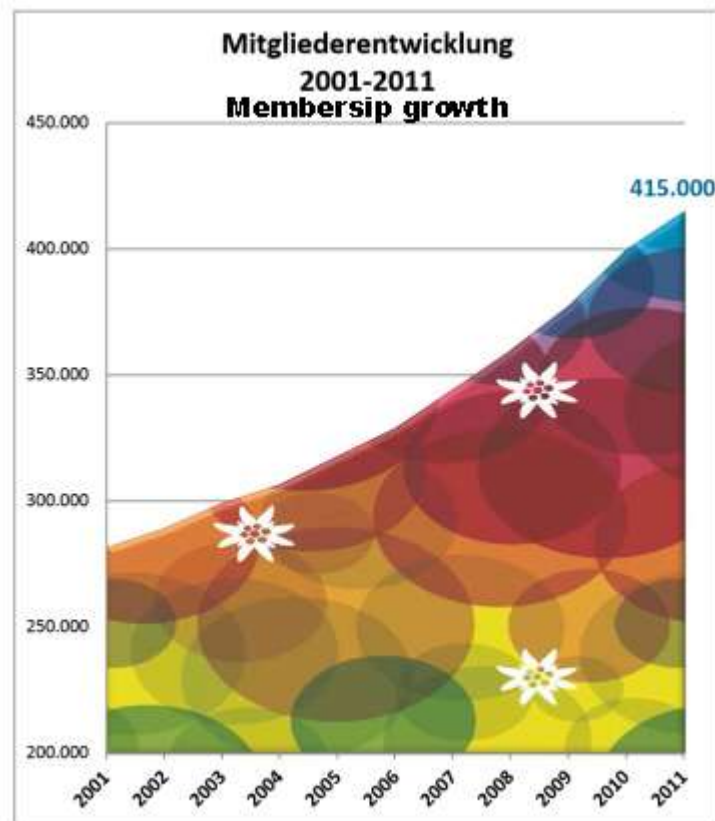


The Alpenverein on a successful course: Already 415.000 members

More and more people are putting their trust in the biggest mountain sports club in Austria. With a take up of 15,000 new members in the year 2011 and an overall total of 415,000 members, the Alpenverein increased its lead as the biggest mountain sports club in Austria. In the last ten years alone, more than 133.000 people joined the Alpenverein.



Alpenvereins-Präsident Dr.Christian Wadsack sees mountain sport, nature conservation and insurance as success factors. "Discounts in all Alpenverein huts across Austria and reciprocal rights in over 1,300 huts in Europe, over 200 climbing installations and an extensive insurance package comprise an attractive bonus for our members. Above all however the broad range of leisure-time activities in the Sections and the active commitment to nature conservation makes the Alpenverein a unique community. With its members, the Alpenverein is alive and is continuously developing. The continually growing enthusiasm for the club shows that we are on the right path".

With its 195 Sections, the Alpenverein is represented all over Austria. Almost 93,000 people belong to the Alpenverein in Vienna. Tyrol with over 83,000 members is in second position, followed by Oberösterreich, with almost 56,000 members, and Styria with almost 53,000 members. In 2011, all nine federal states recorded an increase in membership and Alpenverein Edelweiss recorded the strongest increase of any Section (+3,798 members, some +11.7 percent).

In 2012, the Alpenverein celebrates its 150th jubilee. Besides a long history, steeped in tradition this is also an opportunity for a modern and innovative gaze into the future. The age distribution in the club proves, among other things, that within the population the meaningfulness of the Alpenverein will

continue to grow. Almost one third of the members are under 30. Many members joined as children or youths.

"More and more people are becoming conscious of the fact that the mountains are our oases in everyday life, a recuperation area and unique natural jewel. From young to old, it draws them to nature and up into the mountains and it pleases us that they let themselves be more and more frequently accompanied by the Alpenverein", notes Secretary-General Robert Renzler.

Statistics

Federal states (in absolute numbers)

1.	Vienna	92,939
2.	Tyrol	83,150
3.	Upper Austria	55,852
4.	Styria	52,912
5.	Salzburg	35,129
6.	Carinthia	29,718
7.	Lower Austria	26,260
8.	Vorarlberg	20,532
9.	Burgenland	1,645

Top 10 - largest increase (in absolute numbers)

1.	Edelweiss (Vienna)	3,798
2.	Austria (Vienna)	1,528
3.	Innsbruck	1,340
4.	Britannia (England)	1,195
5.	ÖGV (Vienna)	666
6.	Linz	570
7.	Salzburg	517
8.	Vorarlberg	361
9.	Villach	237
10.	Vienna	169

Top 10 - biggest sections (in absolute numbers)

1.	Innsbruck (T)	36,985
2.	Edelweiss (W)	36,348
3.	Austria (W)	29,946
4.	Österr. Mountain club (W)	22,434
5.	Vorarlberg (V)	20,082
6.	Linz (OÖ)	16,401
7.	Salzburg (S)	16,254
8.	Graz (ST)	14,990
9.	Klagenfurt (K)	10,765
10.	Flanders (Belgium)	9,083

Facts

The alpine club is Austria's biggest mountain sports club and after the German Alpenverein it is the second-biggest alpine association with 415.000 members, world-wide.

- Biggest alpine club and biggest youth organization of Austria
- 415,000 members
- 195 sections
- 22,000 Voluntary workers and Functionaries
- Defender of the Alps and legally recognized environmental organization
- Biggest accommodation business of Austria

- 238 mountain huts and 13,000 beds
- Care of 40,000 km of footpaths
- More than 200 Climbing installations

Also the climbers of the Alpenverein top the world: Innumerable medals, titles and victories were gained by the Austrian climbers in the last few years. The successes of pro climbers like Jakob Schubert, Anna Stöhr, Kilian Fischhuber, Johanna Ernst or Angela Eiter made podium places for the Austrian national team no longer just something to be imagined.