

## Austria profile - Media

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**Austria's public broadcaster, Oesterreichischer Rundfunk (ORF), has long-dominated the airwaves. It faces competition from private TV and radio broadcasters.**

Cable or satellite TV is available in most Austrian homes and is often used to watch German stations, some of which tailor their output for local viewers.

A daily newspaper is a must for many Austrians. National and regional titles contest fiercely for readers.

Media ownership is highly concentrated, says US-based Freedom House. Libel and slander laws may be used to protect politicians and officials, the NGO adds.

Around 81% of Austrians were online by 2012 (ITU). Public broadcaster ORF operates one of the leading news websites.

### The press

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■ Die Presse - daily

■ Kronen Zeitung - mass-circulation daily, regional editions

■ **Wiener Zeitung** - Vienna-based daily

■ **Der Standard** - daily

■ **Der Kurier** - mass-circulation daily

■ **News** - current affairs weekly

## Television

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■ **ORF** - public broadcaster, operates national channels ORF 1, ORF 2

■ **ATV** - national, commercial; via cable and terrestrially

## Radio

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■ **ORF** - public, operates Radio Oesterreich 1, pop music station OE3, youth station FM4 and a tier of regional services

■ **Krone Hit Radio** - commercial, nationally-networked pop music station

■ **Energy 104.2** - commercial, Vienna pop music station

**Radio Arabella** - commercial, Vienna music station

## News agency/internet

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■ **APA (Austria Presse Agentur)** - owned by 15 newspapers and ORF

**Oe24** - news website