

Squatting in Austria

A transdisciplinary reference work with continuation volume

Fifty years of conflict over empty space — and a housing market that in 2026 is not uniformly expensive but divided.

10.5 €/m²

gross rent, existing stock,
Q1 2026, all tenancies

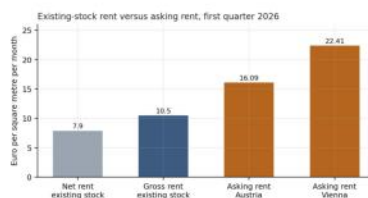
16.09 €/m²

median asking rent nationwide
22.41 € in Vienna

31,979

dwellings authorised in new buildings 2025 —
lowest since the series began in 2010

- Case history from the settlement movement of 1918 to the brief occupations of 2025
- Why appropriation almost always ends in institution — and what that costs
- Vacancy: three figures, three definitions, no official survey
- Is housing still affordable? Answered by market position, not by country



Source: Syntagma Austria, nationwide housing survey (Syntagma). 1 for principal tenancies, gross rent, operating costs.
Asking rent from analysis Q1 2026, 95,262 data points, gross rent only. Q1 2026 values were unavailable at the national deadline.