

Country factsheet High level indicators

Consumer conditions survey

Consumers at home in the single market - 2023 edition

Austria



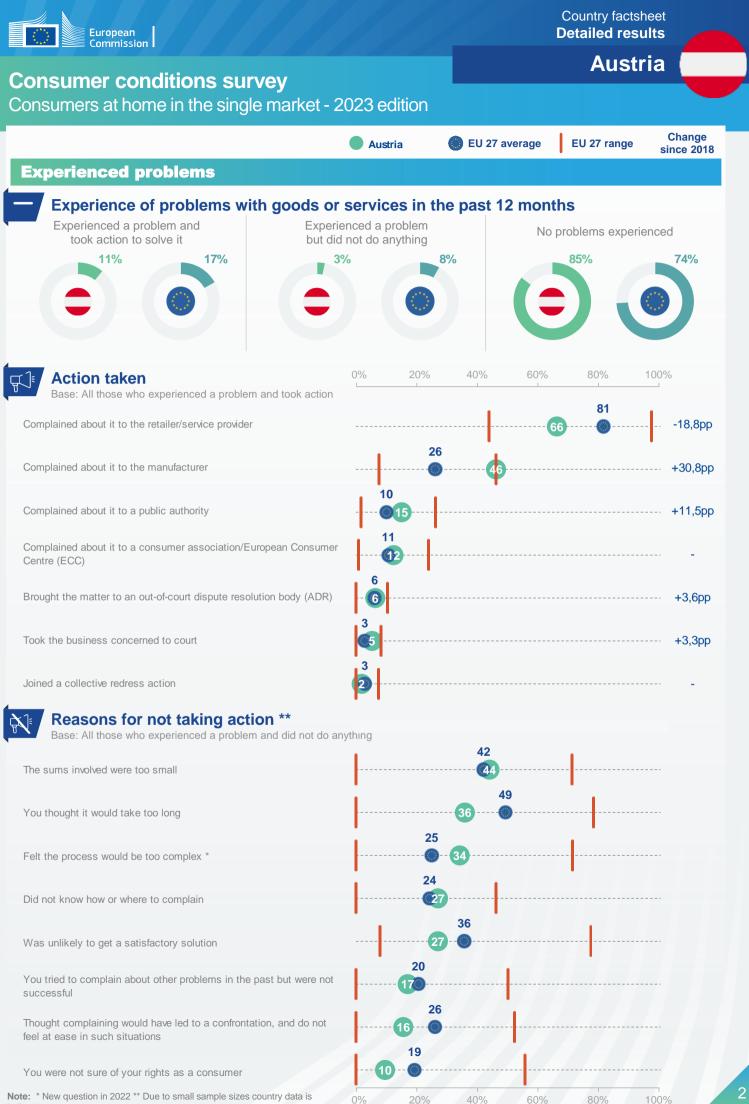
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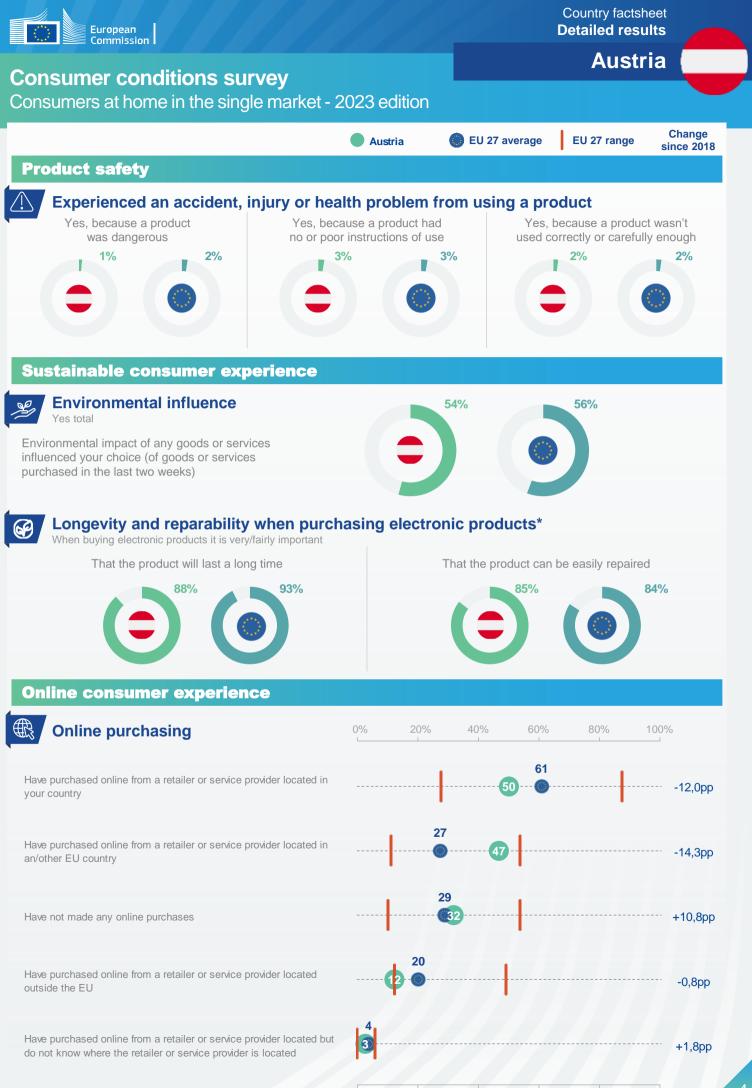


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onsumers at home in the single market -	2023 edition				
	Austria	EU 27 average	EU 27 range	Change since 2018	
Experienced problems					
Satisfaction with the way the problem Base: All who took each form of action Very/fairly satisfied	was dealt with	40% 60%	5 80% 100 	%	
These figures are not ir	ncluded due to sma	ll sample sizes			
Experienced unfair commercial prac	tices				
Have come across advertisements stating that the product was only available for a limited period of time but you later realised that it was not the case		34		-	
Have been informed you won a lottery you did not know about, but asked to pay some money in order to collect the prize	26 			-	
Have been offered a product advertised as free of charge which actually entailed charges	27 18			-	
Pressure selling					
Have felt pressured by persistent sales calls/messages urging you to buy something or sign a contract		44		-	
Have felt pressured to buy something you did not want during an unexpected visit of a seller to your home	11 - 33			-	
Have felt pressured to buy something you did not want during a product demonstration at a private home, hotel or restaurant	10 600			-	
Have felt pressured to buy something you did not want during an excursion organised by a seller	9 50			-	
Unfair contract terms					
Have had to pay unanticipated extra charges	21			-	
Have had a service provider increase the price you have to pay on such a long-term contract without first giving you a chance to end the contract	26 				
Have encountered unfair terms and conditions in a contract	18)			-	
Other					
Have come across other unfair commercial practices	24 15 •				
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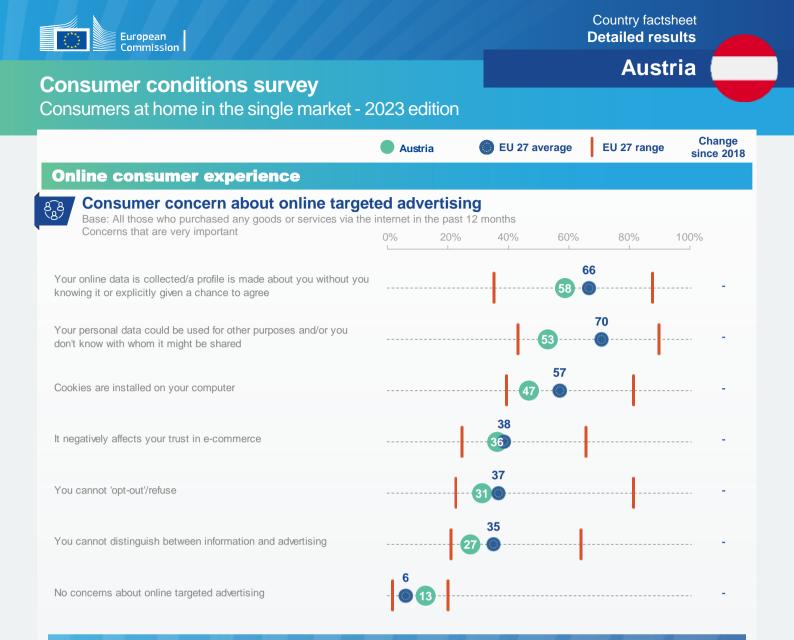


Country factsheet **Detailed results**

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	Austria	🕚 EU 27 average	e EU 27 range	Change since 2018
Online consumer experience				
Online commercial practices Always/Most of the time/sometimes Base: All those who purchased any goods or services via th	L	20% 40% 60 	% 80%	100%
Have experienced advertisements that appear to have been tailored to you personally			76 74	<u>-</u>
Have experienced consumer reviews that do not appear genuine			69 62 🔴	-
Have experienced hidden adverts placed within search results		53	75	<u>-</u>
Have not understood why search results are ordered in the way they are	/	52 52		<u>-</u>
Have experienced unclear explanations on the use of personal data		55 46 - ●		-
Have experienced price discounts that seem too large to be genuine)	43	50 	-
Have experienced social media influencers who appear to have beer paid to promote certain products but do not say this clearly*	۱			-
Have experienced insufficient information about the features and functioning of 'free' online services		51 34		<u>-</u>
Have experienced prices that differ from those a friend or relative gets when searching for the same thing at the same time		39 3 0 - 🜑		
Have wanted to buy a new product from a brand's official website, but it was sold out, so had to buy it from a reseller at a much higher price*	r	21 25		
Have found it difficult to cancel a contract that you had concluded online for example, because you could not find the cancellation option on the website or app*		23		
Have bought something on an online marketplace and experienced problems you could not resolve because it turned out that you had bought from a private individual rather than a professional seller	7			
Note: * New question in 2022. 'Change since 2018' the sign ' - ' is shown for questions that were not asked in 2018 or were subsequently reformulated and are not comparable	0% 2	20% 40% 60	% 80%	100%



ABOUT THE SURVEY

The Consumer Conditions Survey assesses consumers' attitudes, behaviours and experiences with respect to domestic and cross-border trade as well as other, related themes. Key topics include consumer confidence and knowledge; online purchasing; product safety; problems and complaints; and unfair and illicit commercial practices. The survey is conducted among representative samples of consumers in each of the **27 European Union Member States (EU27)**, as well as Iceland and Norway.

🐇 TECHNICAL NOTE

The survey is conducted by Ipsos among a nationally representative sample of the general public aged 18 and older in each of the 29 countries in scope. The sample size is 1,000 per country except in Luxembourg, Malta, Cyprus and Iceland, where the sample size is 500. In all countries, the survey is conducted using CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing). Fieldwork for the latest edition took place between 24 October and 4 December 2022. In this document, the differences between 2022 and 2018 are shown in percentage point (pp) terms.

FURTHER INFORMATION

EC website: <u>https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/consumers/consumer-protection-policy/key-consumer-data_en</u>