

### *Summary*

Floridsdorf – a growing district?

Floridsdorf (the 21<sup>st</sup> district of Vienna), situated in the north of Vienna on the left bank of the Danube, covers about one tenth of the total area of Vienna. Although the district has been used intensively as an industrial and housing location for a long time, some areas in the north and east are still available for more intensive housing developments. With almost 138,000 persons having their main residence in this district, the population of Floridsdorf is larger than that of the city of Innsbruck. It has grown by about 1.5% annually since 2001.

Is the population growing due to immigration?

The population growth in the district is due to a positive birth record, on the one hand and a slightly positive balance from residents of Vienna moving to or from the district, on the other hand. While the increase of older persons is mainly attributable to the demographic development of the resident population, the number of persons of younger age cohorts also rises due to families moving to Floridsdorf.

Do more families or singles live in Floridsdorf?

More than half (58%) of a total of 64,800 households in Floridsdorf are family households. This is significantly above the average of all districts of Vienna (43%). Children live in more than one third of all households of Floridsdorfs. This group of households has recorded the strongest annual growth (by 1.6%) in the last few years. Single households also increased (+1.5% per year in the period 2001 to 2006), representing about one third of all households in Floridsdorf.

Does the housing development in Floridsdorf correspond to the population development?

In the period 2001 to 2006 the number of apartments increased by more than 5,000. Above-average increases were registered mainly in the number of private rental flats and condominiums as well as subsidised rental flats and flats owned by cooperative societies ("Genossenschaftswohnungen"). However, the relatively largest share of flats is still provided by the City of Vienna.

Where do singles live, ...

Single households are to be found predominantly in the urban regions of the district. Above all, older single persons prefer residential areas with a good transport infrastructure and local shopping facilities, which are for example available in the census tracts along the main transport corridors Brünner Straße, the underground line U6 and the "Schnellbahn" railway network.

... and where do families live?

Families with children are to be found more frequently in regions with large park areas or with recreation areas in the immediate vicinity (e.g. Stammersdorf, Hirschfeld).

Is the regional preference of the individual household types reflected in the distribution of flats?

Therefore the distribution of housing in terms of living space concentrating on small areas within the district is related to the regional preference of the household types. Small flats dominate in the densely built-up area along Brünner Straße. In the census tracts on the northern and eastern fringe of the city as well as in the attractive residential areas on the left bank of the Danube the living space of more than half of all apartments exceeds 90m<sup>2</sup>.

How are the residents of Floridsdorf positioned with regard to economic activity?

The economically active persons living in the 21<sup>st</sup> district are employed 187 days on average per year. This ratio for measuring employment integration corresponds to the average ratio registered in all districts of Vienna. Half of all the economically active residents of Floridsdorf earn a monthly gross salary of more than EUR 1,950. If employment of a resident of Floridsdorf is terminated, the person is likely to be unemployed for 152 days.

Where do well positioned persons live?

Thanks to the favourable positioning in terms of employment stability and income from economic activity, especially »those earning higher wages« may choose a home in one of the attractive residential areas of the district. Persons boasting an above-average employment integration and higher wage earners live very close to the recreation areas along the Old and New Danube, near Donaupark as well as in the northern census tracts around Stammersdorf.