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Fewer new passenger car registrations again in July

Alternatively powered passenger cars reach around 40 % share; almost one-fifth fewer new passenger car registrations from January to July 2022

Vienna, 2022-08-09 – According to Statistics Austria, 124 660 new passenger cars were registered between January and July 2022. This corresponds to a decrease of 19.2 % compared to the same period of the previous year. The total number of new motor vehicles (185 563) declined by 23.2 %.

“In July 2022, new car registrations continued their downward slide with a minus of 19.3 % compared to the same month of the previous year. This again had a negative effect on the year-to-date balance: 124 660 new car registrations in the period January to July 2022 mark the lowest value in 44 years,” explains Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Sharp decline in petrol and diesel passenger cars; share of alternative drive systems continues to rise

From January to July 2022, new registrations of diesel-powered passenger cars (28 068; 22.5 % share) fell by 28.3 %, while those of petrol-powered passenger cars (48 716; 39.1 % share) declined by 21.6 %. New registrations of alternatively powered passenger cars also declined. There were 23 155 newly registered petrol-hybrid passenger cars (-14.4 %; 18.6 % share), 7 749 diesel-hybrid passenger cars (-9.5 %; 6.2 % share) and 16 911 BEV passenger cars (-2.5 %; 13.6 % share). Of the 16 911 newly registered BEV passenger cars, 77.7 % were owned by legal entities, companies and local authorities and 22.3 % by private vehicle owners. Alternatively powered passenger cars accounted for a total of 38.4 % (2021: 34.4 %). However, the number of registrations fell by 9.7% year-on-year.

Among the top 10 passenger car makes, VW maintained the highest share of all new passenger car registrations at 14.0 %. This was followed by Skoda (9.0 % share), BMW (6.9 % share) and Audi (6.4 % share). Year-on-year increases were observed for Toyota (+34.0 %) and Kia (+5.7 %). There were fewer registrations for Seat (-41.9 %), VW (-29.8 %), Skoda (-21.4 %), Ford (-19.6 %), Mercedes (-15.7 %), BMW (-10.7 %), Hyundai (-6.1 %) and Audi (-4.9 %).

Predominantly fewer registrations for commercial vehicles and two-wheelers

In the commercial vehicle market, fewer lorries class N1 (13 023; -62.8 %), lorries class N3 (1 681; -25.6 %), tractors used for agriculture and forestry (4 667; -11.3 %) and articulated lorries (1 910; -2.7 %) were newly registered from January to July 2022. In contrast, an increase in new registrations was observed for class N2 lorries (206; +7.3 %).

New registrations of two-wheelers also declined. While registrations of new motorcycles (-0.6 %; 24 948) were close to the previous year's figures, the decline for mopeds (-15.2 %; 7 381) was more pronounced.

With 3 541 newly registered motor caravans the number is 13.3% above the previous year. 76.9 % were registered by legal entities, companies and local authorities and 23.1 % by private vehicle owners.

A total of 185 563 new motor vehicles were registered between January and July 2022. Compared to January to July 2021 (241 463 vehicles), this represents a decrease of 23.2 %.

July 2022: Around one-fifth fewer new registrations of passenger cars and motor vehicles

In July 2022, 16 054 new passenger cars were registered. This is 3 848 fewer cars than in July 2021 (-19.3 %). New registrations of petrol-powered cars (5 942; -24.1 %; 37.0 % share) and those of diesel-powered cars (3 980; -20.2 %; 24.8 % share) declined. Among alternatively powered cars, declines were also observed in new registrations of hybrid cars (petrol-hybrid: 2 638; -33.4 %; 16.4 % share and diesel-hybrid: 1 070; -5.2 %; 6.7 % share). In contrast, one-fifth more BEV-passenger cars were newly registered in July 2022 than in July of the previous year (2 418; +21.5 %; 15.1 % share). Overall, alternative drive systems (6 132; -13.5 %) reached a share of 38.2 % (2021: 35.6 %).

New motor vehicle registrations also decreased compared with the same month last year: at 25 626, 7 006 fewer motor vehicles were registered than in July 2021 (-21.5 %).

For detailed results and further information, please refer to our [website](#) ("further data").

Information on methodology, definitions: Motor vehicle statistics (registrations of new and used vehicles as well as the stock of vehicles) are secondary statistics, compiled on the basis of daily data files sent to Statistics Austria by Austria's association of insurance companies (VVO). VVO, in turn, receives data by the insurances' registrations offices, responsible for registrations, de-registrations and rectifications of motor vehicles and trailers.

All new registrations, i.e. all brand-new registrations, are collected as part of the new vehicle registration statistics, regardless of the duration of the registration (including so-called short term registrations, e.g. one day registrations).

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