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5.23 million cars registered in Austria

More than half a million drive with alternative drives; 200 000 electric cars

Vienna, 2025-02-25 – According to Statistics Austria, 5.23 million passenger cars were registered in Austria as at 31 December 2024. This is an increase of 0.9% or 46 887 passenger cars more than a year earlier. The total number of registered motor vehicles increased by 1.2% to 7.42 million (+84 790) compared to the previous year. The level of motorisation rose from 566 to 569 passenger cars per 1 000 inhabitants.

“At the end of 2024, there were once again more cars in Austria than in the previous year. 5.23 million passenger cars were registered at the end of 2024, 46 887 more than on 31 December 2023. Around 90% of the passenger car stock is diesel and petrol. However, the proportion of combustion engines has been declining for years in favour of cars with alternative drive systems. By the end of 2024, there were more than half a million cars with alternative drives on the roads for the first time. There are major regional differences in car density: at 692 cars per 1 000 inhabitants, it was highest in Burgenland and, as expected, lowest in urban areas, especially in Vienna with a car density half as high as in Burgenland”, says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Alternatives increase by around a third each, petrol cars stable, diesel cars continue to decline

The number of diesel-powered cars fell by 2.9% to 2.51 million, while the number of petrol-powered cars (including flex-fuel) fell slightly by 0.1% to 2.19 million. Despite the declines, conventionally powered cars still hold a share of around 90% (petrol: 41.8%; diesel: 48.0%). Alternatively powered passenger cars exceeded the 500 000 registrations mark for the first time in 2024 (535 294; share: 10.2%). This included 200 603 electric cars (+29.0%; share: 3.8%), 257 588 petrol-hybrids (+31.8%; share: 4.9%) and 72 347 diesel-hybrids (+30.3%; share: 1.4%).

The share of diesel-powered cars in the total number of cars in the respective federal provinces was highest in Carinthia (50.7%), Upper Austria (50.6%) and Burgenland (50.1%), while the highest number of petrol-powered cars (44.9%) and, together with Vienna, electric cars (4.9% each) were registered in Vorarlberg. Vienna also had the highest proportion of hybrid cars (8.9%).

Motorisation rate increased to 569 passenger cars per 1 000 inhabitants; highest in Burgenland, lowest in Vienna

As new and used car registrations (+6.1% and +8.3%) rose more sharply in 2024 than the population (+0.4%; preliminary result of the population figures on 1 January 2025), car density also increased. As of 31 December 2024, there were 569 cars per 1 000 inhabitants (2023: 566). Burgenland (692) had the highest number of cars per 1 000 inhabitants and thus the highest level of motorisation of all federal provinces, followed by Lower Austria (662), Carinthia (661), Upper Austria (645), Styria (626) and Salzburg (573). The federal provinces Tyrol (551), Vorarlberg (543) and Vienna (363) were below the Austrian average.

Most cars were registered in Lower Austria (1 144 506; share: 21.9%), followed by Upper Austria (990 172; share: 18.9%), Styria (795 629; share: 15.2%) and Vienna (735 829; share: 14.1%). Burgenland had the lowest number of cars with 208 853 (share: 4.0%), but recorded the highest growth (+1.3%). Vienna, Tyrol and Carinthia recorded the lowest growth in the number of cars (+0.7% each).

VW remains Austria's most common car make, Tesla among cars with electric drives

The ten most important car makes achieved a share of 68.7% in 2024. VW remained the most important car make in Austria with a share of 19.7%, ahead of Audi (7.6%), Skoda (7.0%), BMW (6.9%), Mercedes (5.9%), Ford (5.5%), Opel (4.8%), Seat (4.4%), Renault (3.8%) and Peugeot (3.1%).

Compared to the previous year, Skoda (+4.8%), BMW (+3.8%), Mercedes (2.2%), Seat (+1.8%) and Audi (+0.8%) recorded increases. Declines were observed for Opel (-3.3%), Ford and Peugeot (-2.0% each), Renault (-1.3%) and VW (-0.1%).

Among passenger cars with electric drives, the top ten makes were Tesla (17.1%; +27.1%), VW (13.1%; +18.4%), BMW (11.1%; +48.7%), Renault (7.4%; +9.5%), Audi (5.6%; +41.7%), Skoda (5.3%; +28.9%), Hyundai (4.6%; +10.2%), Mercedes (4.0%; +36.9%), Kia (3.9%; +18.8%) and Cupra (3.5%; +38.3%).

Growth in commercial vehicles and two-wheelers

In the commercial vehicle category, 517 252 lorries category N1 (lorries up to 3.5 tonnes maximum permissible weight) were registered (+1.8%), 493 054 tractors used for agriculture and forestry (tractors and two-axle mowers, +0.8%), 45 377 lorries category N3 (over 12 tonnes maximum permissible weight, +0.0%), 20 050 articulated lorries (-0.6%) and 9 223 lorries category N2 (over 3.5t to 12t maximum permissible weight, -2.2%). Among single-track vehicles, which increased by 2.3% overall, 655 175 motorcycles (+3.4%), 273 510 mopeds (-0.3%) and 3 428 small motorcycles (+3.7%) were registered.

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

Table 1: Motor vehicle stock

Vehicle type	2024	% share	2023	% share	% change vs. 2023
Passenger cars category M1	5 231 893	70.5	5 185 006	70.6	0.9
Motorcycles category L3e	658 603	8.9	636 786	8.7	3.4
Mopeds category L1e	273 510	3.7	274 270	3.7	-0.3
Lorries category N1	517 252	7.0	507 996	6.9	1.8
Lorries category N2	9 223	0.1	9 428	0.1	-2.2
Lorries category N3	45 377	0.6	45 357	0.6	0.0
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	493 054	6.6	488 990	6.7	0.8
Articulated lorries	20 050	0.3	20 170	0.3	-0.6
Motor caravans	48 434	0.7	42 307	0.6	14.5
Other motor vehicles	127 544	1.7	129 840	1.8	-1.8
Total motor vehicles	7 424 940	100.0	7 340 150	100.0	1.2

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

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

Fuel type or power source	2024	% share	2023	% share	% change vs. 2023
Petrol incl. flex-fuel	2 186 500	41.8	2 188 368	42.2	-0.1
Diesel	2 510 099	48.0	2 584 985	49.9	-2.9
Electric	200 603	3.8	155 490	3.0	29.0
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	257 588	4.9	195 439	3.8	31.8
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	72 347	1.4	55 543	1.1	30.3
Other alternative drives	4 756	0.1	5 181	0.1	-8.2
Total passenger cars	5 231 893	100.0	5 185 006	100.0	0.9
Petrol and diesel cars	4 696 599	89.8	4 773 353	92.1	-1.6
Cars with alternative drives	535 294	10.2	411 653	7.9	30.0

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Information on methodology, definitions: Motor vehicle stock statistic is a secondary statistic, 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. Based on the motor vehicle stock of the previous year, all registered vehicles of the year – old and new – are added and de-registrations are deducted, resulting in the annual stock.

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