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# 8.9% more new passenger car registrations in October 2022

## Third consecutive month of rising new passenger car registrations

Vienna, 2022-11-10 – According to Statistics Austria, 16 061 new passenger cars were registered for traffic in October 2022. This is 8.9 % or 1 306 passenger cars more than in October of the previous year. This was the third consecutive month of positive results recorded year-on-year (September 2022: +16.1 %; August 2022: +0.5 %).

“The Austrian new car market is picking up speed again: October 2022 was the third month in a row with an increase in newly registered cars. 16 061 passenger cars, which received a licence plate for the first time, provided for an increase of 8.9 % compared to October of the previous year. Almost 43.0 % of the newly registered passenger cars had an alternative drive, one in six had an electric engine. Overall, however, new passenger car registrations in the first ten months of this year were still significantly below the corresponding period of the previous year at -12.4 %,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Between **January and October 2022**, 179 270 new passenger cars were registered. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this represents a decrease of 12.4 % or 25 366 passenger cars. Of all new passenger cars, 65.5 % were registered by legal entities, companies and local authorities and 34.5 % by private vehicle owners. A total of 261 225 new motor vehicles were registered between January and October 2022, a decrease of 19.7 % or 63 915 motor vehicles.

### Electric cars slightly up; share of alternative drive systems ahead of petrol and diesel cars

From January to October 2022, new registrations of diesel-powered passenger cars declined by 17.8 % (40 756; -8 799), while new registrations of petrol-powered passenger cars fell by 15.6 % (67 568; -12 516). Among alternative drive systems, declines of 11.0 % were also observed for petrol-hybrid passenger cars (32 941; -4 079) and 2.3 % for diesel-hybrid passenger cars (11 171; -258).

New registrations of purely electrically powered passenger cars (BEV) increased slightly (26 764; +1.2 %; +307). Of these, 77.9 % were registered by legal entities, companies and local authorities and 22.1 % by private vehicle owners. From January to October 2022, the share of private owners of newly registered BEV passenger cars was lowest in Vienna (12.3 %) and Salzburg (12.7 %), the highest in Burgenland (35.1 %) and Lower Austria (31.2 %).

Overall, the share of newly registered alternatively powered passenger cars reached 39.6 % (January to October 2021: 36.6 %). The share of petrol powered passenger cars was 37.7 % (2021: 39.1 %) and that of diesel powered passenger cars 22.7 % (2021: 24.2 %).

The highest share of new passenger car registrations was again held by VW with 14.6 % (2021: 15.6 %). This was followed by Skoda (share: 9.0 %), BMW (share: 7.1 %) and Audi (share: 5.9 %). Year-on-year increases were observed for Toyota (+37.3 %) and Kia (+4.7 %). New passenger car registrations declined for Seat (-33.9 %), VW (-18.1 %), Ford (-13.2 %), Skoda (-10.6 %); Mercedes (-7.6 %), Audi (-3.9 %), Hyundai (-2.5 %) and BMW (-0.8 %).

### Declines in new registrations of commercial vehicles, plus for motorcycles

Regarding commercial vehicles, from January to October 2022, more new registrations were observed for articulated lorries (2 827; +10.8 %) and for lorries class N2 (292; +1.0 %). New registrations declined for

lorries class N1 (18 340; -65.6 %), lorries class N3 (2 356; -19.5 %) and tractors used for agriculture and forestry (6 415; -10.4 %).

In the two-wheeler market, 31 976 new motorcycles were registered. This represents an increase of 1.8 % over the prior-year period. By contrast, a decrease of 13.5 % was observed for mopeds, with 10 172 new registrations.

New registrations of motor caravans (4 439) increased by 6.3 % from January to October 2022. Of these, 76.8 % were accounted for by legal entities, companies and local authorities and 23.2 % by private vehicle owners.

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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