average).

1.3 Social contributions

Social insurance contributions finance pensions and other contributory benefits. Employees, self-employed persons and employers are obliged to pay statutory social security contributions from monthly gross income exceeding a certain threshold. For most contributions, there is an upper and a lower contribution limit. Also, there are different rates for different professional groups, such as civil servants, employees in the private sector, farmers, free-lancers (“freie DienstnehmerInnen”), self-employed and new self-employed.

1.4 Taxes

Personal income tax (“Einkommensteuer”): The personal income tax refers to the income of natural persons. Taxable income consists of the total amount of all earned incomes after compensation of losses, consideration of exceptional expenditures and legal deductions.

Capital gains tax (“Kapitalertragssteuer”): The capital gains tax of 25 % (capital incomes from deposits and non-certified other claims at credit institutions) or 27.5 % (all other capital incomes) is paid at the moment of transfer and therefore not considered for personal income taxes purposes.

Corporate income tax (“Körperschaftsteuer”): Income of legal entities is subject to corporate income tax. The tax rate is 24 (2020-2022: 25%).

Value added tax (“Umsatzsteuer”): The general tax rate is 20%. A reduced tax rate of 10 % or 13 % applies to certain goods and services and some goods or services are fully exempt from the value added tax. Entrepreneurs can reclaim tax charged by other firms from fiscal authorities (input tax deduction, “Vorsteuerabzug”).

2. SIMULATION OF TAXES, SOCIAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS IN EUROMOD

2.1 Scope of simulation

Not all the taxes and benefits introduced in the previous section are simulated in EUROMOD. Missing data on the contribution history or eligibility criteria do not allow for accurate modelling of some policies. This is the case for most benefits, such as pensions, maternity benefits, and sickness benefits. However, they are included in the input data and may still be chosen as components of output variables. Benefits that are simulated are either universal (most family benefits) or means-tested (family supplements, social assistance). Unemployment benefit and unemployment assistance are partially simulated using assumptions about contribution histories. Social insurance contributions as well as direct taxes (personal income tax and capital gains tax)

are simulated in the model. All required contribution bases (gross incomes) and personal characteristics are available in the data.

Table 2.1 and Table 2.2 give an overview of the most important benefits, social insurance contributions and taxes and indicate to what extent they are included in the modelled.

Table 2.1: Simulation of benefits in EUROMOD [2020-2023]

	Variable	Treatment in EUROMOD				Comments
		2020	2021	2022	2023	
Accident pension	bac00	I	I	I	I	No data on contribution history
Accident survivor' pension	bac01	I	I	I	I	No data on contribution history
Child care benefit	bcc00_s	S	S	S	S	
Child care benefit allowance	bcctu_s	S	S	S	S	
Family allowance	bch00_s	S	S	S	S	
Care benefit	bdi	I	I	I	I	Information on care degree only in the data
Education benefit	bed	I	I	I	I	No data on eligibility criteria
Family supplement (Vienna)	bfamt_s	S	S			Abolished by 31.12.2021
Sickness benefit	bhl	I	I	I	I	No data on contribution history
Housing benefits	bho	I	I	I	I	No information on eligibility conditions in the data
Maternity benefit	bma	I	I	I	I	No data on contribution history
Maternity benefit	bmact_s	S	S	S	S	Contribution history is assumed
Social assistance	bsa_s	S	S	S	S	The simulation only captures the rules that apply to Vienna, deviating rules in other Federal States are not included
Pension advancement	bunct, bunnc	I	I	I	I	No data on contribution history
Unemployment benefit	bunct_s	PS	PS	PS	PS	Contribution history is assumed
Unemployment assistance	bunnc_s	PS	PS	PS	PS	Contribution history is assumed
Unemployment benefit family supplement	bunmt_s	PS	PS	PS	PS	Contribution history is assumed
Old-age pension (including early retirement and invalidity pension)	poa00	I	I	I	I	No data on contribution history
Civil servants pension	poacs	I	I	I	I	No data on contribution history
Widow/er's and orphan's pension	psu	I	I	I	I	No data on contribution history
Child bonus pensioners PV	pch00_s	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	simulated, but already included in poa00
Child bonus for civil service pensioners PG	pchcs_s	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	simulated, but already included in poacs
Minimum pension top-up civil servants PG	pcstu_s	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	simulated, but already included in poacs; thus not in dispy
Minimum pension top-up PV	pmmtu_s	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	simulated, but already included in poa00; thus not in dispy
Maintenance payments state	ypt	I	I	I	I	No data on extent of eligibility
COVID: hardship fund for self-employed	bwkmcse_s	S*	S*	S*		
COVID: short-time work (wage compensation paid by state)	bwkmcee_s	S	S*	S*		

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COVID family-hardship fund	-	-	-		Very limited roll-out of benefit
Single payment/ inflation adjustment pensioners	ptu_s	-	-	S	
Health insurance bonus self-employed	bec03_s, bec04_s	-	-	S	
Single payment/ inflation adjustment/ energy cost flat-rate federal level/ Vienna vulnerable groups	bedtu01_s, bhltu_s, bhotu_s, buncttu_s, ptu01_s, bsatu_s	-	-	S	
Inflation compensation for families	bsatu_s				S
Housing cost compensation Vienna	bhotu02_s				S
Indexation study allowance, pupil allowance	bedtu02_s	-	-	S	S
Energy bonuses federal level (only 2022)/ Vienna	butmc01_s (only 2022), butmc02_s	-	-	S	S
Climate/ anti-inflation (only 2022) bonus	bclmc_s (only 2023); bec01_s (only 2022), bec02_s (only 2022)	-	-	S	S

Notes: “I”: *included* in the micro-data but not simulated; “PS” *partially simulated* as some of its relevant rules are not simulated; “S” *simulated* although some minor or very specific rules may not be simulated; “S*” *simulated* but not part of the baseline scenario

Table 2.2: Simulation of taxes and social insurance contributions in EUROMOD [2020-2023]

	Variable	Treatment in EUROMOD				Comments
		2020	2021	2022	2023	
Taxes						
Income tax (2022 incl. inflation tax credit employees)	tin_s	S	S	S	S	
Capital gains tax	tiniy_s	S	S	S	S	
Social insurance contributions employee						
Health insurance	tsceehl01_s, tsceehl02_s	S	S	S	S	
Old-age insurance	tsceepi01_s, tsceepi02_s	S	S	S	S	
Unemployment insurance	tsceeu01_s, tsceeu02_s	S	S	S	S	
Contribution housing fund	tsceeho_s	S	S	S	S	
Contribution union	tsceeo_s	S	S	S	S	
Social insurance contributions pensioners						
Health insurance	tscpehl01_s, tscpehl02_s	S	S	S	S	
Old-age insurance (civil servants)	tscpepi01_s, tscpepi02_s	S	S	S	S	
Social insurance contributions self-employed						
Health insurance	tscehl00_s, tscehlpf_s	S	S	S	S	
Old-age insurance	tscepi_s, tsceot_s	S	S	S	S	
Accident insurance	tsceac_s	S	S	S	S	
Social insurance contributions employer						
Health insurance	tscerhl_s	S	S	S	S	
Old-age insurance	tscerpi_s	S	S	S	S	
Accident insurance	tscerac_s	S	S	S	S	
Unemployment insurance	tscerui_s	S	S	S	S	
Contribution housing fund	tscerho_s	S	S	S	S	
Contribution family benefits fund	tscerfa_s	S	S	S	S	
Contribution insolvency fund	tscersf_s	S	S	S	S	

Notes: “S” policy is *simulated* although some minor or very specific rules may not be simulated.

2.2 Main policy changes

Table 2.3 summarizes the main policy changes in the Austrian tax-benefit system. Thresholds and benefit amounts that are adjusted annually (e.g. minimum and maximum contribution bases for social insurance contributions, indexations) are not included in the table below.

The policies introduced in 2022/23 to counteract the effect of inflation and the rise of energy prices are the following:

- Climate bonus (also 2023, but in different shape bclim_at) and anti-inflation bonus (bec_at)
- Energy and housing bonuses federal level and Federal States (butmc01_at, butmc02_at; the latter also in 2023)
- One off payments 2022 to vulnerable groups for inflation compensation (ptu01_at, bedtu_at, bhltu_at, bhotu_at, buncttu_at, bsa_at); in 2023 monthly net payments from July to December of € 60 per person 18+ in social assistance receiving households as well as children <18 in social assistance, unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance and minimum pension top-up receiving households as well as children <18 in lone parent/ single earner households with taxable income 2022 below € 23,300 (bsatu_at).
- One off payments, tax reliefs for employees, self-employed and pensioners in 2022, for pensioners also in 2023 (inflation tax credit within tintcox_s; bec03_at, bec04_at; bec05_at; ptu_at).
- One off payment to cover additional housing costs for social assistance, unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance, minimum pension and housing benefit recipients 2023 (parameters for Vienna modelled for Austria bhotu02_at)

Table 2.3: Main policy changes implemented in EUROMOD [2020-2023]

Policies	2019 → 2020	2020 → 2021	2021 → 2022	2022 → 2023
Benefits	COVID-related measures: short time work, hardship fund for self-employed, extra payments for unemployed, children, increase in unemployment assistance Increase personal income limit income dependent childcare benefit	COVID-related measures: short time work, hardship fund for self-employed, increase in unemployment assistance	COVID-related measures: short time work, hardship fund for self-employed Climate bonus, anti-inflation bonus, energy bonuses, one off payments, inflation compensations Increase personal income limit income	Indexation of (family) benefits From July till December € 60 for children <18 in vulnerable households, for persons 18+ in SA-households Climate bonus (in different form), energy and housing bonus Additional housing allowance

	Increase income limit child for family allowance		dependent childcare benefit	for vulnerable households
Social insurance contributions	<p>Self-employed: SIC health decreased from 7.65% to 6.8%; decrease in minimum contribution base for self-employed and professionals</p> <p>Employer: Contribution insolvency fund from 0.35% to 0.2%</p>	Decrease in minimum contribution base for farmers	<p>Employer: Contribution insolvency fund from 0.2% to 0.1%</p> <p>Self-employed: permanent plus one off decrease of health insurance contributions for lower earners</p> <p>decrease in minimum contribution base for self-employed and professionals</p>	<p>Employer: Accident from 1.2% to 1.1%; family fund from 3.9% to 3.7%</p> <p>Self-employed: permanent decrease of health insurance contributions for lower earners</p>
Direct taxes	<p>Decrease in tax rate of 2nd bracket from 25% to 20%</p> <p>Introduction of additional tax credit for commuting (Zuschuss zum Verkehrsabsetzbe-trag) and negative tax (SV-Bonus)</p> <p>Increase pensioner's tax credit</p> <p>Increase in negative tax for pensioners</p>	<p>Abolition of tax allowance for exceptional deductions (Sonderausgaben-pauschale)</p> <p>Increase pensioner's tax credit</p> <p>Increase negative tax for commuters (employees) and pensioners</p>	<p>From July: Decrease in tax rate of 3rd bracket from 35% to 30%</p> <p>Increase of family bonus (tax credit incl. negative tax)</p> <p>Introduction anti-inflation tax credit employees</p> <p>Increase tax allowance for profits</p>	<p>Compensation for bracket creep</p> <p>From July: Decrease in tax rate of 4th bracket from 42% to 40%</p>

2.3 Order of simulation and interdependencies

Table 2.4 shows the order in which the main elements of the Austrian system (2023) are simulated.

First, all social insurance contributions are simulated. These parameters must be deduced from gross incomes before personal income taxes can be simulated. Minimum pension top-up is subject to health insurance contributions. Thus, it has to be simulated before simulating health insurance contributions for pensioners.

Most of the simulated benefits are neither subject to social insurance contributions nor to personal income tax. Their position in the spine therefore does not depend on other elements. The family allowance (child benefit) is simulated after social insurance contributions because many other benefits and tax credits depend on its receipt.

Unemployment benefits and unemployment assistance are not taxable. However, they are taken into account when calculating income tax for other income sources (progression adjustment). To capture these interdependencies, temporary values for unemployment benefits and unemployment assistance are simulated.

The last elements of the spine are means-tested family and social assistance benefits. Since means-testing involves numerous income sources that have to be simulated beforehand, these benefits come last.

Table 2.4: EUROMOD Spine: order of simulation

Description	Policy
Set default values	setdefault_at
Uprating factors	uprate_at
Define general constants	ConstDef_at
Standard income concepts	IlsDef_at
UDB specific income concepts	IlsUDBDef_at
Austrian specific income concepts	IIDef_at
Defining random assignments	random_at
Labour market adjustments	Policy is switched off; TransLMA_at
Assessment units	tundef_at
Minimum wage	Policy is switched off; yem_at
Recode negative self-employment income to zero	neg_at
COVID: income compensation for self-employed (2020-2022)	ysecomp_at
SIC employer	tscer_at
SIC employee	tscee_at
SIC self employed	tscse_at
Family allowance (main child benefit)	Temporary calculation; bch00_at
Child bonus for pensioners	Policy is switched off; pch00_at
Child bonus for civil servant pensioners	Policy is switched off; pchsc_at
Unemployment benefit (2022 incl. inflation adjustment)	Temporary calculation; bunct_at; buncttu_s
Minimum Pension top-up	1 st run with bunnc_s=0; pmmtu_at
Minimum Pension top-up civil servants	1 st run with bunnc_s=0; pcstu_at
SIC pensioners	1 st run with bunnc_s=0; tscpe_at
Family allowance (main child benefit)	2 nd run with ils_sicpe>0; bch00_at
Anti-inflation bonus (2022), health insurance bonus self-employed (2022), Climate bonus (2022)	bec_at
Income tax (2022 incl. inflation tax credit employees)	1 st run with bunnc_s=0; tin_at
COVID: months and hours in compensation scheme for employed (2020-2022)	Policy is switched off; yempcomptime_at
COVID: Wage compensation scheme (short-time work) (2020-2022)	yemcomp_at
Unemployment assistance	Temporary calculation of bunnc_s; bunnc_at
Unemployment benefit (2022 incl. inflation adjustment)	Final calculation of bunct_s and bunmt_s (family supplements) which involved bunnc_s; bunct_at, buncttu_at
Unemployment assistance	Final calculation of bunnc_s; bunnc_at
Maternity benefit	Policy switched off in baseline; bma_at
Minimum Pension top-up	2 nd run with bunnc_s simulated; pmmtu_at
Minimum Pension top-up civil servants	2 nd run with bunnc_s simulated; pcstu_at
SIC pensioners	2 nd run with bunnc_s simulated; tscpe_at
Income tax	2 nd run with bunnc_s simulated; tin_at
Maternity benefit	Policy is switched off; 2 nd run with tscpe_s simulated; bma_at
Tax on investment income	tin_y_at
Child Care Benefit	bcc00_at
Child Care Benefit Allowance	bcctu_at
Family supplement (Vienna) (till 2021 only)	bfamt_at
Single payment (2022), indexation study allowance, pupil allowance (2022, 2023)	bedtu_at
Minimum Income Benefit (Vienna) (2022 incl. inflation adjustment)	bsa_at; bsatu_at (2022)

Single payments pensioners, receivers of minimum pension top-up (2022)	ptu_at
Single payments receivers sickness benefit (2022)	bhltu_at
Single payments receivers housing benefit (2022)	bhotu_at
Additional housing allowance for vulnerable groups (2023)	bhotu02_at
Climate bonus (2023)	bclim_at
Energy bonuses, federal (2022) and state level (2022, 2023))	butmc01_at, butmc02_at
Supplement children in UB, UA, SA and low-income single parent/ earner households, persons in SA households	bsatu_at
Standard output – individual level	output_std_at
Standard output – household level	Policy is switched off; output_st_hh_at

2.4 Policy extensions

The Austrian model includes two publicly available ‘extensions’ (previously called ‘switches’), that enable users to switch certain simulations on or off. They are indicated by little coloured symbols in the row-number column of the spine. Switchable policies can be turned ON or OFF through the run dialog box without changing the model itself. In the baseline a switchable policy is set to its default (ON or OFF) as specified in this documentation. The following global extensions are applicable for the case of Austria:

Parental leave benefits (PARBEN): The simulation of the maternity benefit is switched off in the baseline, as there are inaccuracies in the simulation of eligibility and benefit amount due to missing information in the input data. The extension is available from 2015 onwards.

Minimum wage (MWA): With this extension, the minimum wage policy (yem_at) can be switched on and off. In the baseline simulation, this extension is off. It can be used to analyse reforms related to the minimum wage (Mindestlohn).

2.5 Benefits

2.5.1 Unemployment benefit (Arbeitslosengeld: `bunct_at` – `bunct_s`)

Table 2.5: Characteristics of the unemployment benefit

		2020	2021	2022	2023
Eligibility	Contribution period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52 weeks (12 months) of employment liable to unemployment insurance in the last 24 months • 28 weeks (6.5 months) in the last 12 months if person has already received unemployment benefit/parental leave benefit in the past • 26 weeks (6 months) in the last 12 months if below the age of 25 			
	Other conditions	No old-age pension, invalidity pension or pension for civil servants. Gross employment income (14 times) below:			
		460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
	Eligibility of self-employed	Only if voluntarily insured			
Payment	Contribution base	Daily net income: annual income divided by 12 (includes special payments) - SIC for single white-collar employee - income tax This net amount is multiplied by 12 and divided by 365.			
	Basic amount	55% of the daily net income			
	Additional amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complement (top-up in case 55% of the daily net income is below the floor) • Family supplement (see section 2.5.3) 			
	Floor (daily)	32.22	33.35	34.35	37.01
	Ceiling (daily)	57.58	59.48	60.32	64.99
		Sum of basic amount and supplement must not exceed 60% of the daily net income Sum of basic amount, supplement and family supplement must not exceed 80% of the daily net income			
Duration	Standard (in months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 weeks (4.6 months) 			
	Special cases (in month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 weeks (7 months) if worked 156 weeks (3 years) • 39 weeks (9 months) if worked 312 weeks (6 years) during last 10 years and aged 40 or older • 52 weeks (12 months) if worked 468 weeks (9 years) during the last 15 years and aged 50 or older • 78 weeks (18 months) after completing occupational measures of rehabilitation • 156 weeks (36 months) if participating in re-training measures 			
Subject to	Taxes	No (but see progression adjustment)			
	SIC	No			

- *Definitions*

The unemployment benefit is intended to compensate for the income loss of employees (and self-employed) during periods of unemployment.

- ***Entitlement conditions***

The unemployed person has to be capable to work, willing to work and unemployed. It is an insurance benefit. The required contribution periods are summarized in Table 2.5. Unemployment benefit is not granted if a person receives or is entitled to an old age pension (incl. civil servants) or invalidity pension.

- ***Income test***

In addition to the unemployment benefit, the unemployed person may earn additional income of up to gross (14 times) € 500.91 in 2023. If the income exceeds this limit the unemployment benefit is suspended.

- ***Benefit amount and duration***

The amount of the unemployment benefit is composed of the basic amount, potential family supplements and a potential additional supplement. The basic amount depends on prior employment income. If an application for the unemployment benefit is made in the first half of a calendar year, the annual contribution base of the penultimate calendar year is considered. If an application is made in the second half of a calendar year, the annual contribution base of the previous calendar year is taken is considered. Since 1.7.2020 the day of the application is decisive. Basically, the income in the last 12 months is not taken into account. The income before these 12 months is taken into account, again an observation period of 12 months. In case, in these observation period 12 monthly contribution bases are not available, 6 monthly contribution bases suffice. Are 6 monthly contribution bases not available, also monthly contribution bases within the 12 months before the application are taken into account.

The daily basic amount is 55% of the daily net income. For the calculation of the daily net income, the respective annual contribution base is divided by 12, reduced by the social insurance contributions for a single white-collar employee and the relevant income tax under consideration of tax allowances and then multiplied by 12 and divided by 365. The maximum daily unemployment benefit (basic amount) of recent years is summarised in table 2.5.

The family supplement (bunmt_s) is modelled within the unemployment assistance (bunnc_at) policy and described in section 2.5.3.

The additional supplement is granted to ensure, that the daily rate of unemployment benefit does not fall below the minimum rate as indicated in tale 2.5. However,

- the sum of the basic amount and additional supplement must not exceed 60% of the daily net income, and
- the sum of the basic amount, the family supplement and the additional must not exceed 80% of the daily net income.

The maximum duration of unemployment benefit receipt depends on the duration of employment subject to unemployment insurance before applying for the unemployment benefit and on the age of the unemployed person. The conditions are summarised in table 2.5.

If the unemployed person participates in occupational re-training measures within the framework of an occupational foundation, the duration of receipt is extended to up to 156 weeks. If an unemployed person participated in a labour market measure of the Public Employment Service Austria (AMS), the duration of receipt is extended by the duration of the measure.

COVID-related unemployment benefit top-up (buncttu_s) 2020/21: all individuals receiving unemployment benefit or unemployment assistance for at least two months between May and August 2020 receive a lump-sum payment of €450 in September 2020. All individuals receiving unemployment benefits or unemployment assistance for at least 45, 30 or 15 days between September and November 2020 receive a lump-sum of €450, €300 or € 150 respectively in December 2020 or January 2021.

Single payment/ inflation adjustments/ energy cost flat-rate federal level plus Vienna (buncttu_s) in 2022:

All persons which received a benefit from unemployment insurance (unemployment benefit and unemployment assistance) for at least 30 days in November till December 2021, received a single payment of € 150,- in January 2022. All persons which received a benefit from unemployment insurance for at least 30 days in January till February 2022, received an inflation adjustment of € 150,- in March 2022. All persons which received a benefit from unemployment insurance for at least 31 days in May till June 2022, received a single payment of € 300,- in September 2022. The lump-sums are excluded from means-tests for social assistance.

In addition, all persons who receive unemployment benefit/ assistance in Vienna, receive a lump-sum payment of € 200 (single parents: 300) in the second quarter of 2022 (energy cost flat-rate). The lump-sum is excluded from means-tests for the social assistance. [For 2023 see Housing cost compensation Vienna in 2023.]

- ***Treatment***

The unemployment benefit is exempted from SIC and tax (but it is taken into account in the „progression adjustment”). It is paid without any deductions.

- ***EUROMOD modelling***

The information in the data does not suffice to simulate eligibility for the unemployment benefit. Therefore, all persons who receive unemployment benefits in the data are considered eligible.

If the unemployment benefit (basic amount + family supplement + additional supplement) exceeds the limit of 80% of the net income, the unemployment benefit is cut accordingly, while the family supplement remains unchanged.

For the COVID top-up in 2020 and 2021, we cannot consider the months in which a person was unemployed. Therefore, we simulate the lump-sum payment for all individuals who receive the unemployment benefit or unemployment assistance for at least 1, 2 or 3 months in the underlying data.

For the single payment/ inflation adjustments in 2022, we cannot consider the months in which a person was unemployed. Therefore, we simulate one lump-sum payment for individuals who receive the unemployment benefit or unemployment assistance for at least 2, two lump-sum payments for individuals who receive unemployment benefit or unemployment assistance for at least 4 months, and all three lump-sum payments for individuals who receive unemployment benefit or unemployment assistance for at least 6 months. As also receivers of sickness benefit (only the two inflation adjustments), minimum pension top-up, study allowance and social assistance are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the single payment/ inflation adjustments are only granted once.

The additional lump-sum payment in Vienna in 2022 is given to all respective individuals. Although only foreseen for receivers in Vienna, also other Federal States provide this kind of compensation payments for poor people. Thus, we model the situation in Vienna for the whole country. As also receivers of housing allowance, minimum pension top-up, and social assistance are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the energy cost flat-rate is only granted once.

2.5.2 Unemployment assistance (Notstandshilfe: bunnc_at - bunnc_s)

Table 2.6: Characteristics of the unemployment assistance

		2020	2021	2022	2023
Eligibility	Contribution period	See unemployment benefit			
	Other conditions	No old-age pension, or pension for civil servants. Own gross employment income (14 times) below:			
		460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
	Eligibility of self-employed	Only if voluntarily insured			
Payment	Contribution base	Basic amount and supplement of the unemployment benefit			
	Basic amount	First 6 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95% of both basic amount and supplement if the daily rate of the unemployment benefit is below the floor of the unemployment benefit. • 92% of the basic amount if the daily rate of the unemployment benefit is above the floor of the unemployment benefit; but min. 95% of the floor. After the first 6 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If unemployment insurance benefit received for 20 weeks: unemployment assistance must not exceed the floor of the unemployment benefit. • If unemployment insurance benefit received for 30 weeks: unemployment assistance must not exceed, the daily rate of: 			
		37.57	38.90	40.07	43.17
		From the basic amount of the unemployment assistance, the accountable income of the unemployed person is subtracted.			
	Additional amount	Family supplement (see section2.5.3)			
Duration	Standard (in months)	12 months but unlimited number of follow-up applications possible			
Subject to	Taxes	No (but see progression adjustment)			
	SIC	No			

- **Definitions**

The unemployment assistance is an unemployment insurance benefit for the unemployed after the entitlement to unemployment benefit has been exhausted.

- **Entitlement conditions**

The recipient of unemployment assistance must be unemployed, able and willing to work. In addition, the person must be in financial hardship (i.e. have a low income). Unemployment assistance is not granted if a person receives or is entitled to an old age pension (incl. civil servants is granted or invalidity pension).

- **Income test**

a) Unemployed person:

In addition to unemployment assistance, the unemployed person may receive employment income not exceeding gross € 500.91 (14 times per year, value refers to 2023). The same regulations apply as for employment income when receiving unemployment benefit. In addition, any other income of the unemployed person (e.g., widow pension, income from renting and leasing, maintenance) is considered.

The relevant income for the unemployment assistance relates to the income concept of the income tax law:

- gross incomes (employment income, self-employment income) –
- gross special payments –
- social insurance contributions –
- income tax –
- cost of earnings deduction (€ 132 per year).

Payments in kind are considered with the respective monetary value. Maintenance payments are considered.

Not considered are among others:

- care benefit, family allowance,
- income parts which are subject to the reduced income tax rate (special payments 13th, 14th up to 1/6 of the yearly income, severance payments),
- housing benefits.

- **Benefit amount and duration**

The amount of the unemployment assistance depends a) on the amount of the basic amount and the complement of the unemployment benefit, b) the duration of receipt of unemployment benefit, c) the accountable income of the unemployed person (and his/her partner) as well as d) eligibility to family supplements.

The basic amount of the unemployment assistance is summarised in table 2.6. The accountable income of the unemployed person is subtracted from the basic amount.

Additional family supplements may be granted (see section 2.5.3 below).

COVID-related unemployment assistance top-up 2020/21 (bunnctu_s): Unemployment assistance is raised to the level of unemployment benefit for all recipients from 16 March 2020 until 30 September 2021.

Unemployment assistance is granted for max. 12 months. However, an unlimited number of follow-up applications is possible.

- ***Treatment***

The unemployment assistance is exempted from SIC and tax (but it is taken into account in the „progression adjustment“). It is paid without any deductions.

- ***EUROMOD modelling***

The information in the data does not suffice to simulate eligibility, entitlement to higher basic amounts and higher amount of exemption as described above. All persons who receive unemployment assistance in the data are considered eligible.

As the relevant assessment base for unemployment assistance is unknown, we model the COVID-related increase by dividing the amount of unemployment assistance by 95 and multiplying by 100.

2.5.3 Family supplement unemployment benefits (Familienzuschlag: `bunnc_at - bunmt_s`)

- ***Definition***

The family supplement is paid to recipients of unemployment insurance benefits (unemployment benefit or unemployment assistance) for the maintenance of dependants.

- ***Entitlement conditions***

Entitlement to family supplement exists for children, grandchildren, stepchildren, adopted and foster children who are maintained by the unemployed person if there is entitlement to family allowance. Additionally, the family supplement can be claimed for spouses if the means-test is fulfilled.

- ***Means test***

The income of spouses/partners must not exceed € 500.91 per month (14 times; value for 2023).

- ***Benefit amount***

The family supplement is granted for the duration of the receipt of unemployment insurance benefits, provided that the requirements are met. It is a lump-sum of € 0.97 for each person entitled to the supplement. If both parents receive unemployment insurance benefits, the supplement can be claimed twice for an eligible child.

- ***Treatment***

The family supplement is exempted from SIC and tax (but it is taken into account in the „progression adjustment“).

- *EUROMOD modelling:*

The information in the data does not suffice to simulate eligibility for the unemployment benefit or unemployment assistance. Therefore, all persons who receive unemployment benefits or unemployment assistance in the data are considered eligible for family supplements.

2.5.4 Minimum pension top-up (Ausgleichszulage PV: pmmtu_at)

- *Definitions*

Minimum pension is paid to provide a minimum income to persons entitled to a pension by the pension insurance association (excl. civil servants).

- *Eligibility conditions*

A person is only eligible to this top-up benefit, if he/she receives a pension and if the net pension and other net-income do not reach the minimum income level (see table 2.7). The legal habitual residence must be in Austria.

- *Income test*

The income of the pensioner and of his marriage partner in the same household must not exceed the standard rates. For the child supplement, the income of the child, for whom child supplement is received, must not exceed the respective income limit for children (€ 408.36 per month in 2023).

Almost all net incomes after less losses are considered. The relevant monthly income includes:

- + pensions
- + accident rents
- + self-employment or employment income
- + unemployment income and sickness benefit
- + incomes from agriculture and forestry
- + rent and capital income
- + maternity benefit
- social insurance contributions
- income tax
- standard rate for professional expenses (in case of employment income)
- Special pension, rent payments and employment incomes (13th and 14th), special sickness benefit payments (1/7 of the yearly sickness benefit)
- life annuities, fictitious maintenance obligations by the divorced partner, maintenance payments, private transfers, etc.

Income that is **not** considered includes:

- Incomes granted because of the special physical status, e.g., care benefit, allowance for blind persons, allowance for heavily damaged persons, etc.;
- Child bonuses for pensioners,
- Family allowance, students' and pupils' grants
- Housing benefits;
- A share of apprentices' compensation (age 15-17);
- Social assistance and other public welfare benefits;

- Childcare benefit.
- **Benefit amount**

Minimum pension top-up is paid 14 times a year. The benefit is equal to the difference between the corresponding standard rate and the income of the pensioner and his/her spouse if they live in a joint household. The standard rates are as follows:

Table 2.7: Monthly standard rates in € [2020-2023]

	2020	2021	2022	2023
1. Recipients of old-age and invalidity pensions (poa00 / poacs00 for minimum pension top-up for civil servants)				
a) Singles	966.65	1,000.48	1,030.49	1,110.26
b) Singles 360+ months of employment	1,080.00	1,113.48	1,141.83	1,208.06
c) Singles 480+ months of employment	1,315.00	1,339.99	1,364.11	1,443.23
d) Couples (married or not)	1,524.99	1,578.36	1,625.71	1,751.56
e) Couples 480+ months of employment	1,782.00	1,808.73	1,841.29	1,948.08
f) Increase in rate per child*	149.15	154.37	159.00	171.31
2. Recipients of widow pensions (psu)	966.65	1,000.48	1,030.49	1,110.26
3. Recipients of orphan's pensions (psu)				
a) half orphan, <24 years	355.54	367.98	379.02	408.36
b) half orphan, >23 years (and <27 or with disability)	631.80	653.91	673.53	725.67
c) full orphan, <24 years	533.85	552.53	569.11	613.16
d) full orphan, >23 years (and <27 or with disability)	966.65	1,000.48	1,030.49	1,110.26

* if income does not exceed € 379.02 (value for 2022)

Single payment for pensioners 2022 and 2023 (ptu_at): Persons entitled to one or more pensions in August 2022 are entitled to an extraordinary single payment (anti-inflation payment) in September 2022. The total pension income excludes child bonuses for pensioners and minimum pension top-up. The single payments do not count for the assessment of minimum pension top-up and are not liable to health insurance and income tax. The maximum yearly net amount of € 500 is reached at a monthly total pension income (without special payments) between € 1,200 € and € 1,800. For total pension incomes below € 1,200 and above € 1,800 the yearly net amount is decreased (see the following table).

Persons entitled to one or more pensions in January 2023 are entitled to an extraordinary single payment (anti-inflation payment) in March 2023. The total gross pension income without special payments excludes child bonuses for pensioners, minimum pension top-up bonuses and pension bonuses. The single payments do not count for the assessment of minimum pension top-up and are not liable to health insurance and income tax. Receivers of minimum pension top-up receive the payment from their pension incl. minimum pension top-up. The maximum yearly net amount of € 500 is reached at a monthly total pension income (without special payments) between € 1,666.67 and € 2,000.00 €. For total pension incomes below € 1,666.67 the bonus amounts to 30% of the total gross pension. Between € 2,000.01 and € 2,500.00 the amount is straight proportionally decreased to 0 (see the following table).

Table 2.4: Extraordinary single payment for pensioners (anti inflation payment) 2022 and 2023

Monthly gross pension (without special payments)	Single payment (yearly, net)
2022	
€ 960 and below	14.2% of total pension income
Above € 960 and up to € 1,199.99	Between 14.2% and 41.6% of total pension income (increasing arithmetically)
€ 1,200 up to € 1,799.99	€ 500
€ 1,800 up to € 2,250	Between 27.77% and 0% of total pension income (decreasing arithmetically)
2023	
€ 1,666.66 and below	30% of total gross pension income
Above € 1.666.66 up to € 2,000.00	€ 500.00
Above € 2,000.01 up to € 2,500	Between € 500.00 and € 0 (decreasing arithmetically)
From € 2,500.01 €	0

Single payment/ inflation adjustment/ energy cost flat rate federal level and Vienna for receivers of minimum pension top-up 2022 (ptu01_at: All individuals which received minimum pension top-up in December 2021, received a single payment of € 150,- in March 2022. All households which received minimum pension top up in February 2022, received an inflation adjustment of € 150,- in April 2022. All individuals which received minimum pension top up in June 2022 receive an inflation adjustment of € 300 in September 2022. The lump-sums are exempted from health insurance contributions for pensioners and from income tax and are also excluded from the means-tests for the minimum income benefit.

In addition, all households which receive minimum pension top-up in Vienna, receive a lump-sum payment of € 200 (single parents: 300) in the second quarter of 2022. The lump-sum is excluded from means-tests for the social assistance. [For 2023 see Housing cost compensation Vienna in 2023.]

- **Treatment**

The minimum pension top-up is subject to health insurance contributions for pensioners. From 2020 onwards it is taxable (due to the higher amounts introduced). It is paid jointly with the basic pension. The top-up for couples is given to the partner with the higher pension income.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

Minimum pension top-up is already included in the pension variables of SILC. The top-up is modelled but switched off in the baseline model.

Standard rates dependent on months of employment cannot be simulated due to lack of information in the data.

Single payment/ inflation adjustments/ energy cost flat rate Vienna for receivers of minimum pension top-up (ptu_s) in 2022:

We identified receivers of minimum-pension top-up within the variables poa00 (old-age, invalidity or early retirement pensions) and psu (survivor pensions) via the uprated amounts of € 1,161.42 (singles), € 1,305.2 (singles with 360 contribution months), and € 1,741.36 (couples).

For those individuals a lump-sum payment of in total € 600 was modelled. It can be assumed that receivers of minimum pension top-up are long-term receivers and receive the benefit throughout the year. As also receivers of unemployment benefit/ assistance, sickness benefit (only the two inflation adjustments), study allowance, and social assistance are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the single payment/ inflation adjustments are only granted once.

The additional lump-sum payment in Vienna in 2022 is given to all respective individuals in Austria. Although only foreseen for receivers in Vienna, also other Federal States provide this kind of compensation payments for poor people. Thus, we model the situation in Vienna for the whole country. As also receivers of housing allowance, unemployment benefit/ assistance and social assistance are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the energy cost flat-rate is only granted once.

2.5.5 Minimum pension top-up for civil servants (“Ergänzungszulage”: `pcstu_s`)

- *Definitions*

Minimum pension top-up for civil servants is paid to provide a minimum income civil servants’ pensioners.

- *Eligibility conditions*

Recipients of a civil servants’ pension, whose total net income is below the minimum rates, are entitled to minimum pension top-up for civil servants.

In the case of an additional entitlement to a pension outside the civil servants sector with exceeds the civil servants’ pension, no entitlement to minimum pension top-up for civil servants is granted. If the civil servant is already considered in the calculation of the minimum top-up of his/her spouse, there is no entitlement to minimum pension top-up for civil servants.

- *Income test*

The income of the civil servant pensioners, of his/her partner (married or registered) and of the children for whom the standard rates are increased, are considered. In case the income of the marriage partner/registered partner exceeds the standard rate of the minimum top-up for single, there is no entitlement to the minimum pension top-up.

Income is the monthly total net income:

- + pensions
- + income subject to income tax (employment, self-employment, agriculture, capital, rent, etc.)
- + periodic benefits from the accident- and health insurance
- + welfare benefits
- + unemployment benefits
- + maternity benefit, childcare benefit
- social insurance contributions
- income tax
- standard rate for professional expenses (in case of employment income)
- special pension, rent, and employment incomes (13th, 14th) and special sickness benefit payments (1/7 of the yearly sickness benefit)
- periodic maintenance payments, private transfers, unless they are less than the respective standard rate for minimum pension top-up

Income that is **not** considered includes:

- Income of a child in full-time education from employment during school/university holidays,
- *Benefit amount*

Minimum pension top-up for civil servants is paid 14 times a year. The benefit is equal to the difference between the corresponding standard rate and the income of the pensioner and his/her spouse if they live in a joint household. The standard rates are the same as for the pension top-up described in table 2.7.

Single payment for civil servant pensioners 2022 (ptu_s): Persons entitled to one or more civil servant pensions in August 2022 are entitled to an extraordinary single payment (anti-inflation payment) in September 2022. The total pension income excludes child bonuses for civil servant pensioners and minimum pension top-up for civil servants. The single payments do not count for the assessment of minimum pension top-up for civil servants and are not liable to health insurance and income tax. The maximum yearly net amount of € 500 is reached at a monthly total pension income (without special payments) between € 1,200 € and € 1,800. For total pension incomes below € 1,200 and above € 1,800 the yearly net amount is decreased (see the following table).

Table 2.4: Extraordinary single payment for civil servant pensioners (anti inflation payment) 2022

Monthly gross pension (without special payments)	Single payment (yearly, net)
€ 960 and below	14.2% of total pension income
Above € 960 and up to € 1,199.99	Between 14.2% and 41.6% of total pension income (increasing arithmetically)
€ 1,200 up to € 1,799.99	€ 500
€ 1,800 up to € 2,250	Between 27.77% and 0% of total pension income (decreasing arithmetically)

Single payment/ inflation adjustments/ energy cost flat-rate Vienna for receivers of minimum pension top-up for civil servants (ptu01_s) in 2022:

All individuals which received minimum pension top-up for civil servants in December 2021, received a single payment of € 150,- in March 2022. All individuals which received minimum pension top up for civil servants in February 2022, received an inflation adjustment of € 150,- in April 2022. All individuals which received minimum pension top up for civil servants in June 2022 receive an inflation adjustment of € 300 in September 2022. The lump-sums are exempted from health and pension insurance contributions for civil servant pensioners and from income tax and are also excluded from the means-tests for social assistance.

In addition, all households which receive minimum pension top-up for civil servants in Vienna, receive a lump-sum payment of € 200 (single parents: 300) in the second quarter of 2022. The lump-sum is excluded from means-tests for the social assistance. [For 2023 see Housing cost compensation Vienna in 2023.]

- *Treatment*

The minimum pension top-up for civil servants is subject to health insurance contributions for civil servant pensioners but exempted from tax. It is paid jointly with the basic pension. No pension contribution is due.

- ***EUROMOD modelling:***

Minimum pension top-up is already included in the pension variables of SILC. The top-up is modelled nevertheless, but is switched off in the baseline model.

Standard rates dependent on months of employment cannot be simulated due to lack of information in the data.

Single payment/ inflation adjustment for receivers of minimum pension top-up for civil servants (ptu_s) in 2022: We identified receivers of minimum-pension top-up for civil servants within the variable poacs (old-age, invalidity or early retirement pensions civil servants) via the uprated amounts of € 1,161.42 (singles), € 1,305.2 (singles with 360 contribution months), and € 1,741.36 (couples). For those individuals a lump-sum payment of in total € 600 was modelled. It can be assumed that receivers of minimum pension top-up for civil servants are long-term receivers and receive the benefit throughout the year. As also receivers of unemployment benefit/ assistance, sickness benefit (only the two inflation adjustments), study allowance, and minimum income benefit are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the single payment/ inflation adjustments are only granted once.

The additional lump-sum payment in Vienna in 2022 is also given to all respective individuals. Although only foreseen for receivers in Vienna, also other Federal States provide this kind of compensation payments for poor people. Thus, we model the situation in Vienna for the whole country. As also receivers of housing allowance, unemployment benefit/ assistance and social assistance are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the energy cost flat-rate is only granted once.

2.5.6 Child Bonus for Pensioners (“Kinderzuschuss PV”: pch00_s)

- ***Definitions***

The child bonus for pensioners is a financial aid to fulfil maintenance obligations. The benefit is paid to each child of the pensioner.

- ***Eligibility conditions***

All non-civil-servant pensioners resident in Austria with children who receive public pension are eligible for this benefit. Entitlement to the child bonus is given for

- a) children (incl. stepchildren, adopted children);
- b) grandchildren who live in the same household and dependent on the pensioner.

The child must be under 18 years of age. If the child is older than 18 but under 27, the child is eligible only if he/she is in full-time education or disabled.

- ***Income test***

There is no income test.

- ***Benefit amount***

The monthly amount of the benefit (14 times per year) is € 29.07 per child.

- ***Treatment***

The child bonus is subjected to health insurance contribution for pensioners and income tax.

- ***EUROMOD modelling***

The child bonus for pensioners is already included in the pension variables of SILC. The bonus is modelled but switched off in the baseline model.

2.5.7 Child Bonus for Civil Servant Pensioners (“Kinderzulage PG”: pchcs_s)

- ***Definitions***

The child bonus for civil servant pensioners and recipients of widow pensions after civil servants is a financial aid to fulfil maintenance obligations. The benefit is paid to each child of the pensioner.

- ***Eligibility conditions***

Civil servant pensioners are entitled to a child bonus for each child for whom family allowance is received. In addition, a child bonus is granted for a child who was already disabled at the time of receiving family allowance and who fulfils the income test.

The child bonus is granted for children, foster children and other children, if they belong to the same household and the civil servant pensioner maintains the child.

- ***Income test***

The income test only applies to disabled children who do not receive family allowances. Their income as well as the income of their spouse must not exceed gross € 500.91 (14 times a year; value for 2022).

- ***Benefit amount***

The monthly amount of the benefit is € 15.60 (14 times a year).

- ***Treatment***

The child bonus is subjected to health insurance contributions for civil servant pensioners and income tax.

- ***EUROMOD modelling:***

The child bonus for civil servant pensioners is already included in the pension variables of SILC. The bonus is modelled but is switched off in the baseline model.

2.5.8 Maternity Benefit (Wochengeld: bmacro_at)

- *Definition*

The maternity benefit is a replacement income for female employees (incl. free lancers) during the statutory maternity leave period before and after the birth of a child.

- *Entitlement conditions*

To be entitled, the applicant mother must to be compulsory insured in the health insurance scheme at the beginning of the statutory retention period (8 weeks before the scheduled birth). Co-insured relatives, self-insured and certain compulsory insured who are not entitled to sickness benefit (e.g., persons in education, receivers of benefits by the pension insurance) are not entitled.

Women who are not employed at the beginning of the retention period are entitled if they became pregnant during an employment contract or while receiving unemployment insurance benefits. At the beginning of the pregnancy, the employment contract must have existed for a full three calendar months without interruption and must not have ended by self-termination, immediate dismissal due to significant reasons or mutual consent.

- *Means test*

Any income of the recipient is offset against the maternity benefit. In the case of the entitlement to continued remuneration (with exception of vacation replacement payment, dismissal compensation) of more than 50% of the previous income, the maternity benefit is suspended by 50%.

- *Benefit amount*

The amount depends on the amount of the prior net employment income, the benefit from the unemployment insurance or the receipt of childcare benefit. There is no upper limit.

Employed women receive the average daily net income of the last three calendar months before the beginning of the retention period plus a supplement for special payments (in most cases 17%).

Freelancers receive the basic amount of unemployment benefit, which is calculated on the basis of the net income of the last three months before the start of the blocking period.

Recipients of unemployment insurance benefits receive the benefit amount plus an 80% supplement as maternity benefit. Recipients of childcare benefit are entitled to maternity benefit for another expected child. The maternity benefit equals the amount of the childcare benefit.

- *Duration*

The maternity benefit is granted eight weeks before the birth till eight weeks after the birth. In the case of multiple births, premature births and caesarean sections, the entitlement period is extended to 12 weeks after birth

- *Treatment*

The maternity benefit is exempted from tax.

2.5.9 Maternity Benefit Self-employed (Betriebshilfe: bmaect_s)

- **Definition**

“Betriebshilfe” is a benefit equivalent to maternity benefit for self-employed and farmers. It is a benefit in kind (replacement worker) and only when this is not possible a cash benefit is granted.

- **Entitlement conditions**

All self-employed women with a compulsory health insurance are entitled.

- **Income test**

There is no income test.

- **Benefit amount**

Daily lump sum of € 61.25 (€ 56.89 in 2022; € 56.78 in 2021; € 56.03 in 2020).

- **Duration**

The maternity benefit is granted eight weeks before the birth till eight weeks after the birth.

- **Treatment**

The maternity benefit for self-employed is exempted from tax.

- **EUROMOD modelling**

We model a cash benefit for all eligible women.

2.5.10 Family allowance (“Familienbeihilfe”: bch00_s)

- **Definitions**

The family allowance supports families with children. The relevant benefit unit is the family.

- **Eligibility conditions**

Eligible are all Austrian, EU/EWR (incl. Switzerland) citizens, third country nationals with a title of residence and recognized refugees. The place of residence of the entitled person must be in Austria. The child must live in a joint household with the entitled person. If the child lives in the same household as the parents, the mother is primarily entitled to claim. However, she may waive the right in favour of the father.

Family allowance can be claimed for

- Minor children below 18 years of age.
- Children in full-time education until the 25th birthday. The income of children aged 20 or older must not exceed a certain limit and students must demonstrate appropriate study progress.
- If a child has done military or civilian service or has given birth, the entitlement period may be extended until the 26th birthday.

- If the child is not capable to work due to disability (at least 50% and for at least 3 years) no age limit applies to family allowance.

During civil or military service, there is no entitlement to family allowance.

- ***Income test***

The income of the parents is not considered, except for entitlement to the multiple child supplement for low-income families. The income threshold is an annual taxable family income of € 55,000 (in the previous year).

The yearly taxable income includes:

- + gross incomes
- social insurance contributions
- tax allowances
- special payments (13th, 14th)

From the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 20, the child's income is considered. If the considered income of the child exceeds € 15,000, the family allowance is reduced by the exceeding amount.

Considered income includes:

- + from employment and self-employment
- + from agriculture and forestry
- + from a business enterprise
- + from capital income, from renting and leasing and other incomes
- sickness benefit
- social insurance contributions
- tax allowances
- special payments (13th, 14th).

Income **not** considered includes:

- tax-exempted incomes, e.g., education allowances, unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance, maternity benefit, childcare benefit;
- Apprentices' compensation (age 15-17);
- orphans' pensions;

- ***Benefit amount***

The family allowance consists of a **basic amount** dependent on the age of the child and a **supplement amount** dependent on the number of eligible children in the household. Both amounts are paid per child and 12 times a year.

Table 2.8: Family allowance [2020-2023]

Basic amount per child	2020-2022	2023
0-2 years	€ 114.00	€ 120.60
3-9 years	€ 121.90	€ 129.00
10-18 years	€ 141.50	€ 149.70
19-23 years	€ 165.10	€ 174.70
Supplement per child		
2 children	€ 7.10	€ 7.50
3 children	€ 17.40	€ 18.40
4 children	€ 26.50	€ 28.00
5 children	€ 32.00	€ 33.90
6 children	€ 35.70	€ 37.80
7+ children	€ 52.00	€ 55.00

In addition, families with 3 or more children below a certain income threshold receive the **multiple child supplement for low-income families** (the only means-tested element of the family allowance). The income threshold amounts to an annual taxable family income of € 55,000 (in the previous year). The supplement is € 21.20 per month for the 3rd and every consecutive child.

An additional **supplement** of € 164.90 is paid **for children with disability**.

In addition, children aged 6 to 15 (**compulsory school age**) receive a school-start **bonus** of € 105.80 at the beginning of the school year (paid in September).

Before 2023, family allowance for children permanently residing in EU/EEA and Switzerland was indexed according to costs of living in the country of residence.

COVID-related measures 2020/21: All children entitled to the family allowance received a lump-sum of € 360 in September 2020. All children entitled to the family allowance in families receiving social assistance received a lump-sum of € 300 in 2021.

Inflation-related measure 2022: All children entitled to the family allowance received a lump-sum of € 180 in August 2022.

- **Treatment**

The family allowance is exempted from social insurance contributions and tax.

Receipt of family allowance is a prerequisite for many tax deductions, including the family tax credit “Familienbonus Plus”, the single earner tax credit and lone parent tax credit. With the family allowance regardless of the taxable income of the parents, the child tax credit is granted and paid jointly with the family allowance 12 times per year (also as “negative tax”). The entitlement to family allowance is also a necessary pre-condition for the entitlement to the childcare benefit and the family supplements of the Federal States.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

Information on disabled children is limited. The presence of disabled children eligible for the supplement is determined by simulating the family allowance of a household in the input data. If the difference between the calculated child allowance and the child supplement equals the supplement, the supplement is simulated for this household in EUROMOD.

2.5.11 Child Care Benefit (“Kinderbetreuungsgeld”: bcc00_at)

- *Definitions*

The purpose of the childcare benefit as a family benefit is to (partly) reimburse the care efforts for young children. Parents may choose between two models: the childcare account and the income dependent childcare benefit.

- *Eligibility conditions*

A parent (incl. adoptive parent, foster parent) is entitled to childcare benefit, if

- a) the child is entitled to the family allowance,
- b) the parent lives with the child in the same household,
- c) the parent and the child have the focus of their life interest in Austria
- d) the parent and the child are legally in Austria and,
- e) the total amount of the relevant personal income of the parent **receiving** the childcare benefit does not exceed a certain threshold (see income test).
- f) For the income dependent childcare benefit: the parent was continuously employed (subject to social insurance contribution) during the last 6 calendar months before the birth of the child and does not receive unemployment benefit.

- *Income test*

Recipients of childcare benefit may earn incomes up to certain limit.

- c) Child Care account:

The (personal) income limit is 60% of total income (employed, self-employed, agriculture) earned in the calendar year before the birth of the child, but at least € 18,000 (before 2023: 16,200) per year.

For the income test all incomes underlying personal income tax are considered. Periods, in which childcare benefit is not received, are not considered in the calculation of the income limit.

- For employees, the income limit is calculated as follows:
 - + gross incomes (employment, sickness benefit; pensions)
 - + unemployment benefits
 - social insurance contributions
 - special payments (13th, 14th)
 - allowance for professional expenses (€ 132 per year)
 - o the resulting amount has to be increased by 30% and extrapolated to a yearly sum (= divided by the months entitled to childcare benefit in the respective calendar year and multiplied by 12).
- For self-employed, professionals („Freiberufler/Innen“) and free lancers („freie Dienstnehmer/Innen“) the total yearly amount of incomes subject to tax is considered:
 - + gross incomes
 - social insurance contributions
 - tax allowances

In case a person has both employment and self-employment income (which exceeds € 730 per year), the income test is based on the principle for self-employment income.

2) Income dependent childcare benefit

Additional incomes of recipients of income related childcare benefit must not exceed € 7,800 per calendar year (2022: 7,600; 2021, 2020: 7,300). The income limit depends only on the income received in those months during the calendar year, in which childcare benefit was received.

- ***Benefit amount and duration***

- d) Childcare benefit account

The total amount is € 13,085.25 if one parent goes on leave and € 16,437.60 if both parents do so. The daily amount depends on the duration of the parental leave. For one parent the duration can last between 12 months/365 days and 28 months/851 days, and for both parents between 15 months/456 days and 35 months/1,063 days. The minimum amount is € 15.38 and the maximum amount € 35.85 per day. In the case of shared leave, each parent must take at least 20% of the total duration. If the split is at least 60:40, a **partnership bonus** of € 500 is granted per parent (in total € 1,000).

The entitlement begins with the birth at the earliest, or after the expiry of the maternity benefit, unless the maternity benefit is lower than the childcare benefit. With the birth of a new child, the benefit receipt for the previous child comes to an end.

In the case of a multiple birth, a supplement of 50% is paid for each additional child.

2) Income dependent childcare benefit

The childcare benefit amounts to 80% of the average employment/self-employment/replacement income, but not more than € 69.83 (before 2023: 66) daily. The amount is calculated in 2 ways:

In the first alternative the daily amount is 80% of the maternity benefit, so it is based on average earnings in the last 3 calendar months before the prohibition of employment, considering also special payments. For parents with no entitlement to maternity benefit, e.g., employed fathers, the daily amount is based on a fictitious maternity benefit.

In the second calculation of the daily amount is based on the income in the last year before the birth of the child, in which no childcare benefit was received. Thus, the average of a whole year is considered, including potential self-employment income. The alternative that is more favourable for the parents applies.

The income dependent childcare benefit can be drawn for 12 months/365 days. If both partners share the care leave, the maximum duration is extended to 14 months/426 days.. For each parent a share of 61 days is reserved and cannot be transferred. If only one parent fulfils the entitlement conditions for the income dependent childcare benefit or the other partner earns only little, the parent with the lesser income receive a special transfer of EUR 35.85 (before 2023: 33.88) daily.

With the birth of a new child, the benefit receipt for the previous child comes to an end. In the income dependent model there is no supplement for multiple births, however the partnership bonus can be claimed.

- ***Treatment***

The childcare benefit is exempted from social insurance contributions and tax.

In addition to childcare benefit a family time/father month bonus (“Familienzeitbonus”, i.e. “Papamonat”) between 28 and 31 days can be granted in the first 3 months after the birth. The

family time bonus amounts to EUR 23.91 (before 2023: 22.60) daily and the benefit amount and duration is deduced from the father’s share of the childcare benefit.

Fathers can take this leave after the birth of their child in case

- the employer agrees (no legal entitlement),
- employment is interrupted (e.g., by taking up special leave; not dismissal protection),
- no continued remuneration is provided by the employer,
- no other employment is carried out,
- no benefit from unemployment insurance is received,
- no sickness benefit or other benefits related to illness are received,
- employment is continued at the same employer subsequent to family time.

• **EUROMOD modelling:**

To implement the universal childcare benefit a number of assumptions are necessary (for reasons of simplicity or due to lack of information in the underlying data):

The duration of benefits is randomly determined in order to replicate the empirical distribution of beneficiaries. The random approach was chosen because it is not possible to model the decision-making within the different families.

The childcare account and income dependent model is also randomly assigned on the empirical distribution available for March 2021. In the income-dependent model, the mother receives 80% of her former net income, if the child is 0 years old. When the child is 1 year old and the father’s earnings are below the income limit, he receives 80% of his former net income for 2 months. As there is no empirical information on the share of childcare benefits between parents, we cannot model the partnership-bonus.

We disregard all eligibility requirements except for the recent birth of a child and the income test.

The following table summarises the modelling approach by age of the child:

Table 2.9: Implementation of childcare benefit

Youngest child aged	Treatment
0	receipt of childcare benefit for twelve months, if mother did not receive maternity benefit (“Wochengeld”) according to the 2021 SILC-data receipt of childcare benefit for ten months, if mother received maternity benefit (“Wochengeld”) according to the 2021 SILC-data. If maternity benefit is lower than childcare benefit, difference amount is received in the two months. No means-test is carried out.
1	receipt of childcare benefit for twelve months, if earnings of mother are below earnings limit and not already receiving benefit for 0 years old child (otherwise no receipt).
2	receipt of childcare benefit for four months, if earnings of mother are below earnings limit and not already receiving benefit for 0 year old child (otherwise no receipt); receipt of childcare benefit for another seven months, eligible if father is below income limit and not already receiving benefit for a younger child

2.5.12 Childcare benefit allowance („Beihilfe zum pauschalen Kinderbetreuungsgeld“: `bcctu_at`)

- **Definitions**

The childcare benefit allowance is a benefit for lone parents or families with low incomes.

- **Eligibility conditions**

The allowance can only be received jointly with the childcare benefit account and cannot be received when claiming income dependent childcare benefit.

Entitled are

- lone parents, who are unmarried, divorced or widowed, do not share a household with the other parent and remain within the personal income limit;
- married parents or parents in cohabitation with low incomes.

- **Income test**

Lone parents must not earn more than € 7,800 (2022: € 7,600 2021, 2020: € 7,300, 2019: € 6,800) per year. If the income limit is exceeded by less than 15%, the benefit is reduced by the amount exceeding the income limit.

Low-income families: The receiving parent must not earn more than € 7,800 (2022: € 7,600 2021, 2020: € 7,300, 2019: € 6,800), the other parent/partner not more than € 18,000 (before 2023: € 16,200) in the calendar year. If the income limit is exceeded by less than 15%, the benefit is reduced by the amount exceeding the income limit.

Considered income is calculated like the limit for the childcare benefit. Considered income sources include:

- + employment income, self-employment income, property income, incomes from interests, pensions, sickness benefit, etc.
- + unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance

- **Benefit amount**

The allowance amounts to € 6.06 daily and is granted for max. 12 months.

- **Treatment**

The allowance is exempted from social insurance contributions and tax.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

The policy can be fully simulated in EUROMOD, without any particular data or modelling limitation

2.5.13 Family Supplement („Wiener Familienzuschuss“: bfamt_at) 2020-2021

- **Definitions**

The Viennese Family Supplement supports low-income families with young children and low incomes. The relevant benefit unit is the family.

- **Eligibility conditions**

The child must live in a common household with the parent(s). At least one parent must be an or EEA citizen and have had his main residence in Vienna for at least 1 year at the time of birth. Third country nationals must have their main residence in Vienna for at least 3 years.

The child must be entitled to family allowance and be between one and three years old.

- **Income test**

The family income, i.e. sum of all net incomes of all family members in the household, is considered.

Considered incomes include: (gross minus SIC minus IT):

- + incomes from employment, self-employment, agriculture, capital income, rent income
- + pension
- + aliquot 13th + 14th salary
- + unemployment benefit and assistance, old-age part time benefit, sickness benefit,
- + maternity benefit, childcare benefit, supplement childcare benefit
- + education related benefits
- + housing benefits
- + received maintenance payments
- social insurance contributions
- income taxes
- paid maintenance payments

Incomes not considered include:

- family allowance,
- child tax credit,
- disability benefit,
- foster parents' benefit

The income limit depends on the number of family members. The base-amount of € 508.71 is multiplied by the sum of weight factors:

- 1.0 for the first adult
- 0.8 for the 2nd adult
- 0.5 for each child according to family allowance definition
- 1.35 for lone parents

- **Benefit amount**

Depending on family size and family income it amounts to min. € 50.87 and max. € 152.61 per month (12 times a year). The benefit is granted for max. 2 years (1st to 3rd birthday).

Table 2.10: Family supplement [2020-2021]

Per capita income, monthly	Family Supplement per child and month
€ 508.71	€ 50.87
€ 457.84	€ 61.05
€ 443.30	€ 71.22
€ 428.77	€ 81.39
€ 414.24	€ 91.57
€ 399.70	€ 101.74
€ 385.17	€ 111.92
€ 370.63	€ 122.09
€ 356.10	€ 132.26
€ 341.56	€ 142.44
€ 334.30	€ 152.61

- **Treatment**

The Family Supplement is exempted from social insurance contributions and tax.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

2020-2021: We apply the Viennese family supplement rules to all Federal States. By 31.12.2021 the Viennese family supplement was abolished. As only three Federal States (Burgenland, Tirol, Vorarlberg) still offer a classical family supplement, we decided not to model any supplement from 2022.

2.5.14 Social assistance („Sozialhilfe“: bsa_at)

- **Definitions**

Social assistance grants a minimum income to families in need. Although standard rates and means tests have been harmonized to a great extent, some Federal State specific differences still exist. We refer to the regulations in Vienna.

The benefit unit is the family.

- **Eligibility conditions**

Entitled are:

- Austrian citizens,
- EU-/EEA-citizens and their relatives,
- persons with the title „permanent residence-EG“ or „permanent residence-relatives“,
- persons with settlement certificate or with an unlimited settlement authorization,
- persons entitled to be granted asylum and subsidiary “Schutzberechtigte”,

who are actively seeking work and pass the income and asset test. Persons not capable to work, pensioners, person with care responsibilities for children under 3 or dependent relatives with a care degree of 3 or more; under certain conditions persons in education, do not have to seek employment.

- ***Income and asset test***

The income of the household must be below the standard rates summarized in table 2.11 below. All net incomes (gross minus SIC minus IT) of household members are considered, except of:

- voluntary social allowances (e.g., Caritas),
- family allowance and child tax credit,
- disability benefit,
- 13th, 14th salary from employment (since 2018),
- benefits within COVID-crisis;
- tax credit family bonus incl. negative tax (since 2021),
- single parent, single earner tax credit (since 2021),
- inflation and energy cost compensation within crisis,
- climate bonus.

Households must deplete their assets up to a threshold of € 6,321 per person (2019: 4,427.35; 2020: 4,586.75; 2021: 4,747.30; 2022 5,867.64) to be eligible.

- ***Benefit amount***

The social assistance is the difference between the standard rate and the income of the unit. The standard rates are as follows:

Table 2.11: Monthly standard rates [2020-2023]

	2020	2021	2022	2023
1. Minimum standards (for persons <60/65 and capable to work amounts paid 12 times a year; for persons >59/64 or not capable to work 14 times a year)				
a) Singles and lone parents	917.35	949.46	977.94	1053.64
b) Person in non-single households for whom no family allowance is received (adults)	688.01	712.10	733.46	790.23
c) Full age children with entitlement to family allowance	458.68	474.73	488.97	526.82
d) Minor children in non-single households (for whom family allowance is received)	247.68	256.35	264.04	284.48
2. Basic amounts for covering housing need included in the standard rates above				
a) Singles and lone parents: <60/65 and capable to work	229.32	237.36	244.48	263.42
b) Singles and lone parents: >59/64 or not capable to work	123.84	128.18	132.02	142.24
c) Person in non-single households for whom no family allowance is received (adults); do not fall under d) or e)	171.99	178.02	183.36	197.57
d) Full age children with entitlement to family allowance	114.66	118.68	122.24	131.71
e) Person in non-single households for whom no family allowance is received (adults); >59/64 or not capable to work, in hh with persons who do not fulfil these conditions	92.88	96.13	99.02	106.68
f) Person in non-single households for whom no family allowance is received (adults); >59/64 or not capable to work, in hh with at least another person who fulfils these conditions	61.92	64.09	66.01	71.12
g) Person in non-single households for whom family allowance is received (children)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

The following rent allowances are added to the social assistance based on the needs assessment.

Table 2.12: Rent allowances per month (upper limits) in €, 2020-2023

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Upper limits include the respective basic amounts for covering housing need above and are paid 12 times a year				
a) 1-2 persons	342.84	354.84	365.49	393.78
b) 3-4 persons	359.46	372.04	383.20	412.86
c) 5-6 persons	380.80	394.13	405.95	437.37
d) 7+ persons	400.98	415.01	427.46	460.55

Single payment/ inflation adjustment/ energy cost flat-rate federal level and Vienna (bsatu_s) in 2022:

All households which receive social assistance, received a lump-sum payment of € 300 in April 2022. All persons 18+ in households receiving social assistance in June 2022, received a lump-sum payment of € 300 in September 2022.

In addition, all households which receive social assistance in Vienna, receive a lump-sum payment of € 200 (single parents € 300) in the second quarter of 2022 (energy cost flat-rate). The lump-sum is excluded from means-tests for the social assistance. [For 2023 see Housing cost compensation Vienna in 2023.]

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

Social assistance rules differ slightly across federal states (mostly in regard of housing allowances). We model only the system of the largest Federal State Vienna. The asset test can only be approximated due to missing information in the data. We assume that all eligible households take up the benefit, i.e. non-take-up (Fuchs et al. 2020) is not modelled.

Due to non-take up in reality, the lump-sum payments in 2022 are given only to households for which social assistance was received according to the input data ($bsa > 0$). Although for the second payment at the federal level, all individuals 18+ in social assistance receiving households are available, we model only one payment per household. As also receivers of unemployment benefit/ assistance, sickness benefit (only inflation adjustments), minimum pension top-up, and study allowance are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the single payment/ inflation adjustments are granted only once.

The additional lump-sum payment in Vienna in 2022 is given to all respective households in Austria. Although only foreseen for receivers in Vienna, also other Federal States provide this kind of compensation payments for poor people. Thus, we model the situation in Vienna for the whole country. As also receivers of housing allowance, unemployment benefit/ assistance and minimum pension top-up are eligible, we modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received, the energy cost flat-rate is only granted once.

2.5.15 Extra monthly payment for children in unemployment-benefit/ unemployment assistance / minimum pension top-up/ minimum pension top-up for civil servants/ social assistance receiving households as well as for children of single parents and single earners with low income in 2023 as well as for persons >17 in social assistance receiving households (bsatu_s)

Each child <18 in unemployment-benefit / unemployment assistance (>16 days a month)/ minimum pension top-up (for each child for whom standard rate is increased)/ minimum pension top-up for civil servants (for each child for whom standard rate is increased)/ social assistance receiving households receives a monthly net payment of € 60 from July till December. The supplement is also paid to each adult (>17) in households receiving social assistance.

Also from July to December 2023, children <18 of single parents and single earners earning less than € 23,300 taxable income in 2022 receive a net payment of € 60 per child and month.

Income calculation single parents and single earners: Gross minus special payments minus social contributions for regular payments minus Cost of earnings deduction beyond lump sum of € 132.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

We modelled that in case more than one of these benefits were received or the status as single parent/ earner is also given within the same household, the additional monthly benefit per child is only granted once.

2.5.16 COVID-related measure short-time work 2020-2022 (wage compensation paid by state: bwkmcee_s; part paid by employer: yemmc_s)

- **Definitions**

The short-time work scheme was introduced to bridge economic disturbances during the COVID crisis with the aim to keep employees employed. Short-time work is granted from March 2020 to the end of 2022.

- **Entitlement conditions**

All employees and apprentices liable to unemployment insurance which have an ongoing employment contract and a fully remunerated calendar month before the start of short-time work, are eligible.

Not entitled are freelancers in case no monthly normal working hours apply, marginally employed persons, civil servants, one-person companies and shareholders/managing directors.

Working time reduction:

- March 2020-September 2020: a minimum average working time of 10% and a maximum average working time of 90% applies (for the period of an imposed ban on entering the premises, 0% work performance is possible in the months of the ban on entering the premises).
- October 2020-June 2021: a minimum average working time of 30% and a maximum average working time of 80% applies.
- July 2021-June 2022: In the basic variant the minimum average working time is increased to 50% while the maximum average working time remains at 80%. However, heavily affected firms may have a minimum limit of 30% or even 10% and less (e.g., affected by lockdowns) till the end of March 2022. From April 2022 on, all firms (no exceptions for heavily affected firms) are required to have a minimum average working time of 50% and a maximum average working time of 80%.
- July 2022-December 2022: the above regulation (again no exceptions for heavily affected firms) is prolonged till the end of 2022. However, the respective enterprise has to undergo a counselling procedure in the PES before short-time work is granted.

- **Income test**

There is no income test. However, for income-shares above the upper contribution limit of social insurance of gross € 5,670 monthly excluding special payments (2021: 5,550; 2020: 5,370) no short-time allowance is granted.

- **Benefit amount**

The assessment base relates to the last fully remunerated month before the introduction of short-time work (gross and liable to unemployment insurance; in case of unsteady income, it relates to at least 3 months before introduction of short-time work). The short-time work allowance for employees paid by the public employment service (PES) relates to the net income of the employee before the introduction of short-time work and guarantees a minimum income. Extra amounts and supplements which are received regularly are considered. Special bonuses and income shares for overtime work are not considered.

Net replacement rates:

- for apprentices: 100% of the prior net income;

- for employees: up to € 1,700/2,685/5,670 (2021: 5.550, 2020: 5.370) gross per month 90/85 (in the phase from 1 July 2022 supplement of 9% to 92.65%)/80% (in the phase from 1 July 2022 supplement of 16% to 92.8%) of the prior net income;

While in total the employee receives the above specified value of the net replacement rate, only the effectively carried out working hours are paid by the employer (incl. pro rata special payments) and the remaining amount is paid through the wage compensation scheme. The employer needs to secure that the gross wage does not fall below the value of the wage for the performed working hours, e.g., in case of work performance of 90%, at least 90% of the prior gross wage (incl. special payments) needs to be paid.

The short-time allowance for employers by the PES includes a reimbursement of cost for

- short-time support incl. non-wage labour cost which are due for the employee by the employer for the short-fall of working hours;
- pro-rata special payments incl. non-wage labour cost;
- higher contributions to social insurance.

The short-time allowance is calculated on the basis of the difference method:

- First the amount of short-time support is calculated. It results from the difference between the minimum gross remuneration and the pro-rata remuneration for performed working hours and for hours with entitlement to continued remuneration and pay compensation. This calculatory work remuneration is determined by division of the remuneration before short-time work by the normal working hours in the respective month (assuming a 5-day-week) and multiplication with the sum of deducted hours (performed working hours, holiday consumption, compensatory time-off, sickness leave, etc.);
- On top of the short-time support, employer contributions to social insurance and other employer contributions are added with a flat-rate of 27%;
- In case the pro-rata work remuneration is higher or equal to the minimum gross remuneration, the minimum remuneration guarantee is fulfilled and no short-time support is due.
- The amount of pro-rata special payments is calculated from the difference between the gross remuneration before short-time work and the work remuneration and is considered as a flat-rate in the amount of a sixth plus 30% for employer contributions to social insurance and other employer contributions.
- The amount of the special contribution base for social insurance is calculated from the difference between the gross remuneration before short-time work and the calculated gross income during short-time work (work remuneration and short-time support) and is considered with a flat-rate in the amount of 39% (for employer and employee contributions).
- Even if no short-time allowance is due, up to a gross remuneration of € 5,670, a cost replacement for pro-rata special payments and for the special social insurance contribution base is due, provided that the work remuneration is below € 5,670.

In practice, the short-time allowance for employers by the PES replaces shortfall-hours according to stipulated flat rates (which include pro rata special payments, social insurance contributions and other wage-related employer contributions). The respective flat rate is multiplied by the shortfall-hours. The classification is done according to wage scales (steps of 50 €), within a wage

scale the lower value is relevant. Example: 38,5 hours per week, 65 shortfall-hours, gross wage before short time work € 3,005.69 => flat rate table € 3,001.00 => flat rate € 22.65; Short time allowance = € 1,472.25 (€ 22,65 x 65 hours).

However, in sum (employer part plus PES part) special payments are not only paid up to the new gross amount that would result from the net amount of 80/85/90%, but in relation to the wage earned before short-time work. The pro-rata amount of special payments for the lost earnings part is paid by the PES.

Since July 2021 only 85% of the calculated short-time allowance according to the rules above are paid (retained amount of 15% for employers). However, enterprises severely hit by the crisis are exempted till 30 June 2022 (from 1 July 2022 no exemptions):

- enterprises affected by a lock-down after 1 July 2021 or
- enterprises for which the reduction in turnover in the 3rd quarter of 2020 was more than 50% compared to the 3rd quarter in 2019.

Employees who have been on short-time work for a particularly long time are entitled to a “long-time bonus” in the amount of € 500 in 2022. Individuals who were on short-time work for at least 10 months between March 1, 2020, and November 30, 2021, and for at least one day in December 2021, and whose current basis for calculating social security contributions in December 2021 was no more than € 2,775 are eligible.

- ***Duration***

Basically short-time work is limited with a duration of 24 months (short-time work up to 31 March 2020 does not count for the maximum duration of 24 months) in total. In the phase from July 2021 and in the phase from July 2022 short-time work is limited with 6 months.

Exceptions in case of special circumstances (covid-related economic problems like supply limitation, demand shortfall, interruption of supply chains):

- Companies that have been on short-time working since the beginning of the pandemic can continue to apply for short-time working beyond the 24-month period until May 31, 2022 at the latest.
- Companies that have been on short-time working since the outbreak of the pandemic and now require short-time working for other special reasons (war in Ukraine) may apply for short-time working for a maximum period of up to 30 June 2022.

- ***Treatment***

The employee receives the net income for the hours effectively worked (from employer) plus the net compensation allowance for the cancelled working hours (from PES). However, during short-time work employee and employer social insurance contributions must be paid as if working time were not reduced. Income tax must be paid for the hours effectively worked and from the remaining part up to the new gross income that corresponds to the total net income of the employee in short-time work (80/85/90% of the former net income). The PES takes over respective resulting additional costs for the employer related to shortfall hours. Special payments are taxed at the reduced rate of 6% as if no short-time work would have occurred.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

2020: According to available empirical statistics (source: <https://www.bmafj.gv.at/Services/News/Aktuelle-Arbeitsmarktzahlen.html>) we model short-time work for a period of 6 months for 30% of all white-collar workers (reference statistics show that 9/10 of all persons concerned by short-time work are white collar workers). For 40% of the 30% we assume a remaining working time of 40%, for 60% of the 30% we assume a remaining working time of 10%. For the time being we carry out a random selection and assume a replacement rate of 80% as the vast majority of take-up consists of white-collar workers with higher earnings. SIC and IT are only modelled in relation to effective working hours as anyway the part paid by the PES for short-fall hours represents only an intergovernmental transfer from one institution to the other and does not affect disposable income. In addition, for modelling total IT a net-to-gross conversion from the new net amount of 80/85/90% would be required.

Modelling in 2021/22: Short-time work was modelled according to available Eurostat-statistics for Austria and according to statistics provided by the *BMF* (2022) .

This policy can only produce results if the model is run in combination with the LMA add-on. The individuals that are selected to undergo transitions to monetary compensation schemes are defined in the TransLMA_xx policy, which is switched on automatically by the add-on. For more information about the modelling of labour market transitions please consult the ‘*Simulating labour market transitions in EUROMOD*’ document.

2.5.17 COVID-related measure hardship fund for self-employed 2020-2022 (bwmkscse_s)

- **Definitions**

The hardship fund shall reduce the income loss for self-employed due to Covid-19. Entitlement conditions

- **Entitlement conditions**

Pre-condition for the entitlement for payments from the hardship fund is a net income reduction due to the threat by Covid. Additionally, in phase 1 (March – April 2020) and phase 2 (May 2020 – June 2021), one of the following scenarios must apply 1) costs are not covered; 2) prohibition of entering the premises; 3) turnover reduction of at least 50%. From phase 3 (July – September 2021) onwards, it must be fulfilled that either 1) costs are not covered or 2) the turnover reduction is at least 50%. In phase 4 (November 2021 – March 2022), the required minimum turnover reduction is reduced to 40% (30% in November and December 2021). Loss in turnover is compared to the same month in the year before the crisis (or 1/3 of the turnover in the respective quarter of the year before the crisis).

Entitled are persons with obligatory insurance in GSVG/FSVG (social insurance provider) incl. professionals and freelancers: self-employed and micro-enterprises (less than 10 full-time equivalents of employees), incl. new self-employed, free lancers and professionals, persons with more than one minor occupation and timewise occasionally employed, who exceed the limit for minor occupation (e.g., persons engaged in the cultural sector), self-employed pensioners on minor occupation.

Not entitled are: Incomes from agriculture and forestry, Non-Profit-Organisations, institutions and other bodies of public law; natural persons who receive unemployment benefits at the time of applying.

Allowance for short-time work can be received at the same time.

- ***Income test***

Ancillary income such as pension and insurance benefits are possible up to a maximum of € 2,000 per month.

- ***Benefit amount***

Income loss is based on turnover-rentability in the comparison period. The comparison period for the turnover refers to the turnover in the same month before the crisis or to 1/3 of the turnover in the respective quarter (for example, for February 2022 the turnover in February 2020 or 1/3 of the turnover in the first quarter 2020 is relevant, for March 2022 the turnover in March 2019 or 1/3 of the turnover in the first quarter 2019). If for example, the net income in the comparison period is at 25% of the respective turnover, the insinuated net income amounts to 25% of the turnover in the respective comparison period.

The difference between insinuated net income and actual monthly net income is replaced at 80%, in case of an average monthly net income below the rate of minimum top up for singles (see table 2.7) at 90% (except applicants with ancillary incomes).

In case the sum of received taxable ancillary incomes and private or occupational insurance payments for COVID-losses exceeds € 2,000 per month, no hardship payment is due in the respective month. If this is not the case, but the sum of received monthly net incomes from self-employment and monthly taxable ancillary incomes and private or occupational insurance payments for COVID-losses exceeds € 2,000, the hardship payment has to be cut by the amount exceeding € 2,000. However, the hardship payment must not fall below the respective monthly minimum payment.

Respective monthly minimum flat rates were also paid in case there were no positive incomes in the income tax notice of the year before the crisis, or in case the amount of the calculated hardship payment is lower, or foundation/firm acquisition took place between 1.1. and 31.10.2020.

Payments were divided into so-called phases. In phase 1 (March – April 2020), a one-time payment of € 500 or, in the case of low-income earners, € 1,000 was available. In the second phase (May 2020 – June 2021) € 500 (minimum flat rate) to € 2,000 per month (for max. 15 months) were paid until July 2021. Additionally, a monthly “comeback bonus” of € 500 and an additional monthly bonus of 100 € was paid, increasing the maximum monthly allowance to € 2,600. Payments of phase 1 were offset in phase 2.

In phase 3 (July – September 2021) self-employed were entitled up to € 2,000 per month. The minimum monthly grant was € 600 (in July 2021: € 900). In phase 4 (November 2021 – March 2022), the subsidy for the net loss of income of self-employed persons amounts to a maximum of € 2,000 per month. The minimum subsidy in phase 4 amounts to € 600 per month (for November and December 2021: € 1,100 each). In phase 3 and 4, an additional amount of € 100 per month was paid.

- ***Treatment***

The payments are excluded from contributions and taxes.

- ***EUROMOD modelling:***

2020: We assume an income loss for 25% of self-employed for 4.5 months based on external statistics

(https://www.rechnungshof.gv.at/rh/home/home/Bund2021_29_Haertefallfonds_Foerderabwicklung.pdf). Following those statistics on average payments, an average payment of € 1,000 per month is modelled as in the SILC data no information on turnover is available.

In 2020/21 the hardship fund was modelled according to statistics provided by the *BMAW* (2022).

This policy can only produce results if the model is run in combination with the LMA add-on. The individuals that are selected to undergo transitions to monetary compensation schemes are defined in the *TransLMA_xx* policy, which is switched on automatically by the add-on. For more information about the modelling of labour market transitions please consult the ‘*Simulating labour market transitions in EUROMOD*’ document.

2.5.18 Energy Cost Compensation Federal level 2022 („Energiekostenausgleich“: *butmc01_at*)

- **Definitions**

Due to the increased energy costs in 2022, households will be supported by a one-time grant in 2022. The aim of the bonus is to provide financial relief to households through a voucher in the amount of 150 € to reduce the cost burden from an electricity bill.

- **Entitlement conditions**

All single or multiple-person households are eligible, provided that

- a) the income of single-person households does not exceed € 55,000
- b) the income of multiple-person households does not exceed € 110,000.

- **Income test**

Recipients of the energy compensation may earn incomes up to certain limit. The income threshold is an annual taxable family income of € 55,000 (in the previous year) for single-person households and € 110.000 (in the previous year) for multiple-person households. In case of multiple-person households only incomes of persons aged 18 or older are taken into account.

The yearly taxable income includes:

- + gross incomes
- social insurance contributions
- tax allowances
- special payments (13th, 14th)

- **Benefit amount**

The one-time amount of the voucher is € 150 per eligible household.

- **Treatment**

The energy cost compensation is exempt from income tax and also does not form part of the tax base for other levies

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

In case there is

- only one person in the household and annual taxable family income (il_multplech) is below or equal €55,000, OR
- more than one person in the household and annual taxable family income is below or equal € 110,000;

an energy bonus of € 150 is modelled.

2.5.19 Energy/housing bonus Vienna 2022 (only energy bonus)-2023 („Energiebonus/Wohnbonus“: butmc02_at)

- **Definitions**

Due to the increased energy and housing costs in 2022 and 2023, households in Vienna will (also) be supported by a one-time grant in 2022 and 2023. The aim of the bonus is to provide financial relief to households in the amount of 200 € (2023: 400 €) to reduce the cost burden of payments for energy and housing.

- **Entitlement conditions**

All single or multiple-person households in Vienna are eligible, provided that in the previous

- a) the yearly gross income of single-person households does not exceed € 40,000
- b) the gross income of multiple-person households does not exceed € 100,000.

The bonus is paid (on application) in the 4th quarter of 2022 and in the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2023.

- **Income test**

Recipients of the energy/ housing compensation may earn incomes up to certain limit. The income threshold is a yearly gross income of € 40,000 for single-person households and € 100,000 for multiple-person households. Relevant is the previous year.

- **Benefit amount**

The one-time amount of the benefit is € 200 (2023 € 400) per eligible household.

- **Treatment**

The energy and housing bonus is exempted from income tax and also does not form part of the tax base for other levies.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

The energy and housing bonus in Vienna in 2022 and 2023 is also given to all respective households. Although only foreseen for receivers in Vienna, also other Federal States provide this kind of compensation payments for higher energy costs.

2.5.20 (Regional) Climate Bonus and anti-inflation bonus („[Regionaler] Klimabonus und Anti-Teuerungsbonus“: bec01_at, bec02_at; blim_at)

- ***Definitions***

The regional climate bonus is designed to compensate for the new per tonne carbon tax from 1 July 2022. The bonus will be awarded in different levels depending on the relevant municipality. The aim of the bonus is to cushion the increase of higher travel and heating costs via yearly regional climate bonuses. The benefit is paid to each eligible person.

- ***Entitlement conditions***

All natural persons who were registered with their main residence in Austria for at least 183 days in the calendar year for which the regional climate bonus is paid are entitled to the bonus. If the place of residence is changed within the calendar year, the place of residence at which the person was registered for the predominant number of calendar days applies. Children are entitled if family allowance was received for them for more than six months in the year. Children below 18 years receive 50 percent of the respective amount of the climate bonus.

- ***Income test***

There is no income test.

- ***Benefit amount***

In the original setting (relevant for 2023), the main residence is decisive for the amount of the climate bonus. Four levels apply: In Vienna inner districts, a bonus of € 110 per year is paid out. In all other Vienna districts and Austrian municipalities, the bonus is € 150, € 185 or € 220 per year and person. For children below 18 years, half the amount is paid in each case. People who are not able to use public transport due to a disability receive the full amount of € 220 independent of their age.

Due to the high inflation in 2022, it was decided to pay a flat-rate payment of € 250 (climate bonus) plus € 250 (inflation bonus) to all residents in Austria independent of their regional residence. For children below 18 years, still half of the amounts is paid.

Table 2.13: Climate bonus plus inflation bonus per year in €, 2020-2023

	2020	2021	2022	2023
a) Category 1: Urban centres (highest-ranking accessibility by public transport); Viennese inner districts	-	-	500	110
b) Category 2: Urban centres (good accessibility by public transport); other Viennese districts	-	-	500	150
c) Category 3: Centres and surrounding areas (good basic accessibility by public transport)	-	-	500	185
d) Category 4: Rural communities (basic accessibility by public transport)	-	-	500	220

For children <18 years, 50% of the respective amount is paid; people with a disability who are not able to use public transport receive maximum amount.

- **Treatment**

The climate bonus represents a net amount and is exempted from contributions and taxes. Only 2022: The same is true for the inflation bonus with the following exception: if the receiver has an income of more than 90,000 € per year, the inflation bonus is added to the taxable income within the income tax.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

The climate bonus (2022: bec01_s, 2023: bclm_s) is given to all individuals. Only 2022: The anti-inflation bonus is split in a benefit for receivers with an yearly income of less or equal 90,000 € (bec01_s) and in a benefit for receivers with an yearly income of more than 90,000 € (bec02_s). The latter benefit is added to the taxable income.

2023: Regional climate bonus: In case of

- residence in Vienna (drgn2=13) a climate bonus of € 110,
- residence outside Vienna but in an urban density area ((drgn2=13) | (drgur = 1 & drgn2 !=13)) a climate bonus of € 150,
- residence in a middle density area (drgmd =1) a climate bonus of € 185,
- residence in a rural density area (drgur = 1) a climate bonus of € 220

is modelled.)

In 2023, the higher bonus for people with a disability who are not able to use public transport is given to persons with the condition isDisabled = 1.

2.5.21 Housing cost compensation Vienna 2023 (“Wiener Wohnunterstützungspauschale ‘23”; bhotu_02)

- *Definitions*

The housing cost compensation supplement for Vienna is designed to support vulnerable households to cope with the increased housing costs. The supplement will be paid to eligible individuals without application.

- *Entitlement conditions*

Each household in Vienna that receives social assistance, unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance, housing allowance, minimum pension top-up or minimum pension top-up for civil servants receives a € 200 one-off payment in September 2023.

- *Income test*

For the one-off payment no additional income test (in addition to the income test for the basic benefit) is applied. The payment itself is excluded from means-tests for the social assistance.

- *Benefit amount*

€ 200 for each eligible household.

- *EUROMOD modelling*

The lump-sum payment in Vienna in 2023 is given to all households which receive housing allowance, social assistance, unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance or minimum pension according to EU-SILC in Austria ($bsa > 0$ | $bunct > 0$ | $bunnc > 0$ | $pmmtu > 0$ | $bho > 0$). In case more than one of these benefits were received within the same household, we modelled that the housing cost compensation is only granted once. Although only foreseen for receivers in Vienna, also other Federal States provide a similar kind of compensation payments for poor people. Thus, we model the situation in Vienna for the whole country.

2.5.22 Energy Cost Compensation New self-employed 2023 („Energiekostenzuschuss Neue Selbständige“: bec05_at)

- *Definitions*

The flat-rate energy cost subsidy for small businesses 2023 (not relevant in EUROMOD) is also transferred to New Self-Employed.

- *Entitlement conditions*

Eligible are those new self-employed persons who were compulsorily insured or covered by health insurance under the GSVG from February to December 2022

- *Income test*

The contribution base for December 2022 must not reach the maximum contribution base (€ 6,615).

- ***Benefit amount***

The energy cost compensation is paid as one-off credit in the amount of € 410 in the 4th quarter of 2023.

- ***Treatment***

The energy cost compensation is exempt from income tax and also does not form part of the tax base for other levies.

- ***EUROMOD modelling***

The maximum contribution base of € 6,615 refers to the upper contribution limit for social insurance contributions of self-employed in 2022. EUROMOD input data does not contain information on the individual income in the year before (y_{se,t-1}). Therefore, the one-off energy cost compensation for new self-employed is modelled with current incomes (y_{se} & temp_y_{se}) and the 2023 upper contribution limit of € 6,825. New self-employed are defined in accordance to the simulation of health insurance contributions (tscsehl00_s) of new self-employed in tscse_at. The contribution base for self-employed (y_{se} & temp_y_{se}) is used to identify eligible new self-employed who did not reach the upper contribution limit.

2.6 Social insurance contributions

Besides standard contributions to health, pension, accident and unemployment insurance, there are some other contributions that are also subsumed under social insurance contributions.

Housing support: In order to improve the position of (lower income) people on the housing market, Federal States have a special housing support, to which both employer and employees contribute.

Employee's Union contribution (Kammerumlage): Employees contribute to employee's chamber's budget on a compulsory base.

Employers' Contribution to Family Benefits Fund (Beitrag zum Familienlastenausgleichsfonds): Family benefits such as child benefit are financed from the fund.

Employers' Contribution to Insolvency Fund (Zuschlag Insolvenzentgeltsicherungsgesetz IESG): The insolvency fund steps in when an employer is no longer able to compensate employees due to insolvency

Municipality tax: employers have to pay a so-called municipality tax based on their employees' gross wages.

2.6.1 Employee social contributions [tscee_at]

Contribution rates and upper and lower contribution limits of different employment types are summarised in table 2.13 below. Exceptions are described in the text.

Table 2.13: Employee social contribution thresholds and rates [2020-2023]

	2020	2021	2022	2023
1. Blue and white-collar employees				
lower contr. Limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
upper contr. Limit	5,370	5,550	5,670	5,850
Health insurance	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%
Pension insurance	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%
Unemployment insurance	See text	See text	See text	See text
Housing benefit*	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Union contributions*	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
2. Agricultural worker				
lower contr. Limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
upper contr. Limit	5,370	5,550	5,670	5,850
Health insurance	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%
Pension insurance	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%
Unemployment insurance	See text	See text	See text	See text
Union contributions*	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
3. Freelancer (“Freie Dienstnehmer/Innen”)				
lower contr. Limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
upper contr. Limit	5,370	5,550	5,670	5,850
Health insurance	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%
Pension insurance	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%
Unemployment ins.	See text	See text	See text	See text
Union contributions*	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
4. Civil Servants				
lower contr. Limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
upper contr. Limit	5,370	5,550	5,670	5,850
Health insurance	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
Pension insurance	See text	See text	See text	See text
Housing benefit*	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
5. Pensioners				
Health ins.	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%
Health ins. Former farmers	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%
6. Pensioners Civil Servants				
lower contr. Limit	460.66	475.86	485.85%	
upper contr. Limit	5,370	5,550	5,670	
Health insurance	4.90%	4.90%	4.90%	4.90%
Pension insurance***	2.78%	2.65%	2.53%	
7. Apprentices				
Health insurance**	1.67%	1.67%	1.67%	1.67%
Pension insurance	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%
Unemployment insurance	See text	See text	See text	See text

al amount.

* not due for special payments (13th, 14th), ** lower and upper contribution limit do not apply,

*** mixed rate weighted for no. of different types of civil servant pensioners.

Pensioners’ contributions to health insurance

For retired farmers, the contribution rate to the health insurance is equal to that for other pensioners since 2020.

Employee contributions to unemployment insurance

Employees (non-civil servants) pay a contribution of 1-3% on gross wages. The scheme is summarised in the table 2.15 below.

Table 2.14: Unemployment insurance contributions; 2020-2023

Year	Monthly gross wage	Unemployment insurance contribution
2020	€ 2,050 or above	3.00%
	€ 1,891 – 2,049	2.00%
	€ 1,733 – 1,890	1.00 %
2021	€ 2,118 or above	3.00%
	€ 1,953 – 2,117	2.00%
	€ 1,790 – 1,952	1.00 %
2022	€ 2,162 or above	3.00%
	€ 1,995 – 2,161	2.00%
	€ 1,828 – 1,994	1.00 %
2023	€ 2,229 or above	3.00%
	€ 2,057 – 2,228	2.00%
	€ 1,885 – 2,056	1.00 %

No contributions are due for elderly male employees (63+) and elderly female employees (60+).²

For apprenticeships, a reduced unemployment insurance rate of 1.20% applies. If the gross wage per month in 2023 is below € 2,057 but above € 1,885 per month the contribution rate amounts to 1%, below € 1,885 it is zero.

Employee contributions to pension insurance

If retirement is deferred, the contribution rate is reduced by 50% for older employees.

According to the birth year, for yearly gross salaries below 14 times the upper contribution limit (see table 2.13 above) civil servants pay between 10.25% (born 1984 and later) and 12.55% (born 1954 and earlier), for yearly gross salaries above 14 times the upper contribution limit (see table 2.13 above) they pay between 0.00% (born 1984 and later) and 12.55% (born 1954 and earlier) as pension contribution. Details are summarised in table 2.15.

² In part there is also the pre-condition that there is entitlement to an old-age pension (except corridor pension). For men we assume that this does not happen before 63 years, for women we assume that this does not happen before 60 years but that with 60 years the conditions for an old age pension are fulfilled.

Table: 2.15: Pension contributions civil servants by birthyear; 2020-2023

Birth year	Rate below ceiling of 14 times monthly upper contr. Limit	Rate above ceiling of 14 times monthly upper contr. Limit
1984 and later	10.25 %	0.00 %
1983	10.32 %	0.98 %
1982	10.34 %	1.23 %
1981	10.36 %	1.47 %
1980	10.37 %	1.72 %
1979	10.39 %	1.96 %
1978	10.41 %	2.21 %
1977	10.43 %	2.46 %
1976	10.45 %	2.70 %
1975	10.68 %	5.90 %
1974	10.69 %	6.12 %
1973	10.71 %	6.35 %
1972	10.73 %	6.57 %
1971	10.74 %	6.79 %
1970	10.76 %	7.01 %
1969	10.77 %	7.23 %
1968	10.79 %	7.45 %
1967	10.81 %	7.67 %
1966	10.82 %	7.89 %
1965	10.84 %	8.11 %
1964	10.85 %	8.33 %
1963	10.87 %	8.56 %
1962	10.89 %	8.78 %
1961	10.90 %	9.00 %
1960	10.92 %	9.22 %
1959	12.21 %	10.72 %
1958	12.26 %	10.79 %
1957	12.31 %	11.22 %
1956	12.35 %	11.47 %
1955	12.40 %	11.73 %
1954 and earlier	12.55 %	12.55 %

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

We assume that employees aged 16 and 17 are apprentices. We assume that the reduced rate to pension insurance applies to women aged 60-62 and men aged 65-67.

The higher health insurance contributions for retired farmers cannot be modelled, thus we only distinguish between civil-servant pensioners and non-civil-servant pensioners.

Civil servant pensioners also pay a pension contribution. We model an average contribution rate based on the year of retirement and group (regular civil servants or Austrian Federal Railways), without any base-limits and upper limits.

2.6.2 Employer social contributions

Contribution rates and upper and lower contribution limits of different employment types are summarised in table 2.16 below. Exceptions are described in the text.

Table 2.16: Employer social contribution thresholds and rates [2020-2023]

	2020	2021	2022	2023
1. Blue and white-collar employees				
lower contr. Limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
upper contr. Limit	5,370	5,550	5,670	5,850
Health insurance	3.78%	3.78%	3.78%	3.78%
Accident insurance	1.20%	1.20%	1.20%	1.10%
Pension insurance	12.55%	12.55%	12.55%	12.55%
Unemployment ins.	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Insolvency Fund	0.20%	0.20%	0.10%	0.10%
Housing benefit*	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Family Fund	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.70%
Municipality tax	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
2. Agricultural workers				
lower contr. Limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
upper contr. Limit	5,370	5,550	5,670	5,850
Health insurance	3.78%	3.78%	3.78%	3.78%
Accident insurance	1.20%	1.20%	1.20%	1.10%
Pension insurance	12.55%	12.55%	12.55%	12.55%
Unemployment insurance	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Insolvency Fund	0.20%	0.20%	0.10%	0.10%
Family Fund	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.70%
Municipality tax	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
3. Free lancers (“Freie Dienstnehmer/Innen”)				
lower contr. Limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
upper contr. Limit	5,370	5,550	5,670	5,850
Health insurance	3.78%	3.78%	3.78%	3.78%
Accident insurance	1.20%	1.20%	1.20%	1.10%
Pension insurance	12.55%	12.55%	12.55%	12.55%
Unemployment insurance	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Insolvency Fund	0.20%	0.20%	0.10%	0.10%
Municipality tax	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
4. Civil Servants				
lower contr. Limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
upper contr. Limit	5,370	5,550	5,670	5,850
Health insurance	3.535%	3.535%	3.535%	3.535%
Accident insurance**	0.47%	0.47%	0.47%	0.47%
Housing benefit*	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Municipality tax	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
5. Apprentices (Lehrlinge)				
Health insurance**	1.68%	1.68%	1.68%	1.68%
Pension insurance	12.55%	12.55%	12.55%	12.55%
Unemployment insurance	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Family Fund	3.90%	3.90%	3.90%	3.70%
Municipality tax	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%

Note: Lower and upper contribution limits are monthly values and refer to 1/14 of the annual amount. For special regulations (age limits, income limits) see text below. * not due for special payments (13th, 14th).

** lower and upper contribution limit do not apply.

For older employees some exceptions apply:

- Accident insurance: no contributions for employees 60+
- Pension insurance: the contribution rate is reduced by 50%, if retirement is deferred
- Family benefit fund: no contributions for employees 60+

- Insolvency fund: no contribution for women 60+ and men 63+

The contribution to the Employers' Contribution to Family Benefits Fund is paid by all employers (except for employers of free lancers and civil servants) on the sum of all gross wages paid in the business. If this sum is lower than € 1,460 per month then it is reduced by € 1,095.

The municipality tax is paid by all employers on the sum of all gross wages paid in the business. If this sum is lower than € 1,460 per month then it is reduced by € 1,095.

- ***EUROMOD modelling:***

We assume that employees aged 16 and 17 are apprentices.

We further assume that the reduced rate to pension insurance applies to women aged 60-62 and men aged 65-67.

We do not have information on the total gross wages paid by an employer. Therefore, we assume that all employers exceed the threshold mentioned for the Family Benefits Fund and the municipality tax and pay contributions for all employees without any reductions.

2.6.3 Self-employed social contributions

Contribution rates and upper and lower contribution limits of different employment types are summarised in table 2.17 below. Exceptions are described in the text.

Table 2.17: Self-employed social contribution thresholds and rates 2020-2023

	2020	2021	2022	2023
1. Self-employed and professionals (GSVG, FSVG)				
minimum contribution limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
upper contribution limit	6,265	6,475	6,615	6,825
Health insurance	6.80%	6.80%	6.80%	6.80%
Accident insurance*	10.09 €/m	10.42 €/m	10.64 €/m	10.97 €/m
1a. Self-employed (GSVG)				
minimum contribution limit	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
for members of Economic Chamber	574.36	574.36	485.85	500.91
upper contribution limit	6,265	6,475	6,615	6,825
Pension insurance	18.5%	18.5%	18.5%	18.5%
Provision fund	1.53%	1.53%	1.53%	1.53%
1b. Professionals (FSVG)				
minimum contribution limit for pension insurance	574.36	574.36	485.85	500.91
upper contribution limit for pension insurance	6,265	6,475	6,615	6,825
Pension insurance	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%
2. Farmers (BSVG)				
minimum contribution limit HI	850.07	475.86	485.85	500.91
minimum contribution limit PI	460.66	475.86	485.85	500.91
minimum contribution limit AI	850.07	878.12	896.56	924.35
upper contribution limit	6,265	6,475	6,615	6,825
Health insurance	6.80%	6.80%	6.80%	6.80%
Accident insurance	1.90%	1.90%	1.90%	1.90%
Pension insurance	17.00%	17.00%	17.00%	17.00%

Note: Lower and upper contribution limits are monthly values and refer to 1/12 of the annual amount. For special regulations (age limits, income limits) see text below. * lower and upper contribution limit not relevant.

For older self-employed the following exception applies:

- Pension insurance: the contribution rate is reduced by 50%, if retirement is deferred

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

We assume that the reduced rate to pension insurance applies to women aged 60-62 and men aged 65-67. We do not have information on the chamber-membership and assume that those with exclusively self-employment income are members of the chamber.

Self-employed and farmers' contributions to health insurance; one-off credit (anti inflation policy) in 2022 (bec03 at, bec04 at); permanent credit (measure within eco-sociological tax reform) from 2022:

Self-employed compulsorily or self-insured in health insurance (GSVG) on 31 August 2022 and farmers (works manager are entitled for compulsorily ensured persons) compulsorily or self-insured in health insurance (BSVG) on 31 May 2022 receive a one-off credit note related to health insurance contributions within the prescription for the 4th quarter 2022 (farmers. 3rd quarter 2022). The credit is an equivalent to the anti-inflation tax credit for employees.

The credit is exempted from income tax, in case the income in the previous year does not exceed € 24,500. Otherwise, it is added to the income tax assessment base – without increasing operational revenues. In case the pre-conditions for an exemption from income tax do not apply,

the assessment of revenues liable to wage tax has to be conducted. To avoid a double receipt with the anti-inflation tax credit (employees), the credit note reduces a potential anti-inflation tax credit within the income tax declaration.

The maximum credit of € 500 is paid at a monthly assessment base between € 1,200 and € 2,100. Below € 1,200 and above € 2,100 the credit note decreases (see the table below). The income consists of the total amount of revenues (after adjustment with losses) from agriculture and forestry, self-employed work, business enterprise, non-self-employed work, capital incomes, incomes from rent and lease, other incomes, and after deduction of special expenses and extraordinary burdens.

Table 2.4: One-off credit related to health insurance for self-employed (GSVG) and farmers (BSVG) 2022

Monthly assessment base	Credit note (yearly, net)
Below € 566	0
€ 566.00 up to € 600	€ 160
€ 600.01 € up to € 700	€ 190
€ 700.01 up to € 800	€ 220
€ 800.01 up to € 900	€ 250
€ 900.01 up to € 1 000	€ 280
€ 1 000.01 up to € 1 100	€ 280
€ 1 100.01 up to € 1 200	€ 420
€ 1 200.01 up to € 1 300	€ 500
€ 1 300.01 up to € 1 400	€ 500
€ 1 400.01 up to € 1 500	€ 500
€ 1 500.01 up to € 1 600	€ 500
€ 1 600.01 up to € 1 700	€ 500
€ 1 700.01 up to € 1 800	€ 500
€ 1 800.01 up to € 1 900	€ 500
€ 1 900.01 up to € 2 000	€ 500
€ 2 000.01 up to € 2 100	€ 500
€ 2 100.01 up to € 2 200	€ 440
€ 2 200.01 up to € 2 300	€ 380
€ 2 300.01 up to € 2 400	€ 380
€ 2 400.01 up to € 2 500	€ 300
€ 2 500.01 up to € 2 600	€ 240
€ 2 600.01 up to € 2 700	€ 160
€ 2 700.01 up to € 2 800	€ 100
€ 2.800.01 up to € 2.900	€ 100
Above € 2,900	0

Part of the eco-sociological tax reform is a permanent credit of health insurance contributions for self-employed and farmers with low and middle incomes from 2022 onwards. The amount of the yearly credit is staggered according to the monthly contribution base. The contribution bases defined in the scale are fixed amounts and are not subject to annual revaluation. For the assessment base for income tax, only the health insurance contribution reduced by the credit is taken into account as deduction.

Self-employed and farmers are entitled to the credit in cases they were compulsorily insured on 31st May and 15th January respectively of the current calendar year and their contribution basis under the health insurance scheme on 31st May or 15th January of the current calendar year does not exceed 2,900.00 €. The credit is to be granted in the 3rd quarter of the calendar year. The

contribution basis from the gainful activities that give rise to compulsory insurance under this federal law are decisive.

Table 2.5: Permanent credit of health insurance contributions for self-employed (GSVG) and farmers (BSVG) from 2022 on

Monthly assessment base	Credit note (yearly, net)
Up to € 500	€ 90
€ 500.01 up to € 600	€ 110
€ 600 € up to € 700	€ 130
€ 700.01 up to € 800	€ 150
€ 800.01 up to € 900	€ 170
€ 900.01 up to € 1,000	€ 190
€ 1,000.01 up to € 1,200	€ 210
€ 1,200.01 up to € 1,300	€ 225
€ 1,300.01 up to € 1,400	€ 240
€ 1,400.01 up to € 1,500	€ 260
€ 1,500.01 up to € 1,600	€ 280
€ 1,600.01 up to € 1,700	€ 295
€ 1,700.01 up to € 1,800	€ 315
€ 1,800.01 up to € 1,900	€ 310
€ 1,900.01 up to € 2,000	€ 280
€ 2,000.01 up to € 2,100	€ 245
€ 2,100.01 up to € 2,200	€ 200
€ 2,200.01 up to € 2,300	€ 155
€ 2,300.01 up to € 2,400	€ 105
€ 2,400.01 up to € 2,900	€ 60

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

For self-employed and farmers with a taxable yearly income of above € 24,500, the extraordinary credit in 2022 is included in taxable income-IL (bec04_s), for those with a taxable yearly income below € 24,500 the credit is not included in the taxable income-IL (bec03_s).

The permanent credit of health insurance contributions for self-employed and farmers is subtracted from the respective health insurance contributions (tscsehl00_s) in order to correct the assessment base for income tax. The reduction of health insurance contributions is limited at € 0.

2.6.4 Co-insurance in the health insurance (employees, self-employed)

For certain adult co-insured relatives (spouses, housekeeping relatives, parents, etc.) the co-insurance is subject to contributions. The insured person has to pay an additional contribution of 3.4 % of his gross earnings (pension).

Exempted from the additional contributions are spouses who care for the upbringing of children in the common household or have done this in the past for at least 4 years, for relatives receiving care benefit at least in degree 3 and for relatives who care for the insured person entitled to care benefit of at least degree 3.

Children (incl. stepchildren, grandchildren in case they live in the common household (or are temporarily out of the household due to occupational education or health care) with the insured person are basically co-insured without additional contributions below 18 years of age. In case of full-time education children and grandchildren are also co-insured for free below 27 years of age when their studies are successful. This is also the case for max. 24 months during unemployment spells after reaching 18 years of age respective after completing a school or occupational education. The co-insurance is for free without age-limit in case the child is not capable to work and the underlying health problem has occurred below 18 years of age or during school or occupational education.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

As we don't have exact information on the criteria for whom the co-insurance contribution has to be paid (e.g., women who have never raised a child) we **don't model** the co-insurance payments.

2.6.5 Credited insurance contributions

Contributions to health insurance for pensioners [tscher s]

For “employers“ of non-civil servant pensioners, i.e. the pension insurance authorities, the law specifies different health-insurance contributions. The pension insurance institution for blue-collar and white-collar workers (ASVG) pay a contribution of 3.98% of the contribution base. Other insurance institutions have to pay different rates.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

The health contributions by pension insurance authorities are not modelled as they represent only a shift of contributions from the pension insurance to the health insurance.

2.7 Direct taxes

2.7.1 Personal income tax

2.7.1.1 Tax unit

Personal income tax system in Austria is an individual system. Generally, the tax unit is an individual who has received income. However, the family tax credit “Familienbonus Plus” can be divided equally into two parts between parents.

2.7.1.2 Exemptions

With the exception of public pensions (paid by the pension insurance), pensions of civil servants, private pensions and sickness benefit, all benefits are exempted from income tax in Austria. However, for benefits from the unemployment insurance the progression adjustment has to be taken into account (see below).

2.7.1.3 Tax allowances

(Social insurance) contributions [tscee_s, tscer_s, tscse_s]

When calculating income tax, the first deduction used is the deduction for social insurance contributions. All (social insurance) contributions of employees, self-employed and pensioners listed above are tax deductible.

Cost of earnings deduction ("Werbungskostenabzug", [tintace_s])

The amount of deduction from employment income (gross wages minus social insurance contributions) is € 132 annually. The cost of earnings deduction reduces the taxable income. Every employee is eligible (not: self-employed).

Exceptional costs deduction („Sonderausgabenpauschale“, [tintaee_s])

Also, in case of no exceptional deduction, automatically a lump sum of € 60 per year is subtracted from the incomes. Every person liable to tax is eligible. The deduction is abolished after 2020.

Tax allowance private healthcare expenses in the framework of the exceptional costs deduction ("Außergewöhnliche Belastungen Gesundheitsausgaben": tintahl_s)

Private health care expenses are tax deductible if they exceed a certain threshold (retained amount) linked to individual annual income. For 2022, the thresholds are 6% ($\leq 7,300\text{€}$), 8% ($> 7,300\text{€} - 14,600\text{€}$), 10% ($> 14,600\text{€} - 36,400\text{€}$) and 12% ($> 36,400\text{€}$).

The retained amount is reduced by 1 percent each time there is entitlement to the single-earner (alternatively if the income of the spouse is less than € 6,312 (before 2023: 6,000) per year and cohabiting for more than six months in the calendar year) or single-parent tax credit and for each child for whom there is entitlement to the child tax credit or maintenance tax credit for more than six months.

The retained amount is calculated by multiplying the individual income with the individual percentage.

The relevant income is calculated as follows:

Assessment base for retained amount =
+ Yearly Gross income (incl. special payments 13th, 14th)
- tax exempted income
- social insurance contributions
- lump sum cost of earnings deduction („Werbungskostenpauschale“) (employees)
- lump sum exceptional cost deduction („Sonderausgabenpauschale“) (all persons liable to tax) [only before 2021]
- (other) exceptional costs deduction for which there is no retained amount

- ***EUROMOD modelling:***

The tax allowance for health expenditure is modelled based on imputed health care expenditure. The individual retained amount is calculated based on the income level, the number of children, and the potential single earner (incl. couples without children) or lone parent status.

Special expenses ("Sonderausgaben"), and other exceptional costs deductions ("Außergewöhnliche Belastungen") are not considered in the model as relevant information is lacking in the data.

Self-assessment income tax-free allowance ("Freibetrag fuer zu veranlagende Einkommensarten", tintatb_s)

An employee whose employment income is liable to wage tax (part of income tax) is allowed to have other taxable incomes up to € 730 per calendar year exempted from tax. Other taxable incomes are for example:

- Incomes from agriculture and forestry,
- self employment income,
- incomes from service contracts („Werkverträge“),
- incomes from renting and leasing.

In case these other incomes exceed € 730 per year the tax exempted amount is reduced by the amount the other incomes exceed € 730. Thus, in case of other incomes of € 1,460 € or more, no tax-free allowance is subtracted and these incomes are completely liable to tax.

Tax allowance for profits (self-employed) ("Gewinnfreibetrag", tintase_s)

In 2010 for self-employed a tax allowance for profits was introduced. Also, free lancers who do not receive special payments are eligible. It reduces the tax assessment base (taxable income). For profits up to € 30,000 it amounts to 15% (maximum € 4,500; before 2022: 13%/ maximum € 3,900). If the profit is higher than € 30,000 it is calculated from this limit. In case of higher profits also a tax allowance for investments is available. As we do not have information on potential investments in the data, the tax allowance for investments is not modelled.

2.7.1.4 Tax base

The income tax law lists seven income types, which are taxable:

- 1) Incomes from agriculture and forestry
- 2) Incomes from self-employed work
- 3) Incomes from business enterprises
- 4) Incomes from non-self-employed work, which also includes:
 - Pensions both of non- and civil servants (exempted from tax are all benefits/rents by the accident insurance as well as allowances based on the laws for war/civil/crime victims, military provision, vaccination damage),
 - Child bonuses for pensioners and civil servant pensioners,
 - Payments from pension funds (payments and pensions, which are based on contributions by the employer, are fully taxable; of payments and pensions, which are based on contributions by the employee, only 25% are taxed. Pensions from a premium-favored pension provision, premium-favored future provision and of the new severance pay system are exempted from tax).

- Sickness benefits³
- 5) Incomes from capital assets
- 6) Incomes from rent and leasing⁴
- 7) Other income

The yearly tax base is calculated as follows:

Yearly tax base =
+ Yearly Gross income (excl. special payments 13th, 14th)
- (social insurance) contributions (employees, pensioners, self-employed; excl. special payments)
- lump sum cost of earnings deduction („Werbungskostenpauschale“) (employees)
- lump sum exceptional cost deduction („Sonderausgabenpauschale“) (all persons liable to tax) [only before 2021]
- self assessment income tax-free allowance ("Freibetrag für zu veranlagende Einkommensarten") (employees)
- Tax allowance for profits (self-employed) ("Gewinnfreibetrag")

³ Unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance, pension advancement, transitory payment („Übergangsgeld“) and family supplement in the unemployment assistance are in fact exempted from tax. However, it has to be considered in the framework of the progression adjustment („Progressionsvorbehalt“; see below).

⁴ For incomes from rent and leasing it has to be noted that the definition of taxable incomes in the income tax law is different from the definition of the related item in the EU-SILC data. The item in the EU-SILC data includes also incomes from rent and leasing that were withdrawn by the self-employed person and consequently not taxed. Also writing-off practices lead to differences in the two definitions.

2.7.1.5 Tax schedule

Common Tax Schedule for regular earnings

Table 2.18: Income brackets and tax rates income-tax 2020-2023

Income brackets (taxable €/year) [2023]	2020-06/2022	7/2022-6/2023	From 7/2023
<11,000 [<11,693]	0%	0%	0%
11,000-18,000 [11,693-19,134]	20%	20%	20%
18,000-31,000 [19,134-32,075]	35%	30%	30%
31,000-60,000 [32,075-62,080]	42%	42%	40%
60,000-90,000 [62,080-93,120]	48%	48%	48%
90,000-1,000,000 [93,120-1,000,000]	50%	50%	50%
>1,000,000	55%	55%	55%

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

For 2023 (2022) for the tax bracket 32,075-62,080 € (18,000-31,000 €) we model an average tax rate of 41% (32.5%).

2.7.1.6 Tax credits

The tax credits have to be applied in the order listed below (exemption: child/maintenance tax credit, which application is flexible due to its non-income dependent nature). To better understand the possibilities of negative tax, the following sequence should be considered:

- 1) Family tax credit “Familienbonus Plus”: only to be subtracted as long as it does not exceed the income tax after applying tax brackets; if certain conditions are fulfilled, an additional amount “Kindermehrbetrag” can be subtracted which also qualifies for negative tax;
- 2) Single earner and lone parent tax credit: if conditions fulfilled always paid also as negative tax;
- 3) Commuters’/ pensioners’ tax credit are fully deductible (in case of low incomes as long as within limits of negative tax; see below)
- 4) Negative tax within commuters’ tax credit is applied if income tax after tax credits is below 0: 55% (before 2021: 50%) of yearly employee’s social insurance contributions, contributions to housing benefit and compulsory Union Contributions, but at most € 684 (2021-2022: € 650; 2020: € 400) per year. However, the negative tax is limited with the income tax below 0 after applying the tax credits; negative tax within pensioners’ tax credit is applied if income tax after tax credits is below 0: 80% (2020: 75%) of yearly pensioners’ social insurance contributions, but at most 579 € (2021-2022: 550 €; 2020: 300) per year. However, the negative tax is limited with the income tax below 0 after applying the tax credits.
- 5) (Child tax credit: always paid as negative tax without any additional conditions apart from having a child; paid together with family allowance like a cash benefit)

2.7.1.6.1 Family tax credit ("Familienbonus Plus", [tintcfa00_s])

- *Definitions*

The family tax credit considers the reduced economic capability of persons liable to tax with maintenance obligations against children.

- *Eligibility conditions*

The family tax credit can be claimed for children for whom the child or maintenance tax credit is due.

- *Amount of the tax credit*

In case only one parent claims the family tax credit, for children below 18 years of age it amounts to € 166.68 (before 2022: € 125) per month and child. For children above 17 years of age the family tax credit amounts to € 54.18 (before 2022: € 41.68) per month.

In case both parents claim the family tax credit for the same child, each parent receives 50% of the tax credit, i.e. € 83.34 or € 27.09 per month and child and claiming person.

The family tax credit reduces the income tax due and is limit with the income tax before applying the tax credits. It can be claimed via the yearly tax exchange or via the employer.

- *Additional amount ("Kindermehrbetrag ", [tintcfang_s])*

In case there is an income tax below € 550 (before 2022: € 250) after applying the tax schedule and

- there is entitlement to the single earner or lone parent tax credit, or
- (only from 2022 on) also for the spouse there is an income tax below € 550 after applying the tax schedule – in this case only the spouse receiving family allowance is entitled –

the "Kindermehrbetrag" is granted via the yearly tax exchange in form of a negative tax. A precondition is that

- on at least 30 days within the calendar year taxable income from 1. Agriculture and forestry, 2. Self-employment, 3. Business enterprise or 4. Employment were received OR
- all the year childcare benefit or careleave benefit was received
- (before 2022: on less than 330 days in the calendar year unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance or minimum income benefit was received).

The „Kindermehrbetrag“ amounts to € 550 (before 2022: € 250) per year and child, less the income tax due before applying the tax credits.

2.7.1.6.2 Single earner tax credit ("Alleinverdienerabsetzbetrag", [tintcsw_s])

- *Definitions*

The single earners' tax credit takes into account the reduced economic capacity of persons liable to tax and with maintenance obligations towards the (marriage)-partner and towards children.

- **Eligibility conditions**

Single earners are persons liable to tax who are married or cohabited for more than 6 months in the calendar year and who are not permanently separated. The income of the spouse must not exceed a certain yearly income limit. As additional pre-condition for at least one child the child tax credit must be granted for at least 7 months in the calendar year.

- **Income test**

The income of the spouse is considered. The income limit of the spouse amounts to € 6,312 (before 2023: € 6,000) per year.

(Self) Employment incomes are:

- gross incomes liable to tax –
- (social insurance) contributions –
- lump sum cost of earnings deduction (employees) € 132–
- tax exempted other incomes (e.g., 13th, 14th up to the “Freigrenze” of € 2,100).

Incomes of running an enterprise are operating revenues minus operating expenditures.

To be considered are also:

- maternity benefit,
- severance pay or pension compensations,
- incomes from capital assets (e.g., interest, dividends from company shares), even when they were already taxed.

Most of the tax exempted incomes are **not** considered, e.g.,

- family allowance, childcare benefit,
- unemployment benefit and unemployment assistance,
- maintenance payments, etc.

In case of multiple incomes the total amount of all incomes is decisive.

- **Amount of the tax credit**

The single earners' tax credit reduces the income tax. In case of 1 child the tax credit amounts to € 520 (before 2023: € 494) per year, in case of 2 children to € 704 (before 2023: € 669) per year. For the 3rd and each further child, the tax credit is increased by € 232 (before 2023: € 220) per year. In case of low incomes, the tax credit is also paid as negative tax.

2.7.1.6.3 Lone parent tax credit ("Alleinerzieherabsetzbetrag", [tintclp_s])

- **Definitions**

The lone parent tax credit considers the reduced economic capacity of persons liable to tax with maintenance obligations towards children.

- **Eligibility conditions**

The person liable to tax, who receives for at least 1 child for at least 7 months in the calendar year family allowance, is considered as lone parent as long he/she does not cohabit for more than six months in the calendar year.

- *Amount of the tax credit*

The lone parent tax credit reduces the income tax. In case of 1 child the tax credit amounts to € 520 (before 2023: € 494) per year, in case of 2 children to € 704 (before 2023: € 669) per year. For the 3rd and each further child, the tax credit is increased by € 232 (before 2023: € 220) per year. In case of low incomes, the tax credit is also paid as negative tax.

2.7.1.6.4 Commuters' tax credit ("Verkehrsabsetzbetrag", [tintcox_s]) plus (only 2022) Inflation tax credit ("Teuerungsabsetzbetrag")

The costs of commuting between residence place and working place for employees are compensated cross-the-board by the commuters' tax credit. The tax credit amounts to € 421 (before 2023: € 400)/year. The commuter tax credit is increased by a supplement of € 684/year (2021, 2022: € 650/year; 2020: € 400/year), if the income of the person liable to tax does not exceed € 16,832/year (2021-2022: € 16,000/year; 2020: € 15,500/year). Between incomes of € 16,832 and € 25,774 (2021-2022 € 16,000 and € 24,500; 2020: € 15,500 and € 21,500) the supplement is gradually reduced to 0. The tax unit is the individual. The commuter tax credit reduces the income tax and is fully deductible (in case of low incomes as long as within limits of negative tax; see below).

In **2022**, persons entitled to the commuter's tax credit or the pensioner's tax credit are also entitled to the **inflation tax credit** of € 500/year. Persons entitled to the commuter's tax credit are entitled to the full inflation tax credit, if the income of the person liable to tax does not exceed € 18,200/year. Between incomes of € 18,200 and € 24,500 the inflation tax credit is gradually reduced to 0. The tax unit is the individual. The inflation tax credit reduces the income tax and is fully deductible (in case of low incomes as long as within limits of negative tax; see below).

In case of eligibility to the commuter tax credit (and in 2022 also to the inflation tax credit) and income tax below 0 after applying the tax schedule and the tax credits, in 2021 and 2023 a negative tax of 55% (2020: 50%) of annual employee's social insurance contributions, contributions to housing benefit and compulsory Union Contributions up to € 421 (before 2023: 400)/year is refunded.⁵ For persons liable to tax and entitled to the commuters' tax credit supplement (see above) in 2023 the maximum refund is increased by € 684 (2021: 650; 2020: € 400). In 2022 including the inflation tax credit, the negative tax is increased to 70% and up to € 1,550 (400+650+500). All refunding (2019-2022) is limited with the calculated income tax below 0 after applying the tax credits.

2.7.1.6.5 Pensioners' tax credit ("Pensionistenabsetzbetrag", [tintcpe_s])

A person receiving a pension (pension insurance, civil servants' pension, pension fund) is entitled to the pensioners' tax credit. It is only granted in case there is **no** entitlement to the commuters' tax credit. The increased pensioners' tax credit amounts to € 1,278/year (2021-2022: 1,214; 2020: 964) if the person liable to tax is married or cohabits for more than 6 months of the calendar year, is not separated, and the taxable pension incomes do not exceed € 20,967 (before 2023: 19,930) (in addition between € 20,967 and € 26,826) [2021-2022: 19,930 and 25,250; 2020: 19,930 and 25,000] the increased tax credit is reduced gradually to 0) in the calendar year and the incomes of the spouse do not exceed € 2,315 (before 2023: 2,200) in the calendar year (according to the rules

⁵ In case of commuters ("Pendler") there is a higher refunding available. However, there is no information on the fulfilment of the eligibility conditions in the SILC-data.

of the single earner tax credit) and the person liable to tax is not eligible to the single earner tax credit.

In all other cases, pensioners have a tax credit of € 868/year (2021-2022: 825; 2020: 600). For taxable pension-incomes between € 18,410 and 26,826/year (2021-2022: 17,500 and 25,500; 2020: 17,000 and 25,000) the deduction is tapered (at 26,826 [2021-2022: 25,500; 2020: 25,000] it is tapered to 0) (not relevant for the increased tax credit above). The tax unit is the individual.

The pensioners' tax credit reduces the income tax and is fully deductible.

Yearly pension income =
+ Yearly gross pension income
- (social insurance) contributions
- exceptional costs deduction (lump sum)
- child tax allowance

In case of eligibility to the pensioners' tax credit and income tax below 0 after applying the tax credits a negative tax of 80% (2020: 75%) up to € 579/year (2021-2022: 550; 2020: 300) is refunded. However, this refunding is limited with the calculated income tax below 0 after applying the tax credits.

2.7.1.6.6 Child tax credit, maintenance tax credit ("Kinderabsetzbetrag"; "Unterhaltsabsetzbetrag", [tintech_s])

- **Definitions**

Child and maintenance tax credit consider the reduced economic capacity of persons liable to tax with maintenance obligations towards children.

- **Entitlement conditions**

a) child tax credit: the person liable to tax receives family allowance for 1 child, who has his permanent place of residence in Austria.

b) maintenance tax credit: the person liable to tax is obliged to pay maintenance payments for a child who does not live in the same household. For this child the person liable to tax or his/her spouse in the same household does not receive family allowance. Another pre-condition is that the child has his permanent place of residence in Austria or in a EU- or EEA-state.

- **Amount of the tax credit**

The amount of child tax credit (for children in the same household) is € 61.8 (before 2023: 58.4)/month and child. The child tax credit is paid jointly with the family allowance directly in cash (independent from income and tax liability; also as negative tax in case of low incomes).

For children, for whom maintenance payments are made, the amount of credit is € 31 (before 2023: 29.2)/month for the first child, € 47 (before 2023: 43.8) for the second and € 62 (before 2023: 58.4)/month for each further child. The maintenance tax credit can only be applied for via the annual tax declaration.

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

If there are maintenance payments (made to other children) then in the model it is assumed that they are made for one child (but this child does not increase the number of children in the household for the purpose of computing the child tax credit).

The child/maintenance tax credit is handled like a universal benefit in reality. It is paid (also as negative tax) independently from the income situation and does not influence income tax due. Thus, the (order of) simulation regarding the income/maintenance tax credit is quite flexible.

2.7.1.7 Progression adjustment (“Progressionsvorbehalt”)

In case the person liable to tax receives benefits by the unemployment insurance only for a part of the calendar year, the incomes received in the remaining year (self-employment income, business enterprise or agriculture and forestry, and non-self-employed incomes) are to be recalculated into a total yearly amount in order to assess the average tax rate for the actual taxable income. However, the resulting tax must not be higher than in case of the taxation of all incomes.

Calculation of average tax rate

Taxable effective regular income (gross minus [social insurance] contributions) / time period of regular income in days/ * 365/366 = extrapolated taxable yearly income
- lump sum cost of earnings deduction („Werbungskostenpauschale“) (employees)
- lump sum exceptional cost deduction („Sonderausgabenpauschale“) [only before 2021!]
- self assessment income tax-free allowance ("Freibetrag zu veranlagende Einkommensarten") (employees)
= Extrapolated income
Applying tax schedule
- tax credits (excluding child tax credit)
= yearly tax
Average tax rate = yearly tax * 100/ extrapolated income

The effective tax is calculated as follows (if calculated yearly tax above is equal to 0 or negative then income tax stays the same):

Taxable effective regular income
- lump sum cost of earnings deduction („Werbungskostenpauschale“) (employees)
- lump sum exceptional cost deduction („Sonderausgabenpauschale“) [only before 2021!]
- self assessment income tax-free allowance ("Freibetrag zu veranlagende Einkommensarten") (employees)
= Income
Effective tax = Income * average tax rate
(Tax credits are not newly calculated.)

Control calculation as if unemployment benefits were taxed:

Taxable effective regular income
+ unemployment benefits
- lump sum cost of earnings deduction („Werbungskostenpauschale“) (employees)
- lump sum exceptional cost deduction („Sonderausgabenpauschale“) [only before 2021!]
- self assessment income tax-free allowance ("Freibetrag zu veranlagende Einkommensarten") (employees)
= Income
 Applying tax schedule
- tax credits (excluding child tax credit)
= yearly tax
 The lower resulting tax is decisive

- **EUROMOD modelling:**

So far, the progression adjustment is calculated in a simplifying way: taxable incomes and unemployment benefits are summed up and taxed (as if also unemployment benefits were taxable). The resulting tax is corrected by multiplying it with taxable income and dividing it by the sum of taxable income and unemployment benefits.

2.7.1.8 Preferential tax of other earnings (13th, 14th; "Sonstige Bezuege")

The tax base of other earnings is calculated as follows:

Tax base (taxable income) other earnings =
+ Gross amount other earnings (yearly amount)
- social insurance contributions other earnings

“Other Earnings” (“Sonstige Bezüge”) include 13/14th monthly payments for employees, pensioners and receivers of sickness benefit, which are exempted from taxation at the normal tax rates.

- (Independent from the amount of the total taxable income) on other taxable earnings below € 620/year (“Freibetrag”) for employees and pensioners no tax is paid, amounts above € 620 are taxed with 6%.
- However, if other earnings are below gross € 2,100/year, then they are not taxable at all (“Freigrenze”).
- The upper limit of preferential tax rate (6%) is 1/6 of annual gross income excluding other earnings. Other earnings above this limit are taxed under the regular scheme. However, the tax amounts to max. 30% of the tax base exceeding € 2,100. For higher incomes higher preferential tax rates have to be paid (see table below).

Table 2.19: Income brackets and tax rates for preferential tax of other earnings (2020-2023)

Income brackets (taxable income other earnings)	Tax rates
<620	0%
620-25,000	6%
25,000-50,000	27%
50,000-83,333	35.75%
83,333-166,667	50%
> 166,667	55%

2.7.2 Capital gains tax

(“Kapitalertragssteuer” [tiniv_s])

The capital gains tax is 25% for capital incomes from deposits and non-certified other claims at credit institutions, 27.5% for all other capital incomes. It is paid on the individual level.

Subject to the tax are:

- dividend earnings from domestic capital companies,
- foreign dividends, which are paid out by a domestic bank,
- interest earnings in the broader sense,
- substance profits („Substanzgewinne“) of domestic funds on funds level.

3. DATA

3.1 General description

The Austrian database consists of the Austrian part of the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC). EU-SILC in Austria uses an integrated rotational design which means that each year about one fourth of the sample is replaced by a new quarter. Sampling units are dwelling units registered in the central residence register (ZMR). The sampling frame consisted of all accommodations with at least one person aged 16 or older who has her/his main residence in these accommodations. The following units were excluded: institutional housing facilities and dwelling units, in which all persons with their main residence in this unit were younger than 16 years. The fieldwork for the EU-SILC 2021 operation started in February 2021 and ended in July 2021. The overall individual non-response rate amounted to 32.3% in total. Since EU-SILC 2012 also register data is included. The data is provided by Statistics Austria.

Table 3.1: EUROMOD database description

EUROMOD database	AT_2021_b1
Original name	EU-SILC 2021
Provider	Statistics Austria
Year of collection	2021
Period of collection	February – July 2021
Income reference period	Year 2020
Sampling	two phase stratified probability sample
Unit of assessment	dwelling units
Coverage	private units
Sample size	12,340 IND 6,018 HH
Response rate	67.7%

The use sample design comprises of a disproportional allocation per federal state. However, the number of households to be extracted does not differ much from a proportional stratification. The follow-up samples comprise of persons from households surveyed in the previous year. Thus, the follow-up samples have the character of a person sample and not of a household sample.

The sample size of EU-SILC 2021 comprises of 9,145 addresses gross, 4,305 first wave households and 4,840 follow-up households. 335 addresses did not exist. Of the 8,810 valid addresses 6,045 households could be surveyed. Due to quality problems 27 interviews had to be excluded. Thus, 6,018 household interviews could be used for the analysis.

3.2 Data adjustment

Adjustments to variables are kept to a minimum. Some minor data cleaning is done to make sure that the households and relationships of individuals within households, are coherent (for example, that young children are not living alone or family relations are coherent).

In order to guarantee consistency between demographic variables and income variables which refer to the previous year (and on which EUROMOD simulation are based), all children born between the end of the income reference period and the data of interview have been dropped from the sample.

3.3 Imputations and assumptions

3.3.1 Time period

The EU-SILC information on socio-demographic variables both on the individual and household level (e.g. marital status, social status, employment status, number of hours worked per week, type of occupation, industry of employment, education, tenure status household composition, living conditions, etc.) refers to the time of data collection (February-July, 2021). The only exception is the main activity per month which refers to the year 2020.

The EU-SILC information on incomes and expenditures refers to the calendar year of 2020, based on a 12-month receipt period. Additional information on the number of income payments per year and monthly amounts has been obtained from a special disaggregated SILC dataset provided by Statistics Austria. This has been used for selective income sources (unemployment benefit, unemployment assistance, old age part-time benefit, sickness benefit, accident rent, care benefit, maternity benefit). All monetary incomes in the EUROMOD database are converted into monthly

terms. In the EUROMOD calculations we multiply the monthly income by the number of months received according to SILC and then calculate monthly averages by dividing by twelve. Thus, as there is no other possibility due to lacking information, it is implicitly assumed that income is received at the same rate throughout the year.

3.3.2 Gross incomes

Statistics Austria in general only imputes net income variables, missing gross variables are calculated by the net-gross conversion. If an income variable is missing but either the gross or the net amount is declared, the corresponding missing value is computed according to a model based on Austrian tax data. Missing values for incomes from self-employment (PY050) were calculated on the basis of the tax payments and social contributions stated by the respondents, missing values for income from employment (PY010) or pension incomes (PY100) are calculated on the basis of the wage tax statistics. Thus, the EU-SILC data contained all necessary information on both gross and net monetary incomes, if applicable.

3.4 Updating

To account for any time inconsistencies between the input dataset and the policy year, updating factors are used. Each monetary variable (i.e., each income component) is updated so as to account for changes in the non-simulated variables that have taken place between the year of the data and the year of the simulated tax-benefit system. Updating factors are generally based on changes in the average value of an income component between the year of the data and the policy year. For detailed information about the construction of each updating factor as well as the sources that have been used, see Annex 1.

As a rule, updating factors are provided both for simulated and non-simulated income components present in the input dataset. Note, however, that in the case of simulated variables, the actual simulated amounts are used in the baseline rather than the updated original variables in the dataset. Updating factors for simulated variables are provided to facilitate the use of the model in cases when the user wishes to turn off the simulation of a particular variable. The list of updating factors as well as the sources used to derive them can be found in Annex 1.

For updating factors not available at the time of writing (mostly for years 2022 and 2023) the consumer price index is used as default. No other updating adjustments are used. Thus, the distribution of characteristics (such as employment status and demographic variables) as well as the distribution of each non-simulated income source remains on the status in 2020.

4. VALIDATION

Note: COVID crisis-related labour market changes are not considered (see summary of health warnings for more details). The family hardship fund is not modelled due to low take-up figures.

4.1 Aggregate Validation

EUROMOD results are validated against external benchmarks. Detailed comparisons of the number of people receiving a given income component and total yearly amounts are shown in

Annex 2. Both market incomes and non-simulated taxes and benefits in the input dataset as well as simulated taxes and benefits are validated against external official data. The main discrepancies between EUROMOD results and external benchmarks are discussed in the following subsections. Factors that may explain the observed differences are also reported.

4.1.1 Components of disposable income

There are only minor differences in the definition of disposable income between EUROMOD and EU-SILC.

Table 3.2: Components of disposable income

	EUROMOD	EU-SILC 2021
	ils_dispy	HY020
Employee cash or near cash income	+	+
Employer's social insurance contribution	-	-
Company car	0	+
Contributions to individual private pension plans	0	0
Cash benefits or losses from self-employment	+	+
Pension from individual private plans	+	0
<i>Unemployment benefits</i>	+	+
<i>Old-age benefits</i>	+	+
<i>Survivor' benefits</i>	+	+
Sickness benefits	+	+
Disability benefits	+	+
Education-related allowances	+	+
Income from rental of a property or land	+	+
<i>Family/children related allowances</i>	+	+
Social exclusion not elsewhere classified	+	+
Housing allowances	+	+
Regular inter-household cash transfer received	+	+
Interests, dividends, etc.	+	+
Income received by people aged under 16	+	+
Regular taxes on wealth	0	0
<i>Regular inter-household cash transfer paid</i>	-	-
<i>Tax on income and social contributions</i>	-	-
<i>Repayments/receipts for tax adjustment</i>	0 (via simulation)	+/-

4.1.2 Validation of market incomes

Table A3.1: The difference in the number of employed persons between EUROMOD and the reference statistics is due to the fact that the latter comprise of a yearly average.

The number of persons with employment income in SILC fits well to external statistics. Self-employment incomes, investment income and incomes from rent are overestimated in SILC. This is partly due to different definitions. The external statistics for persons receiving maintenance payments only include persons with maintenance advances from the state. Only persons with occupational pensions are included in the reference statistic for persons receiving private pensions.

Table A3.2: Aggregate employment income in SILC fits very well to external statistics. Self-employment incomes, investment income and incomes from rent are overestimated in SILC. This

is partly due to different definitions. The reference figures for maintenance payments include maintenance payments by the state only. Although only persons with occupational pensions are included in the reference statistics for persons receiving private pensions, the average amount per persons seems to be clearly underestimated in SILC.

4.1.3 Validation of taxes and social insurance contributions

Tables A3.3 and A3.4: The overestimation of self-employed SIC-payers is due to the overrepresentation of self-employment income in SILC. The underestimation of accident insurance-payers among self-employed is because reference figures also count active family members.

The underestimation of tax on investment income is due to underreporting of this type of income (capital income by “private” savers [the reference figures in the validation statistics show only capital income in terms of self-employment income from income tax statistics]) in the data. The overestimation of self-employed SIC is due to the overrepresentation of self-employment income in SILC (see table A3.2). The reference figures for tax credit for single earner and tax credit for lone parents are counted together in the reference figures, and thus, fit relatively well to the simulated values.

4.1.4 Validation of benefits

Table A3.5: The number of recipients of non-civil servants’ pensions and survivors’ pensions is slightly underestimated, as only pensioners living in Austria are covered in EU-SILC. Civil servants’ pensions are underestimated too, which, in addition to foreign residences, is also due to the fact that the survivors’ pensions of civil servants cannot be included in this category. The high overestimation of receivers of sickness benefit (and maternity benefit) in SILC is because the reference figures show a yearly average and not the total number of recipients per year. The underestimation of care/disability benefit in SILC is due to the fact that only persons outside of residential care are surveyed. Reference figures for education allowances include only study allowance and pupil allowance.

The higher simulated number of childcare benefit, unemployment benefit and unemployment assistance recipients is due to the fact that the reference figures relate to a certain point in time in the year, whereas EUROMOD simulates all (cumulated) recipients during the year. Family supplements of the Federal States are only modelled according to the policy rules in Vienna (abolished after 2021). The number of recipients of social assistance is much higher because non-take-up is not modelled in EUROMOD.

Table A3.6: The aggregate amount of benefit for accident is clearly underrepresented in SILC which might be due to wrong classifications. Total pension payments (civil servants and non-civil servants and survivor pension) fit quite well between SILC and the reference statistics. However, in SILC only pensions paid to pensioners living in Austria are recorded. Differences between these categories arise because survivors’ pension from civil servants cannot be identified in the data. The sickness as well as the housing benefit are somewhat overestimated in SILC. The underestimation of care/disability benefit in SILC is due to the fact that only persons outside of

residential care and other institutions are surveyed. Reference figures for education allowances are lower, although recipients include only study allowance and pupil allowance.

The underestimation of family/child allowance is because children with disability are not easy to identify in the original SILC data. The increase in 2020 and 2022 is explained by the additional universal benefit related to the COVID-crisis (2020) and the anti-inflation policy (2022). Family supplements of the Federal States are only modelled according to the policy rules in Vienna (abolished after 2021). Simulated figures for social assistance in EUROMOD ignore non-take-up (Fuchs et al. 2019), hence the simulated amount is well above the reference statistic. In 2020, unemployment benefit is slightly overestimated, while unemployment assistance is slightly underestimated. Due to developments on the labour market, after 2020 reference figures for unemployment benefit decreased significantly. In 2022, the one-off anti-inflation payments to receivers of minimum pension top-up, unemployment benefits, social assistance (non-take-up of basic benefit), sickness benefit and study allowance as well as the climate and energy bonus fit quite well to external statistics. In 2023, the climate bonus, the housing and energy bonuses by the Federal States, the one-off payment for pensioners and the anti-inflation payments for vulnerable children fit quite well to external statistics.

4.2 Income distribution

All income distribution results presented here are computed for individuals according to their household disposable income (HDI) equivalised by the “modified OECD” equivalence scale. HDI are calculated as the sum of all income sources of all household members net of income tax and social insurance contributions. The weights in the OECD equivalence are: first adult=1; additional people aged 14+ = 0.5; additional people aged under 14 = 0.3.

4.2.1 Income inequality

Table A3.7: The simulated income distribution fits quite well to external statistics. Given the assumption of full benefit take-up, higher values for income share of the 1st decile are found in EUROMOD. Gini and S80/20 are also somewhat lower in EUROMOD. The above average decrease in income inequality indicators in 2022 is due to the inclusion of specific inflation crisis-related measures.

4.2.2 Poverty rates

Table A3.8: The simulated poverty rates fit quite well to external statistics. Given the assumption of full benefit take-up EUROMOD shows lower poverty rates for the 40% and 50%-threshold. This is also true for the poverty rate of young adults (16-24). In contrast, the AROP rate for the age group 50-64 years is slightly higher in EUROMOD. The partly decrease in AROPs in 2022 is due to the inclusion of specific inflation crisis-related benefits.

4.3 Summary of “health warnings”

This final section summarises the main findings in terms of particular aspects of the Austrian part of EUROMOD or its database that should be borne in mind when planning appropriate uses of the model and in interpreting results.

- The sample size is relatively small. Care should be taken especially in interpreting results for small sub-groups.
- No adjustments are made for structural changes in the characteristics of the population between the data year (2020) and the simulation years (2020-2023).
- There is a shortfall of persons with higher incomes and investment income in the sample. It is likely that the main reason is a shortfall of persons with higher incomes and these sources of income or an under-recording of these sources for people with higher incomes.
- Non-take up of benefits is not modelled. This has the effect of (a) inflating the cost of these benefits and the cost of making them more generous (especially related to social assistance), and (b) slightly diminishing the relative impact of benefits that do not show problems of non-take up.
- The simulation of monetary compensation schemes is triggered by the simulation of labour market transitions defined in policy TransLMA_cc. This policy becomes operational if the model is run in conjunction with the LMA add-on. The nature of these simulations is still experimental and only partially validated. Users are encouraged to refer to the “*Simulating labour market transitions in EUROMOD*” document prior to their use.
- Labour market transitions are switched OFF in EUROMOD baselines. As a consequence, the simulation of monetary compensation schemes does not produce any effect in baseline simulations. Since all policies not linked to labour market transitions are fully functional, it is possible for disposable income in 2022 to be higher than disposable income in previous years.

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ANNEX 1. UPDATING FACTORS

Table A1: Raw indices for deriving EUROMOD updating factors

Index	Constant	2020	2021	2022	2023	Comment
Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices CPI 2005 = 100 (as of June)	\$HICP \$f_cpi	108.47 130.9	111.46 134.6	121.07 146.3	129.7 157	EUROSTAT; AMECO 2023 spring forecasts for 2023 values Source: Statistik Austria, http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/preise/verbraucherpreisindex_vpi_hvpi/index.html
Average annual wage	\$f_yem	35072	36283	39437	42321	OBSOLETE Source: Statistik Austria (Lohnsteuer- und HV-Daten), http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/soziales/personeneinkommen/jaehrliche_personeneinkommen/
Average annual wage, previous year	\$f_yempv	34167	35072	36283	39437	OBSOLETE Source: Statistik Austria (Lohnsteuer- und HV-Daten), http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/soziales/personeneinkommen/allgemeiner_einkommensbericht/index.html
Average annual self employment income (break in series 2009-2010)	\$f_yse	30209	30209	30209	30209	Source: Statistik Austria (Einkommensteuer-/Lohnsteuer- und HV-Daten), http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/soziales/personeneinkommen/allgemeiner_einkommensbericht/index.html
Equ. disposable income (original silc), not updated	\$f_ydses	1	1	1	1	
Annual average issue yields 2006 = 100	\$f_yiy	1.291251	1.296287	1.301213	1.3176	Einlagenzinssatz von privaten Haushalten mit vereinbarter Laufzeit von über 2 Jahren (https://www.oenb.at/isaweb/report.do?report=2.8)
Family benefits that are not updated	\$f_bfa	1	1	1	1	
Family benefits (based on semi-orphan base rate at age 24)	\$f_bfaam	631.8	653.91	673.53	725.67	Leistungsrechtliche Werte SV "Waisenpension bis zum vollendeten 24. Lebensjahr falls beide Elternteile verstorben sind"
Average daily rate of unemployment benefit	\$f_bunct	33.12	35.2	35.89	35.89	Source: Statistik Austria (AMS-Daten), http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/soziales/sozialleistungen_auf_bundesebene/arbeitslosenleistungen/index.html
Average daily rate of unemployment assistance	\$f_bunnc	29.06	29.91	29.04	29.04	Source: Statistik Austria (AMS-Daten), http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/soziales/sozialleistungen_auf_bundesebene/arbeitslosenleistungen/index.html
Average housing costs per m2	\$f_xhcrt	8.27	8.29	8.7	9.34	Source: Statistik Austria (Mikrozensus), http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wohnen/wohnenkosten/index.html

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Monthly disability benefit, rate 1	\$f_bdi1	160.1	162.5	165.4	175	Source: AK - Sozialleistungen im Überblick
Monthly disability benefit, rate 2	\$f_bdi2	295.2	299.6	305	322.7	Source: AK - Sozialleistungen im Überblick
Monthly disability benefit, rate 3	\$f_bdi3	459.9	466.8	475.2	502.8	Source: AK - Sozialleistungen im Überblick
Monthly disability benefit, rate 4	\$f_bdi4	689.8	700.1	712.7	754	Source: AK - Sozialleistungen im Überblick
Monthly disability benefit, rate 5	\$f_bdi5	936.9	951	968.1	1024.2	Source: AK - Sozialleistungen im Überblick
Monthly disability benefit, rate 6	\$f_bdi6	1308.3	1327.9	1351.8	1430.2	Source: AK - Sozialleistungen im Überblick
Monthly disability benefit, rate 7	\$f_bdi7	1719.3	1745.1	1776.5	1879.5	Source: AK - Sozialleistungen im Überblick
Annual discretionary indexation pensions 2006 = 100	\$f_poa	129.34	131.58	134.24	141.86	Source: Handbuch der österreichischen Sozialversicherung, http://www.sozialversicherung.at/portal27/portal/esvportal/content
Annual discretionary indexation accident pension (based on minimum income benefit, monthly base rate)	\$f_bac	966.56	1000.48	1030.49	1110.26	Source: Handbuch der österreichischen Sozialversicherung, http://www.sozialversicherung.at/portal27/portal/esvportal/content
Average annual wage, following year	\$f_yemdt	36283	39437	42321	45453	Source: Statistik Austria (Lohnsteuer- und HV-Daten), http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/soziales/personen-einkommen/jaehrliche_personen_einkommen/
Average hourly wage, Agriculture and Fishing (lindi = 1), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_1	12.3023	12.6409	13.2211	14.3251	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Mining, Manufact. and Utilities (lindi = 2), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_2	31.339	32.2014	33.6796	36.4918	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Construction (lindi = 3), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_3	26.0327	26.7491	27.977	30.3131	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Wholesale and retail (lindi = 4), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_4	23.6468	24.2975	25.4128	27.5348	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.

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Average hourly wage, Hotels and restaurants (lindi = 5), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_5	18.2032	18.7041	19.5627	21.1962	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Transport and communication (lindi = 6), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_6	27.3445	28.0969	29.3867	31.8405	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Financial intermediation (lindi = 7), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_7	41.1088	42.24	44.179	47.8679	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Real estate and business (lindi = 8), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_8	24.4245	25.0966	26.2487	28.4404	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Public administ. and defence (lindi = 9), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_9	27.2488	27.9986	29.2838	31.729	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Education (lindi = 10), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_10	31.2112	32.0701	33.5422	36.343	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Health and social work (lindi = 11), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_11	25.162	25.8544	27.0412	29.2992	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, Other (lindi = 12), units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_lindi_12	20.5939	21.1606	22.132	23.98	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage, All activity sectors, units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage	26.4784	27.207	28.456	30.832	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
Average hourly wage of previous year, All activity sectors, units of national currency	\$f_hourly_wage_pv	26.007	26.4784	27.207	28.456	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.

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Average hourly wage of following year, All activity sectors, units of national currency	\$f_hourly_w age_dt	28.4466	29.6295	30.8615	31.85	Computed from ESTAT tables nama_10_a64 (wages) and nama_10_a64_e (hours worked). The value for the latest year is computed by multiplying the value of 2021 by the AMECO forecast for nominal compensation per employee, total economy.
One	\$f_one	1	1	1	1	
Average of monthly remuneration for military service (Präsenzdienst) and alternative service (Zivildienst)	\$f_yot01	362.61	362.61	362.61	518.04	Constant uprating Source: https://www.zivildienst.gv.at/einrichtungen/finanzielles.html#a-grundverguetung https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/leben_in_oesterreich/wehrdienst/3/Seite.1401084.html

ANNEX 2. POLICY EFFECTS IN 2022-2023

Note: After-COVID crisis-related labour market changes are not taken into account. Furthermore, hardship fund for self-employed and wage compensation scheme for short-time work are switched off in the baseline 2022.

Table A2 and Figure A1 show the ceteris paribus effect of 2023 policies on mean equivalised household disposable income by income component and income decile group. The effect is estimated as the difference between the simulated household disposable income under the 2023 tax-benefit policies (monetary parameters have been deflated using the Eurostat's Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices, HICP⁶) and the simulated household disposable income under 2022 policies. The difference is measured as a percentage of the mean equivalised household disposable income in 2022.

In 2022-23, households experienced on average a real decrease in disposable income of 2%. The policy effect was somewhat regressive with a decrease of 3.7% in the first decile and 4.3% in decile 2 dropping to a decrease of 0.4% in the top decile. The regressive development in the higher deciles seems to be due to the decrease in the tax rate of the 4th bracket from July.

The income change in decile 1 is driven by the increase in means-tested benefits (+1.4%), in the higher income deciles by the decrease in the tax rate of the 4th bracket (from the 9th decile around +0.3%).

The general small decrease in public pensions is due to the fact that the indexation from 2022 to 2023 is slightly below the forecasted CPI-value for 2023 (the one-off payment to pensioners is counted as means-tested benefit).

The increase in means-tested benefits in the lowest two deciles is due to the transfer to vulnerable children and to members of social assistance receiving households from July and partly to the one-off addition housing and energy allowances for vulnerable groups in Vienna (modelled for the whole country because of similar transfers in other Federal States). The losses for the 3rd and 4th decile are due to the overall reduction of anti-inflation one-off payments for vulnerable groups.

The decrease in terms of non-means tested benefits is due to the deletion of the universal climate bonus and the almost universal anti-inflation bonus (replacement by the lower regional climate bonus) as well as the deletion of the extra universal payment of € 180 per child entitled to family allowance, and the deletion of the federal energy bonus. The indexation of (family) benefits in 2023 could not compensate for those developments.

⁶ Annual average retrieved from Eurostat website, AMECO forecast for 2021 data.

The decreases in direct taxes across the lowest deciles can be explained by the deletion of the anti-inflation tax credit and the reduction in negative tax both for employees and pensioners.

Table A3 and Figure A2 show the PET in nominal terms, for comparison purposes.

Table A2. Policy effects in 2022-2023, using the CPI-indexation, %

Decile	Original income	Public pensions	Means-tested benefits	Non means-tested benefits	Employee SIC	Self-employed SIC	Other SIC	Direct taxes	Disposable income
1	0.00	-0.14	1.38	-4.34	-0.03	0.00	0.01	-0.54	-3.66
2	0.00	-0.24	0.16	-3.52	-0.05	0.00	0.01	-0.64	-4.27
3	0.00	-0.36	-0.15	-2.79	-0.07	0.00	0.02	-0.43	-3.77
4	0.00	-0.36	-0.16	-2.31	-0.05	0.00	0.02	-0.22	-3.08
5	0.00	-0.37	0.03	-2.13	-0.06	0.00	0.02	-0.14	-2.65
6	0.00	-0.36	0.04	-1.86	-0.03	0.01	0.02	0.00	-2.18
7	0.00	-0.35	0.08	-1.70	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.10	-1.83
8	0.00	-0.25	0.01	-1.50	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.11	-1.51
9	0.00	-0.32	0.00	-1.23	0.08	0.06	0.02	0.32	-1.06
10	0.00	-0.29	0.01	-0.83	0.25	0.08	0.03	0.32	-0.44
Total	0.00	-0.31	0.07	-1.85	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01	-1.98

Notes: shown as a percentage change in mean equivalised household disposable income by income component and income decile group. Income decile groups are based on equivalised household disposable income in 2020, using the modified OECD equivalence scale. Each policy system has been applied to the same input data, deflating monetary parameters of 2023 policies by Eurostat’s Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP).

Figure A1. Policy effects in 2022-2023, using the CPI-indexation, %

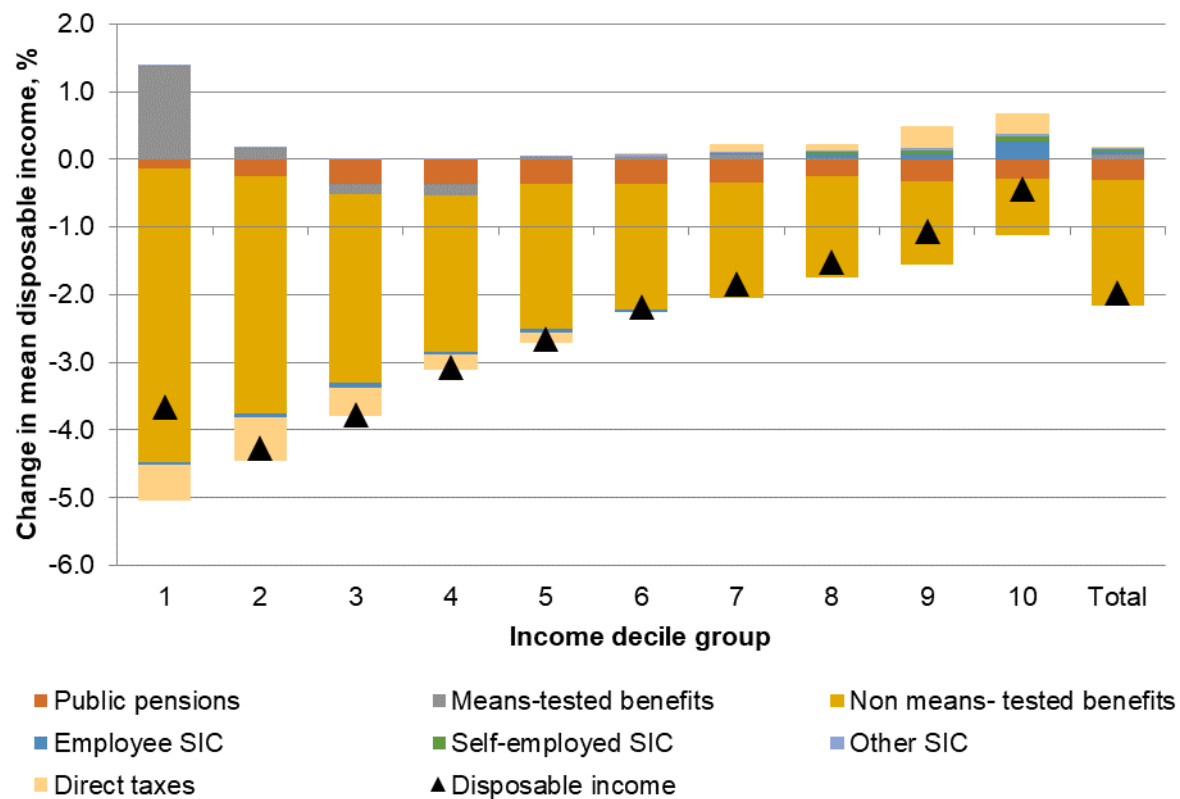
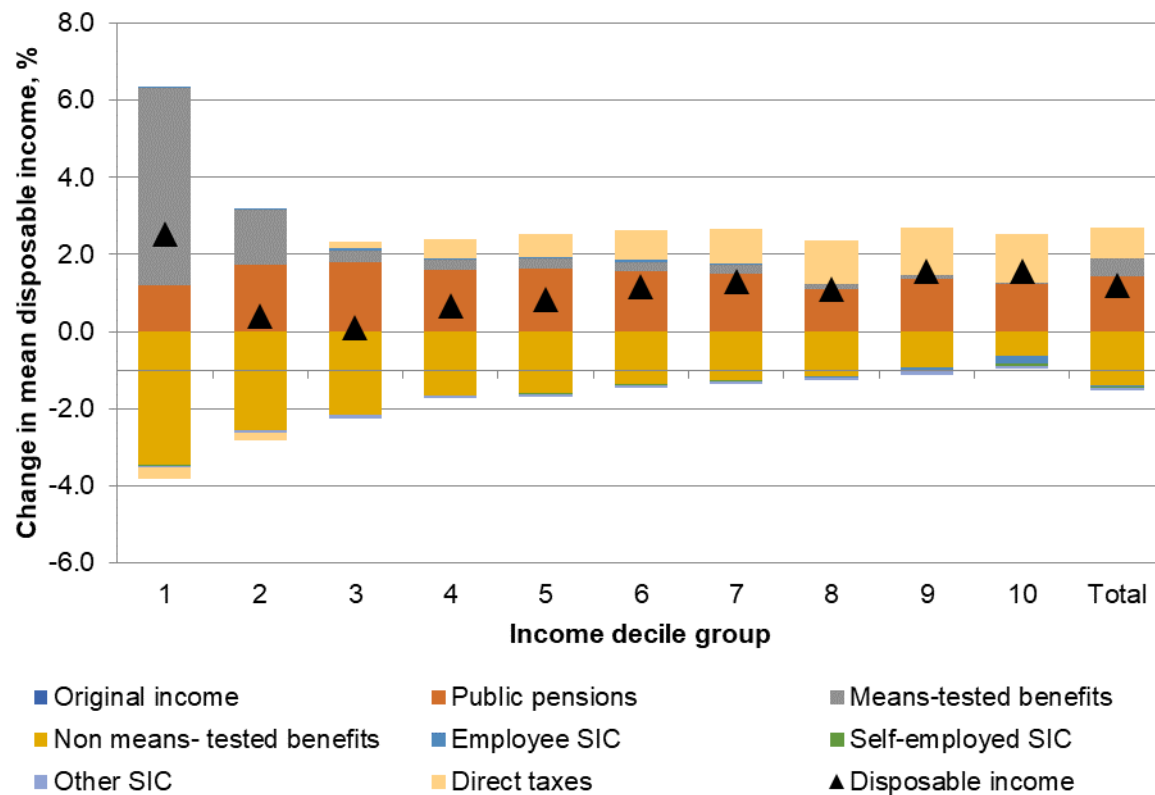


Table A3. Policy effects in 2022-2023, without CPI-indexation, %

Decile	Original income	Public pensions	Means-tested benefits	Non means-tested benefits	Employee SIC	Self-employed SIC	Other SIC	Direct taxes	Disposable income
1	0.00	1.20	5.10	-3.47	0.05	-0.01	-0.06	-0.29	2.53
2	0.00	1.73	1.45	-2.54	0.03	0.00	-0.09	-0.18	0.40
3	0.00	1.79	0.30	-2.15	0.08	-0.01	-0.09	0.18	0.09
4	0.00	1.61	0.27	-1.65	0.03	0.00	-0.08	0.48	0.66
5	0.00	1.64	0.25	-1.61	0.03	-0.01	-0.08	0.60	0.83
6	0.00	1.55	0.26	-1.37	0.05	-0.01	-0.08	0.78	1.18
7	0.00	1.52	0.23	-1.27	0.02	-0.01	-0.08	0.91	1.32
8	0.00	1.11	0.12	-1.16	-0.01	-0.03	-0.06	1.13	1.09
9	0.00	1.36	0.10	-0.94	-0.06	-0.05	-0.07	1.23	1.58
10	0.00	1.23	0.05	-0.64	-0.19	-0.07	-0.06	1.25	1.58
Total	0.00	1.43	0.48	-1.40	-0.03	-0.03	-0.07	0.80	1.19

Notes: shown as a percentage change in mean equivalised household disposable income by income component and income decile group. Income decile groups are based on equivalised household disposable income in 2020, using the modified OECD equivalence scale. Each policy system has been applied to the same input data, without deflating monetary parameters of 2023 policies by Eurostat’s Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP).

Figure A2. Policy effects in 2022-2023, without CPI-indexation, %



ANNEX 3. VALIDATION TABLES

Table A3.1. Original income in EUROMOD - Number of recipients (thousands)

	Simulated (Y / N)	EUROMOD				External				Ratio			
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
Earnings (ils_earns)													
employment income (yem)	N	4,241	4,241	4,241	4,241	4,367	4,428	NaN	NaN	0.97	0.96	NaN	NaN
self-employment income (yse)	N	751	751	751	751	373	NaN	NaN	NaN	2.01	NaN	NaN	NaN
COVID compensation paid by firm (yemmc_s)	Y	0	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Other original income (ils_origy - ils_earns)													
property income (Einkommen aus Vermietung oder Verpachtung) (ypr)	N	413	413	413	413	203	NaN	NaN	NaN	2.03	NaN	NaN	NaN
Maintenance payments (xmp)	N	265	265	265	265	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
tips (Trinkgeld) (yemot)	N	304	304	304	304	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
investment income (yiy)	N	3,934	3,934	3,934	3,934	9	NaN	NaN	NaN	437.09	NaN	NaN	NaN
income from military service (Grundverguetung Wehr- und Zivildienst) (yot01)	N	38	38	38	38	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
income of children under 16 (yot02)	N	91	91	91	91	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
additional occupational pension (Betriebs-/Firmenpension) (ypp01)	N	0	0	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
private pension (Private Pensionsleistungen) (ypp02)	N	305	305	305	305	250	258	NaN	NaN	1.22	1.18	NaN	NaN
Private transfers received (Unterhaltszahlungen) (ypt)	N	307	307	307	307	46	44	NaN	NaN	6.67	6.98	NaN	NaN

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	Source	Comments
Earnings (ils_earns)		
employment income (yem)	Lohnsteuerstatistik 2020, 220 (Österreich)	-
self-employment income (yse)	EST-Statistik Tabelle 8 bzw Übersicht 11: Einkünfte nach Einkommensarten: L&W + selbständige Arb. +	-
COVID compensation paid by firm (yemmc_s)	-	-

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	Source	Comments
Other original income (ils_origy - ils_earns)		
property income (Einkommen aus Vermietung oder Verpachtung) (ypr)	EST-Statistik Tabelle 8 bzw Übersicht 11: Einkünfte nach Einkommensarten: Vermietung und Verpachtung	-
Maintenance payments (xmp)	-	-
tips (Trinkgeld) (yemot)	-	-
investment income (yiy)	EST-Statistik Tabelle 8 bzw Übersicht 11: Einkünfte nach Einkommensarten: Kapitalvermögen	-
income from military service (Grundverguetung Wehr- und Zivildienst) (yot01)	-	-
income of children under 16 (yot02)	-	-
additional occupational pension (Betriebs-/Firmenpension) (ypp01)	ESSOSS, Betriebliche Pensionsvorsorge (BMASK)	-
private pension (Private Pensionsleistungen) (ypp02)	-	-
Private transfers received (Unterhaltszahlungen) (ypt)	AK Sozialleistungen, Unterhaltsvorschuss; ESSOSS, FLAF: Unterhaltskostenvorschuss	-

Table A3.2. Original income in EUROMOD - Annual amounts (millions)

	Simulated (Y / N)	EUROMOD				External				Ratio			
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
Earnings (ils_earns)													
employment income (yem)	N	143,410	147,356	154,120	166,989	153,772	161,157	NaN	NaN	0.93	0.91	NaN	NaN
self-employment income (yse)	N	22,302	22,302	22,302	22,302	13,115	NaN	NaN	NaN	1.70	NaN	NaN	NaN
COVID compensation paid by firm (yemmc_s)	Y	0	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Other original income (ils_origy - ils_earns)													
property income (Einkommen aus Vermietung oder Verpachtung) (ypr)	N	3,515	3,523	3,697	3,969	2,238	NaN	NaN	NaN	1.57	NaN	NaN	NaN
Maintenance payments (xmp)	N	780	803	872	936	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
tips (Trinkgeld) (yemot)	N	174	178	187	202	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
investment income (yiy)	N	2,211	2,220	2,228	2,256	61	NaN	NaN	NaN	36.25	NaN	NaN	NaN
income from military service (Grundverguetung Wehr- und Zivildienst) (yot01)	N	231	231	231	330	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
income of children under 16 (yot02)	N	144	148	155	168	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
additional occupational pension (Betriebs-/Firmenpension) (ypp01)	N	0	0	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
private pension (Private Pensionsleistungen) (ypp02)	N	1,238	1,238	1,238	1,238	2,504	2,543	NaN	NaN	0.49	0.49	NaN	NaN
Private transfers received (Unterhaltszahlungen) (ypt)	N	1,681	1,728	1,807	1,958	136	130	128	NaN	12.36	13.29	14.12	NaN

	Simulated (Y / N)	EUROMOD				SILC				Ratio				External				Ratio			
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
Employer Social Insurance Contributions (ils_sicer)																					
employer SIC for accident (tscerac_s)	Y	3,549	3,546	3,560	3,582	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,633	3,710	NaN	NaN	0.98	0.96	NaN	NaN
employer SIC for health (tscerhl_s)	Y	4,241	4,241	4,241	4,241	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
employer SIC for old-age (tscerpi_s)	Y	4,065	4,065	4,065	4,065	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
employer SIC: unemployment (tscerui_s)	Y	3,561	3,558	3,573	3,597	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Social insurance contributions for housing fund paid by employers (tscerho_s)	Y	3,739	3,733	3,754	3,778	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
employer SIC for insolvency (tscersf_s)	Y	3,465	3,462	3,477	3,499	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
employer SIC for family (tscerfa_s)	Y	3,767	3,767	3,767	3,767	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
(tscerrg_s)	Y	4,241	4,241	4,241	4,241	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Credited Contributions (ils_sicct)																					
credited SIC for health (tsccthl_s)	Y	1,984	1,984	1,984	1,984	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Other Contributions (ils_sicot)																					
SIC for health paid by pensioners - basic payments (tscpehl01_s)	Y	2,103	2,103	2,103	2,103	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,386	2,419	NaN	NaN	0.88	0.87	NaN	NaN
Social insurance contributions for pension fund paid by pensioners - basic payments (tscpepi01_s)	Y	209	209	209	209	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
SIC for health paid by pensioners - special payment (tscpehl02_s)	Y	2,103	2,103	2,103	2,103	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Social insurance contributions for pension fund paid by pensioners - extra payments (tscpepi02_s)	Y	209	209	209	209	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

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	Source	Comments
Taxes (ils_tax)		
Income tax (Einkommenssteuer) - total (tin_s)	https://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_u_nd_steuern/oeffentliche_finanzen/steuereinnahmen/index.html	- C01+C08;
Tax on investment income (Kapitalertragssteuer) (tiniy_s)	Steuern und Sozialbeiträge in Österreich: Einzelsteuerliste / National Tax List	-
Employee Social Insurance Contributions (ils_sicee)		
employee SIC for health - basic payments (tsceehl01_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK), ges. KV+KFA; http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un	-
employee SIC for old age - basic payments (tsceepi01_s)	Gesetzliche Pensionsversicherung + Pensionen öffentliche Rechtsträger; http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un	-

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	Source	Comments
SIC for unemployment - basic payments (tsceei01_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK) ALV; http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un	-
Social insurance contributions for housing fund paid by employees (tsceeh0_s)	http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un_d_steuern/oeffentliche_finanzen/steuereinnahmen/index.html : Beamte + PV (S. 1312 + S. 1313)/2	-
employee SIC paid for union (tsceoot_s)	http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un_d_steuern/oeffentliche_finanzen/steuereinnahmen/index.html : Kammerbeiträge	-
employee SIC for health - special payments (tsceeh02_s)	-	-
employee SIC for old age - special payments (tsceepi02_s)	-	-
SIC for unemployment - special payments (tsceei02_s)	-	-
Self-employed Social Insurance Contributions (ils_sicse)		
self-employed SIC for accident (tscseac_s)	http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un_d_steuern/oeffentliche_finanzen/steuereinnahmen/index.html	-
self-employed SIC for old-age (tscsepi_s)	http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un_d_steuern/oeffentliche_finanzen/steuereinnahmen/index.html	-
self-employed SIC for health (tscsehl00_s)	http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un_d_steuern/oeffentliche_finanzen/steuereinnahmen/index.html	-
self-employed SIC for health paid by professionals (tscsehlpf_s)	-	-
self-employed SIC for additional pension provision or financial security ("Vorsorge") (tscseot_s)	-	-
Employer Social Insurance Contributions (ils_sicer)		
employer SIC for accident (tscerac_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK), Arbeitsunfallversicherung;	-
employer SIC for health (tscerhl_s)	Statistik Austria: Steuern und Sozialbeiträge in Ö, beiträge zur	-
employer SIC for old-age (tscerpi_s)	http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un	-
employer SIC: unemployment (tscerui_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK) ALV; http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un	-
Social insurance contributions for housing fund paid by employers (tscerho_s)	http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un_d_steuern/oeffentliche_finanzen/steuereinnahmen/index.html : (S. 1312 + S. 1313)/2	-
employer SIC for insolvency (tscersf_s)	http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un	-
employer SIC for family (tscerfa_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK), FLAF	-
(tscerrg_s)	-	-
Credited Contributions (ils_sicct)		
credited SIC for health (tsccthl_s)	Pensionisten gesamt in Stat. HB SV, 5.08 minus Pensionisten ESSOSS gesetzliche	-

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	Source	Comments
Other Contributions (ils_sicot)		
SIC for health paid by pensioners - basic payments (tscpehl01_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK), ges. KV+KFA	-
Social insurance contributions for pension fund paid by pensioners - basic payments (tscpepi01_s)	http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/wirtschaft/oeffentliche_finanzen_un_d_steuern/oeffentliche_finanzen/steuereinnahmen/index.html	-
SIC for health paid by pensioners - special - payment (tscpehl02_s)		-
Social insurance contributions for pension fund paid by pensioners - extra payments (tscpepi02_s)	-	-

Table A3.4. Taxes and SIC - Annual amounts (millions)

	Simulated (Y / N)	EUROMOD				SILC				Ratio				External				Ratio			
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
Taxes (ils_tax)																					
Income tax (Einkommenssteuer) - total (tin_s)	Y	31,972	33,030	33,106	35,320	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	33,106	35,976	39,379	NaN	0.97	0.92	0.84	NaN
Tax on investment income (Kapitalertragssteuer) (tiniy_s)	Y	553	555	557	564	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	593	958	979	NaN	0.93	0.58	0.57	NaN
Employee Social Insurance Contributions (ils_sicee)																					
employee SIC for health - basic payments (tsceeh101_s)	Y	4,438	4,564	4,758	5,114	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	5,471	5,716	6,077	NaN	0.81	0.80	0.78	NaN
employee SIC for old age - basic payments (tsceepi01_s)	Y	11,749	12,081	12,600	13,554	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	14,854	15,478	16,413	NaN	0.79	0.78	0.77	NaN
SIC for unemployment - basic payments (tsceeu101_s)	Y	2,637	2,704	2,854	3,120	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	3,504	3,786	4,025	NaN	0.75	0.71	0.71	NaN
Social insurance contributions for housing fund paid by employees (tsceeh0_s)	Y	569	585	609	655	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	574	615	649	NaN	0.99	0.95	0.94	NaN
employee SIC paid for union (tsceoot_s)	Y	529	544	567	610	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	475	508	509	NaN	1.11	1.07	1.11	NaN
employee SIC for health - special payments (tsceeh102_s)	Y	740	761	793	852	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
employee SIC for old age - special payments (tsceepi02_s)	Y	1,958	2,013	2,100	2,259	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
SIC for unemployment - special payments (tsceeu102_s)	Y	440	451	476	520	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Self-employed Social Insurance Contributions (ils_sicse)																					
self-employed SIC for accident (tsceac_s)	Y	98	100	101	104	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	179	187	191	NaN	0.55	0.53	0.53	NaN
self-employed SIC for old-age (tscepi_s)	Y	3,077	3,108	3,116	3,134	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	2,560	2,947	3,034	NaN	1.20	1.05	1.03	NaN
self-employed SIC for health (tsceh100_s)	Y	1,017	1,028	962	967	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	866	947	881	NaN	1.17	1.09	1.09	NaN
self-employed SIC for health paid by professionals (tscehlpf_s)	Y	128	130	131	133	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
self-employed SIC for additional pension provision or financial security ("Vorsorge") (tsceot_s)	Y	220	223	224	227	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Employer Social Insurance Contributions (ils_sicer)																					
employer SIC for accident (tscerac_s)	Y	1,444	1,484	1,548	1,531	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	1,634	1,517	1,624	NaN	0.88	0.98	0.95	NaN

Table A3.5. Benefits - Number of recipients (thousands)

	Simulated (Y / N)	EUROMOD				SILC				Ratio				External				Ratio			
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pensions (ils_pen)																					
Old-age pension (Alterspension, Vorzeitige Alterspension, Invaliditaets/Berufsunfaehigkeitspension - PV, incl. Ausgleich- & Ergaenzungszulage) (poa00)	N	1,793	1,793	1,793	1,793	1,793	1,793	1,793	1,793	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1,944	1,981	2,016	NaN	0.92	0.91	0.89	NaN
Survivor pensions (Hinterbliebenen/Waisenpension - PV) (psu)	N	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	493	490	487	NaN	0.84	0.85	0.85	NaN
Other pension benefits (Sonstige Pensionsleistungen) (poaot)	N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Old-age pension for civil servants (Ruhegenuss - PG) (poacs)	N	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	328	328	NaN	NaN	0.64	0.64	NaN	NaN
Part-time benefits for older workers (Altersteilzeit) (powpt)	N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Means-tested benefits (ils_benmt)																					
Family bonus Vienna (Wiener Familienzuschuss) (abolished in December 2021) (bfamt_s)	Y	14	14	NaN	NaN	12	12	NaN	NaN	1.18	1.18	NaN	NaN	12	NaN	NaN	NaN	1.14	NaN	NaN	NaN
Unemployment assistance (Notstandshilfe) (bunnc_s)	Y	212	215	212	205	366	366	366	366	0.58	0.59	0.58	0.56	177	176	NaN	NaN	1.20	1.22	NaN	NaN
COVID top-up unemployment assistance (bunnctu_s)	Y	200	203	0	NaN	0	0	0	NaN	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Family supplement (Familienzuschlag) (bunmt_s)	Y	319	319	319	319	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Other unemployment benefits (Sonstige Arbeitslosenleistungen) (bunot)	N	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Unemployment retraining benefit (unemployed and in training (Beihilfe zur Deckung des Lebensunterhalts) (buntr)	N	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	189	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
COVID compensation for self-employed paid by state (bwkmcse_s)	Y	0	0	0	NaN	0	0	0	NaN	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	188	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN
Housing benefit (Wohnbeihilfe) (bho)	N	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Child care benefit (Kinderbetreuungsgeld) (bcc00_s)	Y	169	168	166	168	209	209	209	209	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.80	112	106	NaN	NaN	1.51	1.59	NaN	NaN

	Simulated (Y / N)	EUROMOD				SILC				Ratio				External				Ratio			
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
COVID compensation paid by state (bwkmcee_s)	Y	0	0	0	NaN	0	0	0	NaN	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	57	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN
Health benefits (Krankengeld) (bhl00)	N	359	359	359	359	359	359	359	359	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	53	51	NaN	NaN	6.77	7.04	NaN	NaN
Accident pension (Versehrtenrente UV) (bac00)	N	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	91	90	88	NaN	0.76	0.77	0.79	NaN
Disability benefit (Pflegegeld) (bdi)	N	318	318	318	318	318	318	318	318	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	463	467	464	NaN	0.69	0.68	0.69	NaN
Unemployment benefit (Arbeitslosengeld) (bunct_s)	Y	665	665	665	665	688	688	688	688	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	185	118	NaN	NaN	3.59	5.63	NaN	NaN
Maternity benefit (Wochengeld) (bma)	N	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	64	65	NaN	NaN	1.45	1.43	NaN	NaN
Maternity allowance (PARBEN) (bmact_s)	Y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Main child benefit (Familienbeihilfe) (bch00_s)	Y	1,073	1,072	1,074	1,073	1,139	1,139	1,139	1,139	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	1,093	1,180	NaN	NaN	0.98	0.91	NaN	NaN
Child tax credit (Kinderabsetzbetrag) (tintch_s)	Y	1,068	1,067	1,069	1,067	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Climate bonus & tax-exempt Anti-inflation bonus (< 90000#y) (bec01_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	8,771	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
taxed Anti-inflation bonus (>= 90000#y) (bec02_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	149	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
tax-exempt: 2022 one-off inflation-compensation benefit / SIC credit for self-employed & farmers (bec03_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	201	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
taxed: 2022 one-off inflation-compensation benefit / SIC credit for self-employed & farmers (bec04_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	104	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Inflation compensation health benefit (Teuerungsausgleich Krankengeld) (bhltu_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	177	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Regional climate bonus (Regionaler Klimabonus) (bclmc_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	NaN	7,185	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
tax-exempt: 2023 energy bonus for new self-employed (bec05_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	NaN	5	NaN	NaN	NaN	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

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Source	Comments
Pensions (ils_pen)	
Old-age pension (Alterspension, Vorzeitige Alterspension, Invaliditaets/Berufsunfaehigkeitspension - PV, incl. Ausgleich- & Ergaenzungszulage) (poa00)	ESSOSS (BMASK), ges. PV (inkl. AZ); (HB SV 2017, 95)

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	Source	Comments
Survivor pensions (Hinterbliebenen/Waisenpension - PV) (psu)	ESSOSS (BMASK), ges. PV (inkl. AZ); (HB SV 2017, 95)	-
Other pension benefits (Sonstige Pensionsleistungen) (poaot)	-	-
Old-age pension for civil servants (Ruhegenuss - PG) (poacs)	ESSOSS (BMASK), Pensionen öff. Rechtsträger (incl. survivor pens.)	-
Part-time benefits for older workers (Altersteilzeit) (powpt)	-	-
Means-tested benefits (ils_benmt)		
Family bonus Vienna (Wiener Familienzuschuss) (abolished in December 2021) (bfamt_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK), Leistungen d. Länder; Funktion Familie / Kinder: "Familienbeihilfe bzw. Kindergeld", mit Bedürftigkeitsprüfung	-
Unemployment assistance (Notstandshilfe) (bunnc_s)	AMS-Geschäftsbericht 2015, 66; ESSOSS (BMASK) ALV	-
COVID top-up unemployment assistance (bunnctu_s)	Budgetdienst, Budgetanalyse 2023	-
Family supplement (Familienzuschlag) (bunmt_s)	-	-
Other unemployment benefits (Sonstige Arbeitslosenleistungen) (bunot)	-	-
Unemployment retraining benefit (unemployed and in training (Beihilfe zur Deckung des Lebensunterhalts) (buntr)	-	-
COVID compensation for self-employed paid by state (bwkmcse_s)	Budgetdienst, Budgetanalyse 2023	-
Housing benefit (Wohnbeihilfe) (bho)	ESSOSS (BMASK), WBH	-
Child care benefit (Kinderbetreuungsgeld) (bcc00_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK), FLAF	-
Child care benefit allowance (Zuschuss zum Kinderbetreuungsgeld) (bcctu_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK), FLAF	-
Social assistance/Minimum income benefit (Sozialhilfe/Bedarfsorientierte Mindestsicherung) (bsa_s)	www.statistik.at, Mindestsicherung; ESSOSS Sozialleistungen d. Länder, d. Gemeinden	-
Educational benefits (Studienbeihilfe, Schuelerbeihilfe, Heimbeihilfe) (bed)	ESSOSS (BMASK), Studienbeihilfe+Schülerbeihilfe	-
Valorisation of study & educational allowance (Valorisierung Studienbeihilfe & Studienbeihilfe) (bedtu02_s)	-	-

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	Source	Comments
Energy bonus federal level (Energiebonus Bund) (butmc01_s)	Budgetdienst, Budgetanalyse 2023	-
Energy bonus state level (Energiebonus Länder) (butmc02_s)	-	-
One-off pension top-up for minimum pension top-up receivers (Ausgleichzulage) 2022 (ptu01_s)	-	-
One-off pension top-up (Einmalzahlung Pensionisten) 2022, 2023 (ptu_s)	-	-
Inflation compensation housing benefit (Teuerungsausgleich Wohnbeihilfe) (bhotu_s)	-	-
Inflation compensation social assistance (Teuerungsausgleich Sozialhilfe) (bsatu_s)	Budgetdienst, Budgetanalyse 2023	-
Inflation compensation study assistance (Teuerungsausgleich Studienbeihilfe) (bedtu01_s)	Budgetdienst, Budgetanalyse 2023	-
Non-means-tested benefits (ils_bennt)		
Other accident benefits (Private Unfallleistungen) (bacot)	-	-
Other health benefits (Sonstige Gesundheitsleistungen) (bhlot)	-	-
Accident survivor's pension (Hinterbliebenenrenten UV) (bac01)	-	-
Compensation (Abfertigung) (buncm)	-	-
Alimony advancement by the state (Unterhaltsvorschuss) (bfaam)	-	-
COVID unemployment one-off payment (buncttu_s)	-	-
COVID compensation paid by state (bwkmcee_s)	Budgetdienst, Budgetanalyse 2023	-
Health benefits (Krankengeld) (bhl00)	ESSOSS (BMASK), ges. KV, HB SV 2017, 58	-
Accident pension (Versehrtenrente UV) (bac00)	HB SV 2017, 105; ESSOSS (BMASK)	-
Disability benefit (Pflegegeld) (bdi)	ESSOSS (BMASK), Bundespflegegeld; (HB SV 2017, 117)	-
Unemployment benefit (Arbeitslosengeld) (bunct_s)	AMS-Geschäftsbericht 2015, 66; ESSOSS (BMASK) ALV	-
Maternity benefit (Wochengeld) (bma)	ESSOSS (BMASK), ges. KV, Stat. JB SV 2016, 5.08	-

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	Source	Comments
Maternity allowance (PARBEN) (bmact_s) -		-
Main child benefit (Familienbeihilfe) (bch00_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK), FLAF; www.statistik.at, Aufwendungen FLAF	-
Child tax credit (Kinderabsetzbetrag) (tintcch_s)	ESSOSS (BMASK), Kinderabsetzbetrag	-
Climate bonus & tax-exempt Anti-inflation bonus (< 90000#y) (bec01_s)	Budgetdienst, Budgetanalyse 2023	-
taxed Anti-inflation bonus (>= 90000#y) (bec02_s)	Budgetdienst, Budgetanalyse 2023	-
tax-exempt: 2022 one-off inflation-compensation benefit / SIC credit for self-employed & farmers (bec03_s)	Budgetdienst, Budgetanalyse 2023	-
taxed: 2022 one-off inflation-compensation benefit / SIC credit for self-employed & farmers (bec04_s)	-	-
Inflation compensation health benefit (Teuerungsausgleich Krankengeld) (bhltu_s)	-	-
Regional climate bonus (Regionaler Klimabonus) (bclmc_s)	-	-
tax-exempt: 2023 energy bonus for new self-employed (bec05_s)	-	-

Table A3.6. Benefits - Annual amounts (million)

	Simulated (Y / N)	EUROMOD				SILC				Ratio				External				Ratio			
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pensions (ils_pen)																					
Old-age pension (Alterspension, Vorzeitige Alterspension, Invaliditaets/Berufsunfaehigkeitspension - PV, incl. Ausgleich- & Ergaenzungszulage) (poa00)	N	39,455	40,181	41,018	43,399	39,455	39,455	39,455	39,455	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.10	37,464	39,389	40,683	NaN	1.05	1.02	1.01	NaN
Survivor pensions (Hinterbliebenen/Waisenspension - PV) (psu)	N	5,671	5,776	5,896	6,239	5,671	5,671	5,671	5,671	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.10	5,262	5,367	5,184	NaN	1.08	1.08	1.14	NaN
Other pension benefits (Sonstige Pensionsleistungen) (poaot)	N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Old-age pension for civil servants (Ruhegenuss - PG) (poacs)	N	9,228	9,388	9,578	10,121	9,228	9,228	9,228	9,228	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.10	12,486	12,816	NaN	NaN	0.74	0.73	NaN	NaN
Part-time benefits for older workers (Altersteilzeit) (powpt)	N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Means-tested benefits (ils_benmt)																					
Family bonus Vienna (Wiener Familienzuschuss) (abolished in December 2021) (bfamt_s)	Y	19	19	NaN	NaN	34	34	NaN	NaN	0.57	0.57	NaN	NaN	20	19	NaN	NaN	0.96	1.01	NaN	NaN
Unemployment assistance (Notstandshilfe) (bunnc_s)	Y	1,512	1,575	1,408	1,385	2,259	2,259	2,259	2,259	0.67	0.70	0.62	0.61	1,909	1,950	NaN	NaN	0.79	0.81	NaN	NaN
COVID top-up unemployment assistance (bunnctu_s)	Y	56	58	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Family supplement (Familienzuschlag) (bunmt_s)	Y	120	121	120	119	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Other unemployment benefits (Sonstige Arbeitslosenleistungen) (bunot)	N	244	259	264	264	244	244	244	244	1.00	1.06	1.08	1.08	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Unemployment retraining benefit (unemployed and in training (Beihilfe zur Deckung des Lebensunterhalts) (buntr)	N	111	118	120	120	111	111	111	111	1.00	1.06	1.08	1.08	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
COVID compensation for self-employed paid by state (bwkmcse_s)	Y	0	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	173	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN
Housing benefit (Wohnbeihilfe) (bho)	N	295	306	315	339	295	295	295	295	1.00	1.04	1.07	1.15	254	241	NaN	NaN	1.16	1.27	NaN	NaN
Child care benefit (Kinderbetreuungsgeld) (bcc00_s)	Y	810	808	800	856	1,143	1,143	1,143	1,143	0.71	0.71	0.70	0.75	1,157	1,175	NaN	NaN	0.70	0.69	NaN	NaN
Child care benefit allowance (Zuschuss zum Kinderbetreuungsgeld) (bcctu_s)	Y	16	15	15	16	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	14	12	NaN	NaN	1.12	1.22	NaN	NaN

	Simulated (Y / N)	EUROMOD				SILC				Ratio				External				Ratio			
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
Social assistance/Minimum income benefit (Sozialhilfe/Bedarfsorientierte Mindestsicherung) (bsa_s)	Y	2,979	3,086	3,263	3,556	1,334	1,334	1,334	1,334	2.23	2.31	2.45	2.67	959	911	NaN	NaN	3.11	3.39	NaN	NaN
Educational benefits (Studienbeihilfe, Schuelerbeihilfe, Heimbeihilfe) (bed)	N	509	509	509	509	509	509	509	509	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	283	289	NaN	NaN	1.80	1.76	NaN	NaN
Valorisation of study & educational allowance (Valorisierung Studienbeihilfe & Studienbeihilfe) (bedtu02_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	18	10	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	7	NaN	NaN	NaN	2.50	NaN
Energy bonus federal level (Energiebonus Bund) (butmc01_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	552	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	628	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.88	NaN
Energy bonus state level (Energiebonus Länder) (butmc02_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	624	1,359	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
One-off pension top-up for minimum pension top-up receivers (Ausgleichzulage) 2022 (ptu01_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	161	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
One-off pension top-up (Einmalzahlung Pensionisten) 2022, 2023 (ptu_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	383	444	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	452	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.85	NaN
Inflation compensation housing benefit (Teuerungsausgleich Wohnbeihilfe) (bhotu_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	13	213	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Inflation compensation social assistance (Teuerungsausgleich Sozialhilfe) (bsatu_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	58	172	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	38	NaN	NaN	NaN	1.52	NaN
Inflation compensation study assistance (Teuerungsausgleich Studienbeihilfe) (bedtu01_s)	Y	NaN	NaN	32	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	26	NaN	NaN	NaN	1.22	NaN
Non-means-tested benefits (ils_bennt)																					
Other accident benefits (Private Unfallleistungen) (bacot)	N	115	117	119	126	115	115	115	115	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.10	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Other health benefits (Sonstige Gesundheitsleistungen) (bhlot)	N	163	166	170	178	163	163	163	163	1.00	1.02	1.05	1.09	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Accident survivor's pension (Hinterbliebenenrenten UV) (bac01)	N	32	33	34	36	32	32	32	32	1.00	1.04	1.07	1.15	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Compensation (Abfertigung) (buncm)	N	66	71	72	72	66	66	66	66	1.00	1.06	1.08	1.08	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Alimony advancement by the state (Unterhaltsvorschuss) (bfaam)	N	12	13	13	14	12	12	12	12	1.00	1.03	1.07	1.15	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
COVID unemployment one-off payment (buncctu_s)	Y	566	0	242	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	100	NaN	NaN	NaN	2.42	NaN
COVID compensation paid by state (bwkmcee_s)	Y	0	0	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	700	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.00	NaN
Health benefits (Krankengeld) (bh100)	N	1,261	1,284	1,319	1,380	1,261	1,261	1,261	1,261	1.00	1.02	1.05	1.09	855	874	905	NaN	1.47	1.47	1.46	NaN
Accident pension (Versehrtenrente UV) (bac00)	N	413	427	440	474	413	413	413	413	1.00	1.04	1.07	1.15	662	665	670	NaN	0.62	0.64	0.66	NaN

Table A3.7. Distribution of equivalised disposable income

	EUROMOD				External				Ratio			
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
Decile 1	4.64	4.58	4.72	4.63	3.20	3.10	NaN	NaN	1.45	1.48	NaN	NaN
Decile 2	5.68	5.71	5.88	5.72	5.50	5.40	NaN	NaN	1.03	1.06	NaN	NaN
Decile 3	6.88	6.85	6.97	6.85	6.70	6.60	NaN	NaN	1.03	1.04	NaN	NaN
Decile 4	7.80	7.80	7.89	7.86	7.70	7.60	NaN	NaN	1.01	1.03	NaN	NaN
Decile 5	8.75	8.69	8.83	8.70	8.70	8.60	NaN	NaN	1.01	1.01	NaN	NaN
Decile 6	9.70	9.68	9.69	9.73	9.70	9.50	NaN	NaN	1.00	1.02	NaN	NaN
Decile 7	10.65	10.67	10.67	10.67	10.80	10.80	NaN	NaN	0.99	0.99	NaN	NaN
Decile 8	11.84	11.89	11.81	11.91	12.10	12.10	NaN	NaN	0.98	0.98	NaN	NaN
Decile 9	13.73	13.76	13.66	13.76	14.20	14.00	NaN	NaN	0.97	0.98	NaN	NaN
Decile 10	20.33	20.36	19.88	20.18	21.50	22.30	NaN	NaN	0.95	0.91	NaN	NaN
Median	27,580	27,869	30,139	31,625	27,428	27,844	NaN	NaN	1.01	1.00	NaN	NaN
Mean	29,780	30,199	32,358	34,061	30,032	30,796	NaN	NaN	0.99	0.98	NaN	NaN
Gini	23.70	23.82	22.91	23.59	26.70	27.80	NaN	NaN	0.89	0.86	NaN	NaN
S80/20	3.30	3.32	3.16	3.28	4.08	4.25	NaN	NaN	0.81	0.78	NaN	NaN

Table A3.8. At-risk-of-poverty rates (%) by gender and age

	EUROMOD				External				Ratio			
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
40% median HDI by gender												
Total	0.36	0.09	0.04	0.08	4.90	5.50	NaN	NaN	0.07	0.02	NaN	NaN
Males	0.35	0.11	0.03	0.09	4.80	5.80	NaN	NaN	0.07	0.02	NaN	NaN
Females	0.37	0.07	0.05	0.06	5.00	5.20	NaN	NaN	0.07	0.01	NaN	NaN
50% median HDI by gender												
Total	5.23	4.89	4.04	5.05	9.10	9.40	NaN	NaN	0.58	0.52	NaN	NaN
Males	5.22	5.06	4.14	5.24	9.00	9.70	NaN	NaN	0.58	0.52	NaN	NaN
Females	5.25	4.73	3.94	4.88	9.30	9.10	NaN	NaN	0.56	0.52	NaN	NaN
60% median HDI by gender												
Total	12.98	13.12	12.41	13.44	14.70	14.80	NaN	NaN	0.88	0.89	NaN	NaN
Males	12.57	12.81	12.25	13.23	14.00	14.40	NaN	NaN	0.90	0.89	NaN	NaN
Females	13.39	13.42	12.56	13.64	15.30	15.20	NaN	NaN	0.87	0.88	NaN	NaN
70% median HDI by gender												
Total	20.67	21.08	19.86	21.19	21.60	22.60	NaN	NaN	0.96	0.93	NaN	NaN
Males	19.76	20.41	19.13	20.65	20.80	21.70	NaN	NaN	0.95	0.94	NaN	NaN
Females	21.56	21.72	20.57	21.72	22.40	23.40	NaN	NaN	0.96	0.93	NaN	NaN
60% median HDI by age group												
0-15 years	15.47	15.95	15.84	17.11	20.70	18.90	NaN	NaN	0.75	0.84	NaN	NaN
16-24 years	12.24	12.22	11.98	12.90	15.80	18.90	NaN	NaN	0.77	0.65	NaN	NaN
25-49 years	12.91	13.36	12.76	13.73	14.10	14.50	NaN	NaN	0.92	0.92	NaN	NaN
50-64 years	11.20	11.24	10.26	11.32	11.10	11.10	NaN	NaN	1.01	1.01	NaN	NaN
65+ years	13.67	13.13	11.78	12.74	14.80	14.90	NaN	NaN	0.92	0.88	NaN	NaN