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13% more new car registrations in April 2023

One-fifth more new car registrations in the period January to April 2023 than in the previous year, but still a quarter fewer than in the same period in 2019

Vienna, 2023-05-10 – According to Statistics Austria, 18 504 new passenger cars were registered in April 2023, an increase of 13.1% year-on-year. Total new registrations of motor vehicles rose by 8.8% to 29 909 vehicles.

“In April 2023, more than 18 500 new passenger cars were put on the roads. Compared with the rather weak April of the previous year, this represents an increase in new registrations of 13.1%. In the first four months of the year, new passenger car registrations were up by almost a fifth year-on-year, but with a drop of 27.7%, they are still well below the pre-crisis level from January to April 2019,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

New registrations of petrol-powered passenger cars (6 355) declined in **April 2023** (–4.5%), reaching a share of 34.3%. In contrast, a slight increase was observed for diesel passenger cars (3 442; share 18.6%; +2.3%). Passenger cars with alternative drive systems accounted for a total share of 47.1%. With 8 707 new registrations, 37.2% more alternatively powered passenger cars were registered than in April 2022. Among these, passenger cars with petrol-hybrid drive accounted for a share of 22.2% (4 108, +27.7%), passenger cars with electric drive for 18.3% (3 395, +83.6%) and with diesel-hybrid drive for 6.5% (1 202, –6.1%).

Among Austria’s top ten passenger car makes in April 2023, VW (2 779) with a share of 15.0% was ahead of Skoda (1 650; share 8.9%), BMW (1 363; share 7.4%) and Audi (1 228; share 6.6%). Increases compared to April 2022 were achieved by VW (+26.1%), Skoda (+18.8%), Hyundai (+16.2%) and Kia (+0.5%). Unchanged registration figures were observed for Audi. New passenger car registrations declined for Mercedes (–16.3%), BMW (–9.1%), Seat (–4.4%), Ford (–3.5%) and Toyota (–3.2%).

In the commercial vehicle market, new registrations of articulated lorries (+53.9%), lorries class N1 (+29.9%), and lorries class N2 (+4.3%) increased. In contrast, declines were observed for tractors used for agriculture and forestry (–6.1%) and lorries class N3 (–2.8%).

In the two-wheeler market, new registrations declined compared to April 2022. Registrations of mopeds (1 429) were down 7.0% and those of motorcycles (5 146) were down 5.2%.

January to April 2023: One-fifth more new passenger car registrations, motor vehicles also up

From **January to April 2023**, 81 556 new passenger cars were registered, an increase of 18.6% compared to the same period last year. Compared to the registration figures before the Corona pandemic, however, this figure is still significantly lower (January to April 2019: 112 806 new passenger car registrations; –27.7%). Overall, 115 472 new motor vehicles have been registered so far in 2023, 15.8% more than in the previous year (2019: 150 803 motor vehicles; –23.4%). Compared to the previous year, new registrations of petrol (28 316, +4.7%) and diesel passenger cars (16 222, +6.6%) increased slightly. New registrations of passenger cars with alternative drive systems (electric: 14 630, +62.3%; petrol-hybrid: 17 337, 33.5%; diesel-hybrid: 5 047, +14.1%) showed a significantly higher increase.

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

Table 1: Registrations of new motor vehicles January to April 2023

Vehicle type	April 2023	% share	% change vs. 2022	January to April 2023	% share	% change vs. 2022
Passenger cars cat. M1	18 504	61,9	13,1	81 556	70,6	18,6
Motorcycles cat. L3e	5 146	17,2	-5,2	12 427	10,8	6,8
Mopeds cat. L1e	1 429	4,8	-7,0	3 418	3,0	-1,1
Lorries cat. N1	2 288	7,6	29,9	9 240	8,0	26,1
Lorries cat. N2	24	0,1	4,3	122	0,1	24,5
Lorries cat. N3	281	0,9	-2,8	1 177	1,0	25,5
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	697	2,3	-6,1	2 438	2,1	-9,0
Articulated lorries	411	1,4	53,9	1 690	1,5	44,8
Motor caravans	567	1,9	11,6	1 440	1,2	-20,9
Other motor vehicles	562	1,9	-0,9	1 964	1,7	5,6
Total motor vehicles	29 909	100,0	8,8	115 472	100,0	15,8

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Motor vehicle statistics. – Rounding differences not balanced.

Table 2: Registrations of new passenger cars by fuel type or power source

Fuel type or power source	April 2023	% share	% change vs. 2022	January to April 2023	% share	% change vs. 2022
Petrol	6 355	34,3	-4,5	28 316	34,7	4,7
Diesel	3 442	18,6	2,3	16 222	19,9	6,6
Electric	3 395	18,3	83,6	14 630	17,9	62,3
Petrol/Electric (hybrid)	4 108	22,2	27,7	17 337	21,3	33,5
Diesel/Electric (hybrid)	1 202	6,5	-6,1	5 047	6,2	14,1
Other alternative drives	2	0,0	100,0	4	0,0	-91,3
Total passenger cars	18 504	100,0	13,1	81 556	100,0	18,6
Petrol and Diesel cars	9 797	52,9	-2,2	44 538	54,6	5,4
Cars with alternative drives	8 707	47,1	37,2	37 018	45,4	39,9

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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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