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# One-fifth more new car registrations in May 2023

## 19.0% more passenger cars registered in the period January to May 2023 than in the previous year

Vienna, 2023-06-12 – According to Statistics Austria, 20 623 new passenger cars were registered in May 2023. This represents an increase of 20.6% compared to the same month of the previous year. Overall, the number of new registrations of motor vehicles rose by 14.4% to 31 531.

New registrations of petrol-powered passenger cars (6 831; share: 33.1%) increased by 1.2% compared with May 2022, while those of diesel-powered passenger cars (3 955; share: 19.2%) rose by 7.9%. Alternatively powered passenger cars (9 837; +47.0%) achieved a total share of 47.7%. Among these, new registrations of electrically powered passenger cars doubled (BEV; 4 130; +100.1%; share: 20.0%). New registrations of passenger cars with petrol-hybrid drive (4 508; +29.3%; share: 21.9%) and diesel-hybrid drive (1 197; +4.9%; share: 5.8%) also increased compared with May 2022.

VW (3 107; share: 15.1%) again topped the list of Austria's most important passenger car makes in May 2023. This was followed by Skoda (2 088; share: 10.1%), BMW (1 650; share: 8.0%), Audi (1 491; share: 7.2%) and Seat (1 185; share: 5.7%). An increase in new passenger car registrations was observed for Tesla (+2 726.7%), Skoda (+38.5%), Audi (+34.8%), VW (+34.6%), BMW (+30.6%), Cupra (+29.8%), Toyota (+16.4%), Kia (+3.8%) and Seat (+2.5%). For Mercedes (–4.9%) a decrease in new car registrations in May 2023 compared to May 2022 was observed.

In the commercial vehicle market, new registrations of articulated lorries (+26.3%), lorries class N1 (+22.8%) and lorries class N3 (+9.2%) increased. New registrations of lorries class N2 (–29.3%) and tractors used for agriculture and forestry (–7.1%) declined.

Among two-wheelers, more new registrations were observed for motorcycles (5 012; +4.8%). New registrations of mopeds (1 261) decreased by 3.5% compared to the same month last year.

### January to May 2023: 19.0% more new passenger car registrations than last year

102 179 new passenger car registrations were registered between January and May 2023, up 19.0% compared with January to May 2022. Compared to the pre-pandemic period of January to May 2019, new car registrations are still down 28.7%. Total new motor vehicle registrations also increased (147 003; +15.5%). Among new passenger car registrations, petrol-powered cars (35 147; +4.0%) accounted for 34.4%, diesel-powered cars (20 177; +6.8%) for 19.7%, and alternatively powered cars (46 855; +41.3%) for 45.9%.

Around one fifth of all new passenger car registrations were BEV's. Legal entities, companies and local authorities accounted for 76.4% of this figure, while private vehicle owners accounted for 23.6%.

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

**Table 1: Registrations of new motor vehicles**

Vehicle type	May 2023	% share	% change vs. 2022	January to May 2023	% share	% change vs. 2022
Passenger cars cat. M1	20 623	65,4	20,6	102 179	69,5	19,0
Motorcycles cat. L3e	5 012	15,9	4,8	17 439	11,9	6,2
Mopeds cat. L1e	1 261	4,0	-3,5	4 679	3,2	-1,7
Lorries cat. N1	2 324	7,4	22,8	11 564	7,9	25,4
Lorries cat. N2	29	0,1	-29,3	151	0,1	8,6
Lorries cat. N3	296	0,9	9,2	1 473	1,0	21,8
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	671	2,1	-7,1	3 109	2,1	-8,6
Articulated lorries	274	0,9	26,3	1 964	1,3	41,9
Motor caravans	431	1,4	-31,6	1 871	1,3	-23,7
Other motor vehicles	610	1,9	3,9	2 574	1,8	5,2
<b>Total motor vehicles</b>	<b>31 531</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>14,4</b>	<b>147 003</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>15,5</b>

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

Fuel type or power source	May 2023	% share	% change vs. 2022	January to May 2023	% share	% change vs. 2022
Petrol	6 831	33,1	1,2	35 147	34,4	4,0
Diesel	3 955	19,2	7,9	20 177	19,7	6,8
Electric	4 130	20,0	100,1	18 760	18,4	69,3
Petrol/Electric (hybrid)	4 508	21,9	29,3	21 845	21,4	32,6
Diesel/Electric (hybrid)	1 197	5,8	4,9	6 244	6,1	12,2
Other alternative drives	2	0,0	0,0	6	0,0	-87,5
<b>Total passenger cars</b>	<b>20 623</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>20,6</b>	<b>102 179</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>19,0</b>
Petrol and Diesel cars	10 786	52,3	3,6	55 324	54,1	5,0
Cars with alternative drives	9 837	47,7	47,0	46 855	45,9	41,3

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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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