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# Significantly more new passenger car registrations in September 2022: +16.1 %

**Positive trend from August 2022 (+0.5 %) continues; the number of new passenger car registrations was only 1.5 % below the pre-crisis level of September 2019**

Vienna, 2022-10-11 – According to Statistics Austria, 20 735 passenger cars were newly registered in September 2022, 2 871 more than in September of the previous year. This means that new car registrations were only 1.5 % below the level of the last September before the Corona crisis (September 2019: 21 047 cars).

“The Austrian market of new cars is picking up speed again: After new car registrations in August 2022 recorded a slight year-on-year increase for the first time in six months, the upward trend is now continuing. 20 735 cars that received a license plate for the first time in September 2022 resulted in an increase of 16.1% compared to September 2021,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Of all new passenger car registrations, 67.2 % were accounted for by legal entities, companies and local authorities and 32.8 % by private owners. A total of 27 500 motor vehicles were newly registered in September, which corresponds to a slight decrease of -1.7 % compared to the same month last year.

According to Statistics Austria, 163 209 passenger cars were newly registered from January to September 2022, which means that new car registrations in the year to date are 14.0 % below the level of the same period of the previous year. A total of 239 823 new vehicle registrations were observed, around a fifth fewer than from January to September 2021 (-19.7 %).

## **Shares of petrol and diesel passenger cars behind alternatively powered passenger cars**

In the first three quarters of 2022, fewer diesel-powered passenger cars (37 044; -20.2 %) and petrol-powered passenger cars (62 071; -17.3 %) were newly registered. Fewer new registrations were also observed for petrol-hybrid passenger cars (29 898; -11.1 %) and diesel-hybrid passenger cars (10 026; -4.8 %).

The number of newly registered Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) for passengers remained nearly the same (24 104; -0.1 %) compared to January to September 2021. Of these, 77.5 % were registered by legal entities, companies or local authorities and 22.5 % by private owners.

The share of new passenger car registrations with alternative drives reached 39.3 % from January to September 2022, ahead of the share of newly registered petrol passenger cars (38.0 %) and significantly ahead diesel passenger cars' share (22.7 %).

Among the top ten passenger car makes, new registrations increased for Toyota (+38.3 %) and Kia (+6.0 %). Declines were observed for Seat (-38.4 %), VW (-22.0 %), Ford (-14.7 %), Skoda (-14.4 %), Mercedes (-9.2 %), Audi (-4.6 %), BMW (-4.0 %) and Hyundai (-1.8 %).

## **Declines in new commercial vehicle registrations, increase in motor caravans**

Among commercial vehicles, new registrations of articulated lorries increased (2 486; +5.9 %). Between January and September 2022 fewer new registrations were observed for lorries class N1 (16 618; -63.2 %), lorries class N3 (2 133; -21.6 %), tractors used for agriculture and forestry (5 856; -11.5 %) and lorries class N2 (260; -0.4 %).

New registrations of two-wheelers increased by 1.5 % with 30 819 motorcycles compared to the first three quarters of the previous year, in contrast new registrations of mopeds were down (9 599; -13.9 %).

An increase of 13.0 % was observed between January and September 2022, with 4 222 newly registered motor caravans. Legal entities, companies and local authorities accounted for 76.7 % of these new registrations and private vehicle owners for 23.3 %.

For detailed results and more information, please refer to the further data provided on our [website](#).

**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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