

# Birth Barometer

Monitoring Fertility in Austria

# Cohort Fertility



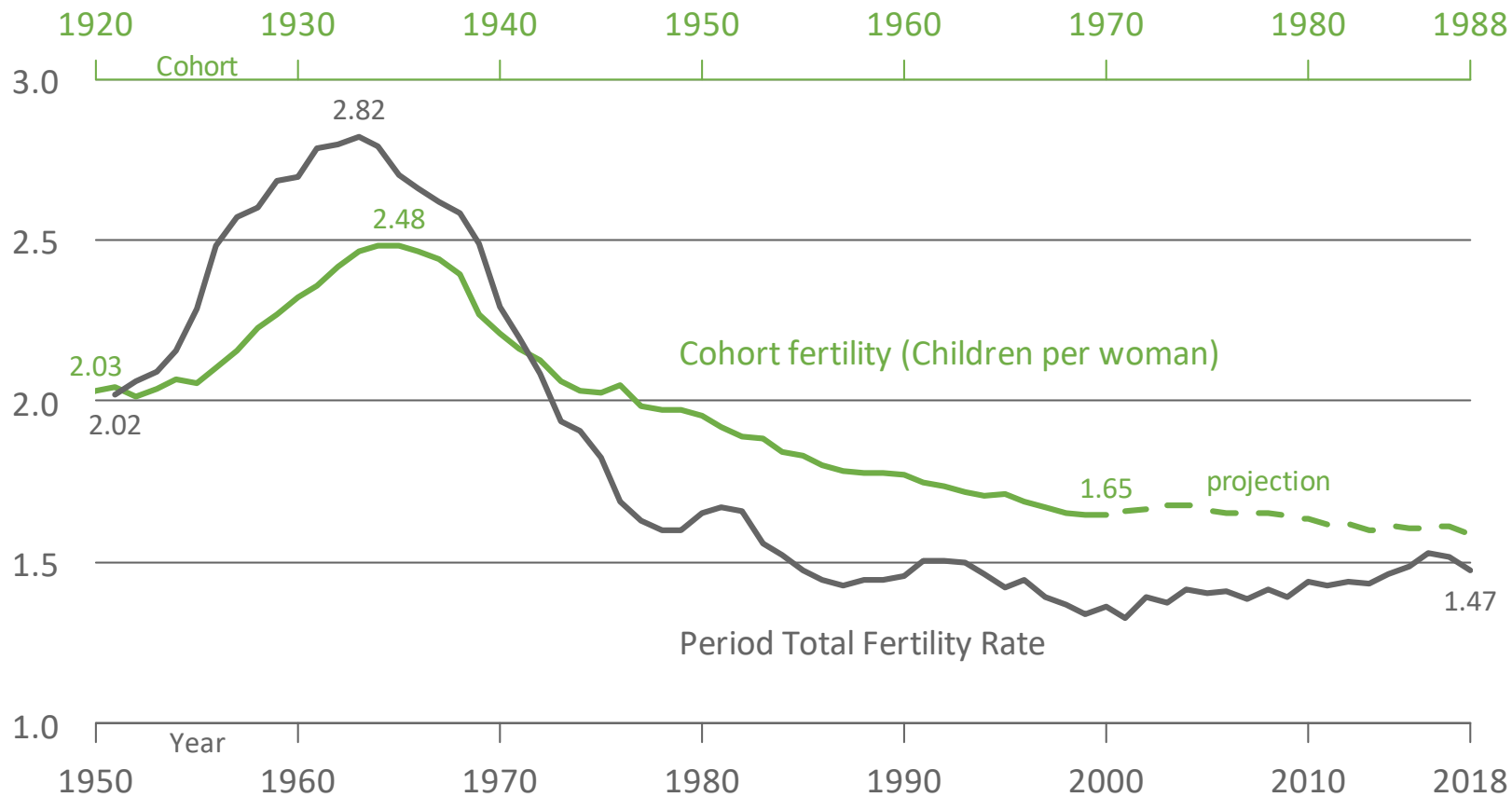
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Analysis based on data from  
Statistics Austria covering the  
period until 2018

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# Completed Cohort Fertility

Cohort fertility among women born in 1920–1988 compared to period total fertility rate in 1951–2018

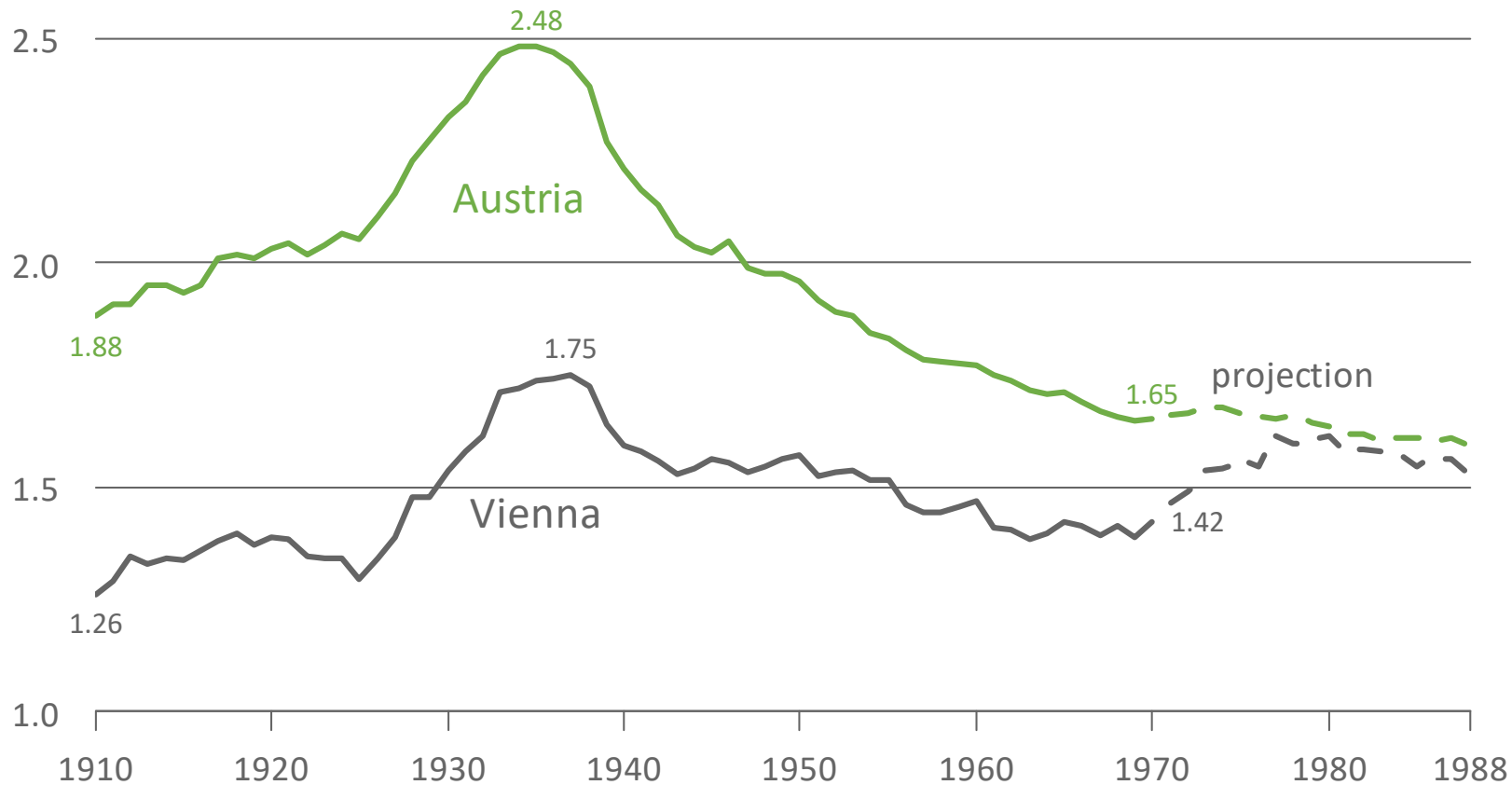


Completed cohort fertility shows the mean number of children (family size) among women by their year of birth. The cohort fertility is compared here with the period total fertility rate in the year the cohort reached age 30, roughly reflecting the mean age at childbearing during the last two decades

- Cohort fertility fell continuously among the 1940s–1960s cohorts, dropping below 2.0 among women born in 1947 and below 1.7 among women born in 1967
- Generation X women born in the 1970s have shown a stable fertility averaging 1.65 children
- Cohort fertility has remained well above the level of the period TFR since the 1970s

# Completed Cohort Fertility Rate

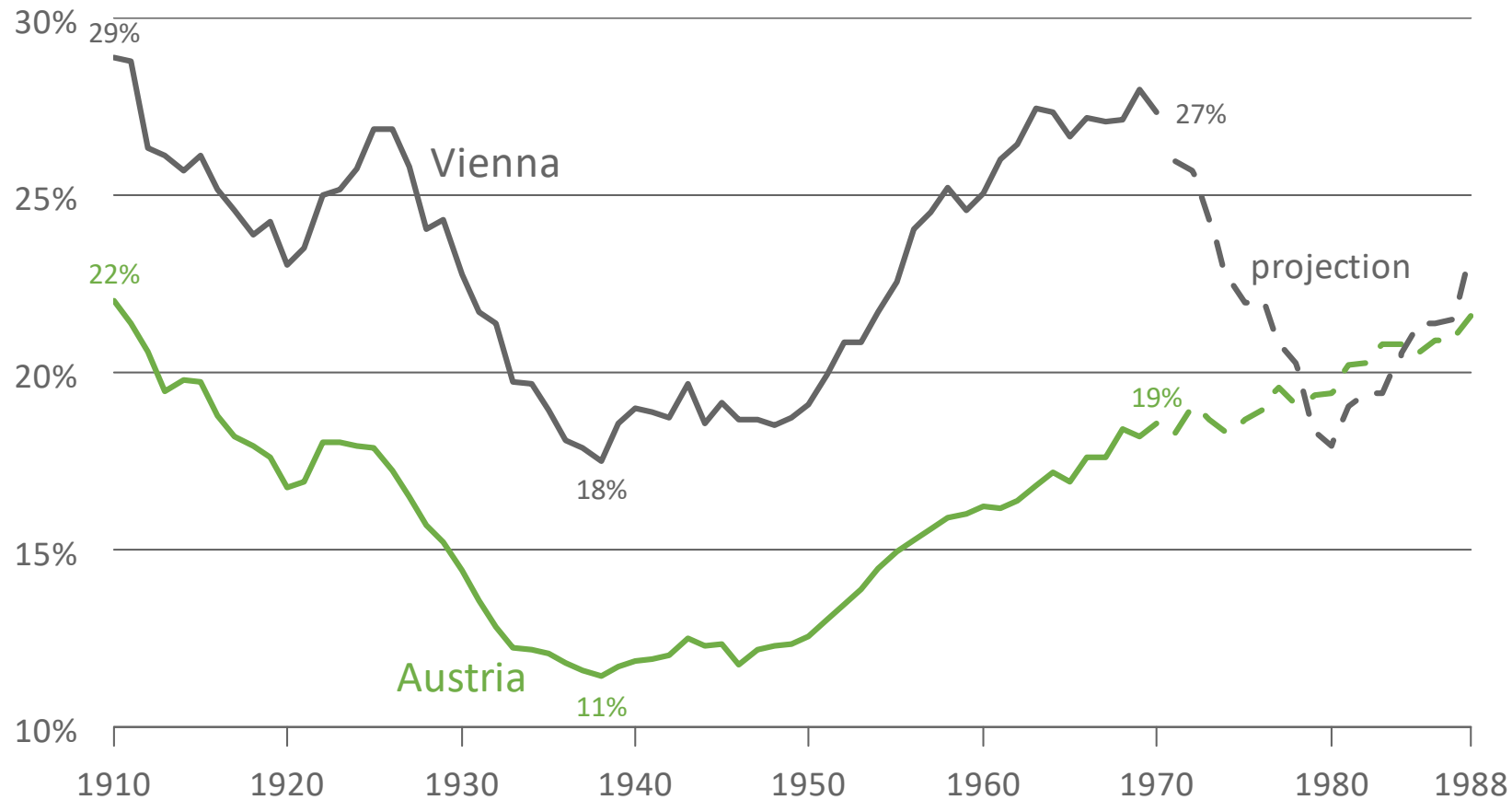
## Austria and Vienna, women born 1910–1988



- Historically, family size in Vienna was much smaller than in the whole of Austria
- The gap in completed fertility between Vienna and Austria was narrowing among women born in the 1940s–1960s due to a slower decline in family size in Vienna
- Viennese women born in the early 1970s had 1.42 children on average, as compared with 1.65 for the whole Austria
- Cohort fertility among Viennese women born in the 1970s and early 1980s is projected to increase, eventually converging to Austrian fertility. This is largely due to the expected decrease in childlessness

# Childlessness

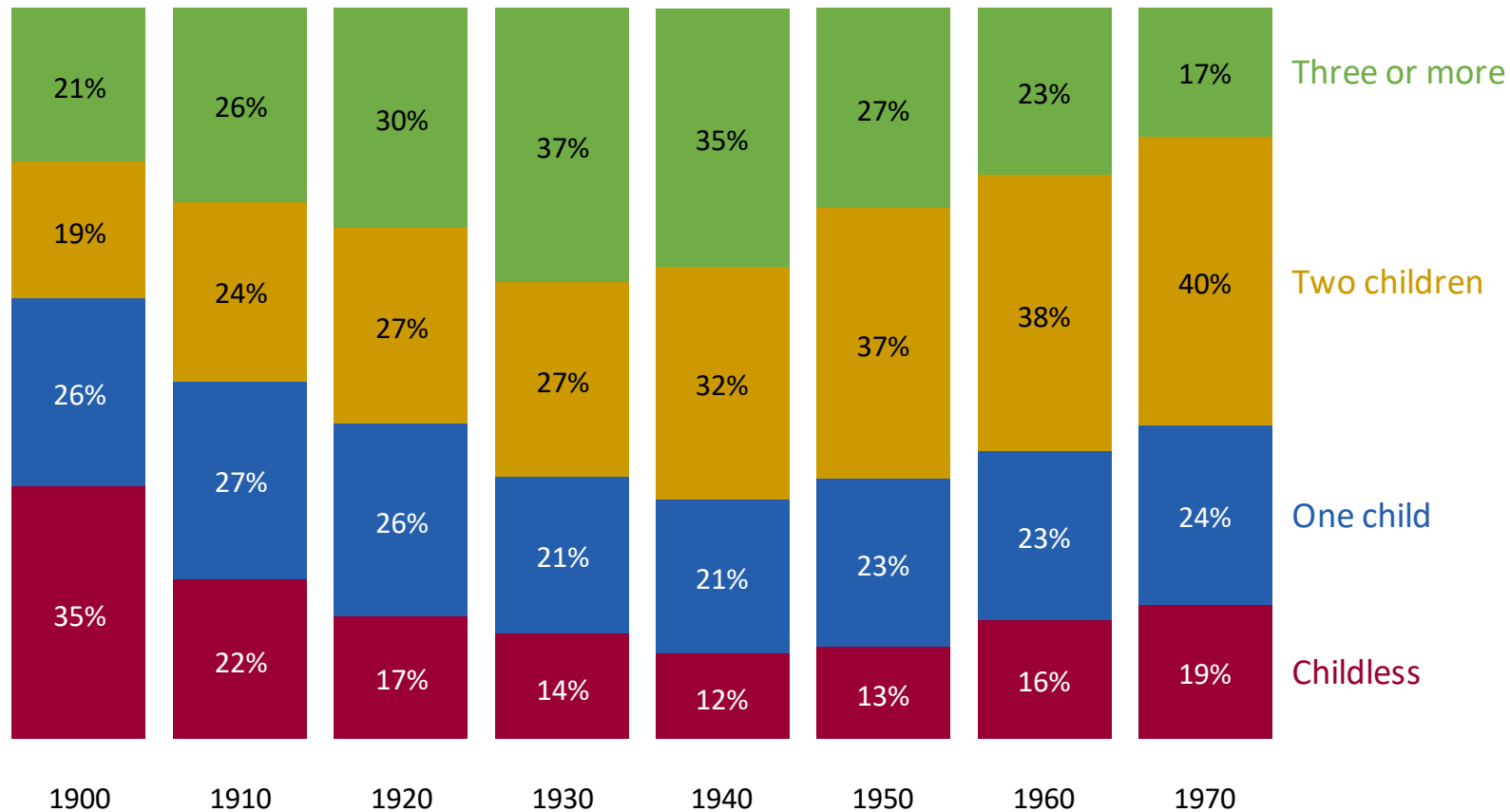
## Proportion of women born in 1910–1988



- Among women born in 1910–1970 childlessness in Vienna was much higher than in the whole of Austria
- More than a quarter of women in Vienna born in the 1960s and early 1970s remained childless
- Childlessness in Vienna peaked at 27% among women born in 1970, compared with 19% among women in the whole Austria
- Childlessness in Vienna and Austria is projected to converge in the future. Viennese women born in the 1970s are expected to see declining childlessness, whereas childlessness for the whole country may increase slightly

# Parity composition (Family size)

Women born in 1900–1970



- Two children is the most common family size, with four out of ten women born in 1970 having two children.
- The share of women with a large family of three or more children reached 37% among those born in 1930 and continually declined among those born after 1935
- Fewer than two out of ten women born in 1970 had three or more children, while a similar share of women remained childless
- Childlessness was most common among women born in the early 20th century
- The share with one child has been relatively stable, reaching almost one-quarter among women born in 1970

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