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3.9% fewer new car registrations in May 2024

Downward trend for electric cars continues

Vienna, 2024-06-11 – According to Statistics Austria, new registrations of passenger cars fell by 3.9% or 803 to 19 820 in May 2024. Overall, at 31 291, 0.8% fewer motor vehicles than in May of the previous year were newly registered.

“Following the interim high of +15.3% in April, the Austrian new car market recorded a year-on-year decline of 3.9% in May 2024. At –16.5%, new registrations of electric cars in particular were down on the same months of the previous year for the fourth time in a row, while registrations of petrol-hybrids increased slightly, as in previous months. At 46.2%, the share of newly registered passenger cars with alternative drive systems in all new passenger car registrations remained below the 50% mark,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

New registrations of passenger cars with alternative drive systems (9 156) fell by 6.9% in **May 2024** compared to May 2023 and accounted for 46.2% of all new passenger car registrations. The registration figures for passenger cars with petrol-hybrid drive (4 514; +0.1%) and diesel-hybrid drive (1 193; –0.3%) remained roughly at the previous year’s level. In contrast, purely electric driven passenger cars (3 448; –16.5%) fell significantly.

In May 2024, 53.8% of newly registered passenger cars had a conventional drive system (10 664; –1.1%). Fewer diesel passenger cars (3 876; –2.0%) and fewer petrol passenger cars (6 788; –0.6%) were newly registered than in May 2023.

January to May 2024: new passenger car registrations +2.2%, but 1 300 fewer electric cars

In the **first five months of 2024**, new passenger car registrations increased by 2.2% to 104 420 compared to the period from January to May 2023. 48 278 of these had alternative drive systems (+3.0%). The growth in new registrations of passenger cars with alternative drive systems was exclusively due to the significant increase in new registrations of passenger cars with petrol-hybrid drive systems (24 883; +13.9%; +3 038). In contrast, a decline was observed for cars with diesel-hybrid drive (5 901; –5.5%; –343). Above all, however, the number of registrations of passenger cars with electric drive systems (17 482; –6.8%; –1 278) fell sharply compared to January to May 2023. In January 2024 (+2.8%; +78), a slight increase in electric cars was still observed. Since February (–2.7%; –93), new registrations of electric cars have been declining: March (–8.2%; –418), April (–4.8%; –163) and May (–16.5%; –682).

In contrast to purely electrically powered passenger cars, new registrations of cars with conventional drive systems (56 142; +1.5%) increased from January to May 2024. More diesel passenger cars (20 764; +2.9%; +587) and more petrol passenger cars (35 378; +0.7%; +231) were newly registered. Conventionally powered passenger cars accounted for a total share of 53.8%.

The most important passenger car makes from January to May 2024 were VW (share: 15.1%), Skoda (9.5%), BMW (7.5%), Audi (6.2%) and Seat (6.1%). More cars of the makes Dacia (+23.1%), Mazda (+16.8%), Toyota (+10.9%), BMW (+10.0%), Seat (+8.5%), VW (+5.3%) and Mercedes (+2.0%) were newly registered. Fewer new registrations were recorded for Tesla (–14.6%), Audi (–6.9%) and Skoda (–1.7%).

In the commercial vehicle market, more new registrations of lorries category N2 (267; +76.8%; +116), lorries category N1 (14 830; +28.2%; +3 266), lorries category N3 (1 703; +15.6%; +230) and tractors used for agriculture and forestry (3 195; +2.8%; +86) were observed from January to May 2024. In contrast, new registrations of articulated lorries (1 725; –12.2%; –239) declined.

New registrations of two-wheelers were up in the first five months of 2024. Despite a decline of 4.6% in May, 2.8% more motorcycles (17 923; +484) were newly registered in the period from January to May 2024 than in the same period last year. Mopeds saw an increase of 7.0% (5 005; +326) compared to January to May 2023.

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

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

Fuel type or power source	May 2024	% share	% change vs. 2023	January to May 2024	% share	% change vs. 2023
Petrol	6 788	34.2	-0.6	35 378	33.9	0.7
Diesel	3 876	19.6	-2.0	20 764	19.9	2.9
Electric	3 448	17.4	-16.5	17 482	16.7	-6.8
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	4 514	22.8	0.1	24 883	23.8	13.9
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	1 193	6.0	-0.3	5 901	5.7	-5.5
Other alternative drives	1	0.0	-50.0	12	0.0	100.0
Total passenger cars	19 820	100.0	-3.9	104 420	100.0	2.2
Petrol and diesel cars	10 664	53.8	-1.1	56 142	53.8	1.5
Cars with alternative drives	9 156	46.2	-6.9	48 278	46.2	3.0

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Table 2: Registrations of new motor vehicles

Vehicle type	May 2024	% share	% change vs. 2023	January to May 2024	% share	% change vs. 2023
Passenger cars category M1	19 820	63.3	-3.9	104 420	68.0	2.2
Motorcycles category L3e	4 779	15.3	-4.6	17 923	11.7	2.8
Mopeds category L1e	1 269	4.1	0.6	5 005	3.3	7.0
Lorries category N1	2 978	9.5	28.1	14 830	9.7	28.2
Lorries category N2	65	0.2	124.1	267	0.2	76.8
Lorries category N3	330	1.1	11.5	1 703	1.1	15.6
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	669	2.1	-0.3	3 195	2.1	2.8
Articulated lorries	353	1.1	28.8	1 725	1.1	-12.2
Motor caravans	385	1.2	-10.7	1 451	0.9	-22.4
Other motor vehicles	643	2.1	5.4	2 935	1.9	14.0
Total motor vehicles	31 291	100.0	-0.8	153 454	100.0	4.4

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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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