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New car registrations since the beginning of 2025 up 6.7% on the previous year

A quarter more alternatively powered cars in the first two months

Vienna, 2025-03-11 – According to Statistics Austria, 40 067 new passenger cars were registered in the first two months of 2025, 6.7% more than in January and February 2024. A total of 49 657 new motor vehicles (+0.8%) were registered this year.

“After a brilliant start to the year with the strongest January figures since 2020, new passenger car registrations were in reverse gear in February 2025. At 19 619 new car registrations, 2.0% or 391 fewer vehicles were registered than in February of the previous year. Nevertheless, the balance since the beginning of the year is positive: In January and February, a total of 6.7% more new cars were registered in Austria than in the first two months of the previous year. The number of cars with alternative drive systems rose by a quarter”, says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

In the period January and February 2025, passenger cars with alternative drive systems (22 264; +4 551) achieved a growth of 25.7% compared to the same period of the previous year. A third more electric cars (8 055; +1 910; +31.1%) and a quarter more petrol-hybrid cars (11 803; +2 407; +25.6%) were newly registered. An increase of 11.0% was observed for cars with diesel-hybrid drives (2 406; +238). Overall, cars with alternative drive systems accounted for 55.6% of all new registrations in January and February 2025.

Conventionally powered passenger cars accounted for 44.4% with a significant decline in new registrations of diesel cars compared to the previous year (5 562; –2 079; –27.2%). New registrations of petrol cars (12 241; +33; +0.3%) maintained the level of January to February 2024. Overall, 10.3% fewer conventionally powered passenger cars were newly registered.

The top ten passenger car makes were led by VW with a share of 14.6% followed by Skoda (11.2%), Audi (8.1%), BMW (7.6%) and Seat (5.5%). New registrations for Cupra (+113.7%) more than doubled compared to the previous year. Double-digit increases were also recorded for Renault (+62.5%), Audi (+33.7%) and Skoda (+17.7%). VW (+8.0%), Mercedes (+6.6%) and BMW (+2.6%) also recorded increases. Compared to January and February 2024, registrations for Toyota (–13.6%), Seat (–8.9%) and Dacia (–1.8%) fell.

BMW (share: 12.8%) lead the top ten makes of all-electric passenger cars followed by VW (10.9%), BYD (10.2%), Audi (8.0%) and Renault (6.5%).

Among commercial vehicles, more lorries category N2 (79; +8.2%; +6) and articulated lorries (625; +2.1%; +13) were newly registered in January and February 2025. Compared to January and February 2024, new registrations of lorries category N3 (429; –23.9%; –135), tractors used for agriculture and forestry (870; –20.4%; –223) and lorries category N1 (4 658; –10.5%; –546) decreased.

New registrations of two-wheelers fell significantly compared to the first two months of the previous year. In January and February 2025, 1 219 (–905) motorcycles were newly registered, a decrease of 42.6%. New registrations of mopeds (562; –294) fell by 34.3%.

February 2025: 2.0% fewer new car registrations; 8.0% fewer motor vehicles overall

In February 2025, 19 619 new passenger cars (–2.0%) were registered. There were fewer new registrations of diesel-powered cars (2 488; –1,647; –39.8%) and petrol-powered cars (5 736; –791; –12.1%). On the other hand, registrations of all-electric cars (4 233; +911; +27.4%) and petrol-hybrid cars (6 141; +1 141;

+22.8%) increased. About the same number of diesel-hybrid cars (1 021; -5; -0.5%) were newly registered as in February 2024. A total of 24 839 new motor vehicles (-2,166; -8.0%) were registered in February 2025.

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

Fuel type or power source	February 2025	% share	% change vs. 2024	January to February 2025	% share	% change vs. 2024
Petrol	5 736	29.2	-12.1	12 241	30.6	0.3
Diesel	2 488	12.7	-39.8	5 562	13.9	-27.2
Electric	4 233	21.6	27.4	8 055	20.1	31.1
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	6 141	31.3	22.8	11 803	29.5	25.6
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	1 021	5.2	-0.5	2 406	6.0	11.0
Other alternative drives	-	-	-	-	-	-100.0
Total passenger cars	19 619	100.0	-2.0	40 067	100.0	6.7
Petrol and diesel cars	8 224	41.9	-22.9	17 803	44.4	-10.3
Cars with alternative drives	11 395	58.1	21.9	22 264	55.6	25.7

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Table 2: Registrations of new motor vehicles

Vehicle type	February 2025	% share	% change vs. 2024	January to February 2025	% share	% change vs. 2024
Passenger cars category M1	19 619	79.0	-2.0	40 067	80.7	6.7
Motorcycles category L3e	959	3.9	-42.4	1 219	2.5	-42.6
Mopeds category L1e	384	1.5	-39.8	562	1.1	-34.3
Lorries category N1	2 352	9.5	-17.1	4 658	9.4	-10.5
Lorries category N2	39	0.2	5.4	79	0.2	8.2
Lorries category N3	196	0.8	-33.1	429	0.9	-23.9
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	452	1.8	-24.5	870	1.8	-20.4
Articulated lorries	289	1.2	-9.7	625	1.3	2.1
Motor caravans	120	0.5	-25.9	260	0.5	-17.2
Other motor vehicles	429	1.7	-3.6	888	1.8	1.7
Total motor vehicles	24 839	100.0	-8.0	49 657	100.0	0.8

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

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 insurers' 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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