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Clear increase in new car registrations in February

New passenger car registrations up 11.8% year-on-year in February 2024

Vienna, 2024-03-11 – According to Statistics Austria, 37 562 new passenger cars were registered in the first two months of 2024, 2.2% more than in January and February of the previous year. A total of 49 275 new motor vehicles (+6.0%) were registered in January and February this year.

“After a hesitant start in January, new car registrations have now picked up speed. In February 2024, 20 010 new passenger cars were registered in Austria, which is 11.8% or 2 115 more than in February of the previous year. In January, there had been a year-on-year decline of 6.9%. Overall, new car registrations were up 2.2% in the first two months of the year. There were 4.0% fewer registrations of cars that run on diesel or petrol, while registrations of cars with alternative drive systems rose by 10.2% compared to the first two months of 2023”, says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

In the first two months of 2024, passenger cars with alternative drive systems (17 713; +1 636) achieved a growth of 10.2% compared to January and February of the previous year. A significant increase of 24.1% was observed for passenger cars with petrol-hybrid drive (9 396; +1 826; share 25.0%). In contrast, new registrations of diesel-hybrid cars (2 168; –178; –7.6%; share 5.8%) and purely electrically powered cars (6 145; –15; –0.2%; share: 16.4%) fell slightly. Alternative drive systems accounted for 47.2% of all newly registered passenger cars.

In January and February 2024, 1.6% more diesel cars (7 641; +122; share: 20.3%) were newly registered. However, new registrations of petrol cars (12 208; –941; share: 32.5%) fell by 7.2%. Overall, registrations of conventionally powered passenger cars fell by 4.0% compared to January to February 2023, reaching a share of 52.8%.

VW led the top ten passenger car makes in the first two months of 2024 with 5 429 newly registered cars and a market share of 14.5%, followed by Skoda (3 824; 10.2%), BMW (2 967; 7.9%), Audi (2 414) and Seat (2 398), each with a market share of 6.4%. Suzuki (+114.6%), BMW (+24.5%), Dacia (+23.5%), Skoda (+4.0%), Tesla (+3.3%) and Toyota (+2.4%) recorded an increase in new car registrations. Fewer new car registrations were recorded for Mercedes (–14.9%), Seat (–7.3%), VW (–3.1%) and Audi (–1.2%) compared to January to February 2023.

Among commercial vehicles, more lorries category N1 (+33.3%; +1 299), lorries category N2 (+23.7%; +14), tractors used for agriculture and forestry (+16.6%; +156) and lorries category N3 (+5.6%; +30) were newly registered. Compared to January to February 2023, there was a decline in new registrations of articulated lorries (–20.4%; –157).

New registrations of two-wheelers rose by a quarter compared to the first two months of the previous year. From January to February 2024, 2 124 (+425) motorcycles were newly registered, an increase of 25.0%. New registrations of mopeds (856; +187) rose even more with an increase of 28.0%.

February 2024: 11.8% more new car registrations, total motor vehicle registrations +14.7%

In February 2024, 20 010 new passenger cars (+11.8%) were registered. There were more new registrations of passenger cars with diesel (4 135; +539; +15.0%) and petrol engines (6 527; +598; +10.1%). There was also an increase in registrations of petrol-hybrid cars (5 000; +1 216; +32.1%). In contrast, there were fewer new registrations of diesel-hybrid cars (1 026; –145; –12.4%) and all-electric cars (3 322; –93; –2.7%). In February 2024, a total of 27 005 new cars (+3 462; +14.7%) were registered.

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

Table 1: Registrations of new passenger cars by fuel type or power source

Fuel type or power source	February 2024	% share	% change vs. 2023	January to February 2024	% share	% change vs. 2023
Petrol	6 527	32.6	10.1	12 208	32.5	-7.2
Diesel	4 135	20.7	15.0	7 641	20.3	1.6
Electric	3 322	16.6	-2.7	6 145	16.4	-0.2
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	5 000	25.0	32.1	9 396	25.0	24.1
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	1 026	5.1	-12.4	2 168	5.8	-7.6
Other alternative drives	-	-	-	4	0.0	300.0
Total passenger cars	20 010	100.0	11.8	37 562	100.0	2.2
Petrol and diesel cars	10 662	53.3	11.9	19 849	52.8	-4.0
Cars with alternative drives	9 348	46.7	11.7	17 713	47.2	10.2

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

Table 2: Registrations of new motor vehicles

Vehicle type	February 2024	% share	% change vs. 2023	January to February 2024	% share	% change vs. 2023
Passenger cars category M1	20 010	74.1	11.8	37 562	76.2	2.2
Motorcycles category L3e	1 665	6.2	43.2	2 124	4.3	25.0
Mopeds category L1e	638	2.4	45.7	856	1.7	28.0
Lorries category N1	2 836	10.5	25.0	5 204	10.6	33.3
Lorries category N2	37	0.1	76.2	73	0.1	23.7
Lorries category N3	293	1.1	-2.0	564	1.1	5.6
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	599	2.2	16.5	1 093	2.2	16.6
Articulated lorries	320	1.2	-15.6	612	1.2	-20.4
Motor caravans	162	0.6	-9.0	314	0.6	-14.9
Other motor vehicles	445	1.6	14.7	873	1.8	7.8
Total motor vehicles	27 005	100.0	14.7	49 275	100.0	6.0

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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 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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