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New passenger car registrations rose by 12.6% between January and September 2025

Almost 50% more gasoline-hybrid cars, a quarter fewer diesel cars

Vienna, 2025-10-09 – According to Statistics Austria, 215 115 new passenger cars were registered in the first three quarters of 2025, an increase of 12.6% compared to the same period last year. The highest growth was recorded for petrol-hybrid cars with an increase of 48.4%. A total of 294 491 motor vehicles (+5.6%) were newly registered for road use between January and September 2025.

“Since the beginning of the year, 12.6% more new cars have been registered than in the first nine months of last year. The structural change in the car market is becoming increasingly apparent: the share of alternatively powered cars in all new passenger car registrations was already just under 60% in the first three quarters. Petrol hybrids in particular are booming, with an increase of almost 50%. At the same time, combustion engines continue to lose ground. New registrations of diesel cars in particular have decreased by more than a quarter this year compared to last year,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

With a total of 128 661 new registrations of alternatively powered passenger cars from **January to September 2025**, the share of alternatives in all new passenger car registrations was 59.8%. These included 70 977 petrol-hybrid cars (+23 141; +48.4% compared to the first three quarters of the previous year), 46 151 electric cars (+13 519; +41.4%), and 11 531 diesel-hybrid cars (+735; +6.8%). In contrast, new passenger car registrations with conventional drive systems are declining. In the first three quarters of 2025, more than a quarter less diesel cars were newly registered compared to the same period last year (25 815; −9 307; −26.5%). New registrations of petrol cars (60 639; −3 985; −6.2%) also declined.

Approximately two-thirds of new passenger cars were registered by legal entities, companies, and local authorities (63.1%), while a good third were registered by private vehicle owners (36.9%). The proportion of companies was highest for diesel cars (79.0%) and diesel-hybrid cars (73.7%), followed by electric cars (70.3%). In contrast, petrol-hybrid cars (57.4%) and petrol cars (55.7%) were registered below average by legal entities, companies, and local authorities.

Of all newly registered passenger cars between January and September 2025, the makes VW (14.1%), Skoda (10.8%), BMW (6.9%), and Audi (6.3%) accounted for the largest shares. More new passenger car registrations were observed for Cupra (+96.6%), Hyundai (+28.3%), Skoda (+24.7%), Dacia (+20.4%), Audi (+13.1%), Mercedes (+9.4%), VW (+6.3%), BMW (+5.7%) and Toyota (+2.3%). By contrast, there were fewer new registrations for Seat cars (−2.9%).

In the first three quarters of 2025, more new tractors used in agriculture and forestry were registered (5 407; +82; +1.5%). In contrast, new registrations of lorries category N1 (24 109; −1 505; −5.9%), lorries category N2 (427; −58; −12.0%), lorries category N3 (2 249; −793; −26.1%) and articulated lorries (2 606; −320; −10.9%) fell.

In the two-wheeler vehicle market, 2 966 fewer motorcycles were newly registered between January and September 2025 (29 981; −9.0%). There were also fewer new registrations of mopeds (7 934; −1 759; −18.1%).

September 2025: 30% more new car registrations; one-fifth more electric cars

In **September 2025**, 25 745 new passenger car registrations were observed, representing an increase of 29.4% compared to the same month last year. Of these, new registrations of cars with conventional drive systems accounted for 39.9% (petrol cars: 7 656; +25.4%; diesel cars: 2 623; −12.9%). Alternatively powered passenger cars accounted for 60.1% (electric: 5 383; +21.8%; petrol-hybrid: 8 921; +69.2%; diesel-hybrid: 1 162; +7.0%). A total of 34 258 new vehicles were registered in September 2025 (+26.9%).

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

Fuel type or power source	September 2025	% share	% change vs. 2024	January to September 2025	% share	% change vs. 2024
Petrol	7 656	29.7	25.4	60 639	28.2	−6.2
Diesel	2 623	10.2	−12.9	25 815	12.0	−26.5
Electric	5 383	20.9	21.8	46 151	21.5	41.4
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	8 921	34.7	69.2	70 977	33.0	48.4
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	1 162	4.5	7.0	11 531	5.4	6.8
Other alternative drives	-	-	-	2	0.0	−84.6
Total passenger cars	**25 745**	**100.0**	**29.4**	**215 115**	**100.0**	**12.6**
Petrol and diesel cars	10 279	39.9	12.8	86 454	40.2	−13.3
Cars with alternative drives	15 466	60.1	43.5	128 661	59.8	41.0

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Table 2: Registrations of new motor vehicles

Vehicle type	September 2025	% share	% change vs. 2024	January to September 2025	% share	% change vs. 2024
Passenger cars category M1	25 745	75.2	29.4	215 115	73.0	12.6
Motorcycles category L3e	2 364	6.9	−6.6	29 981	10.2	−9.0
Mopeds category L1e	779	2.3	−7.7	7 934	2.7	−18.1
Lorries category N1	3 600	10.5	70.1	24 109	8.2	−5.9
Lorries category N2	35	0.1	−22.2	427	0.1	−12.0
Lorries category N3	228	0.7	−10.9	2 249	0.8	−26.1
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	541	1.6	27.6	5 407	1.8	1.5
Articulated lorries	359	1.0	56.1	2 606	0.9	−10.9
Motor caravans	128	0.4	−28.9	1 739	0.6	−26.1
Other motor vehicles	479	1.4	−0.8	4 924	1.7	−8.2
Total motor vehicles	**34 258**	**100.0**	**26.9**	**294 491**	**100.0**	**5.6**

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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 monthly based on data files submitted to Statistics Austria by the Association of Austrian Insurance Companies (VVO). VVO receives the data from the insurance registration offices, responsible for the 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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