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# More new car registrations than at any time since 2019 in 2025

**12.3% more cars newly registered than in 2024; petrol hybrid most popular fuel type for the first time; sharp rise in electric cars among private individuals**

Vienna, 2026-01-14 – According to Statistics Austria, 284 978 new passenger cars were registered in 2025. This is 12.3% or 31 189 more cars than in the previous year. There was particularly strong growth in new registrations of alternatively powered cars (+37.3%). Overall, new registrations of motor vehicles rose to 381 860, an increase of 3.4% or 12 614 vehicles compared to 2024.

In 2025, new car registrations reached their highest level since 2019 at 284 978 (2019: 329 363). Compared to the previous year, this represents an increase of 12.3% (2024: 253 789). Double-digit gains were recorded in the months July (+31.6%), September (+29.4%), August (+25.3%), May (+22.7%), November (+20.5%), January and April (+16.5% each) as well as October (+11.4%). December (+3.2%) and March (+1.0%) also saw positive developments. Only in June (–9.2%) and February (–2.0%) fewer new passenger cars were registered compared to the same months in the previous year.

## Substantial rise of alternative fuel types; petrol and diesel declined

Passenger cars with alternative fuel types such as electric (60 651; +16 029; +35.9%; share: 21.3%), petrol-hybrid (97 143; +30 471; +45.7%; share: 34.1%) and diesel-hybrid (14 721; +375; +2.6%; share: 5.2%) showed a substantial increase, reaching a total share of 60.5% (+37.3%). In contrast, new registrations of diesel passenger cars (33 004; –11 128; –25.2%; share: 11.6%) continued their long-standing downward trend. But petrol-powered passenger cars were also less in demand (79 457; –4 547; –5.4%; share: 27.9%). Conventional fuels accounted for only 39.5% of new passenger car registrations, down 12.2% compared to 2024.

## Strong increase in electric car registrations among private individuals

Of all new car registrations in 2025, 63.4% were accounted for by legal entities, companies and local authorities, and 36.6% by private vehicle owners. In 2025, alternatively powered new cars were in high demand not only among corporate buyers but also among private individuals. Compared to 2024, 71.5% more electric cars, 67.4% more petrol-hybrid cars and 39.5% more diesel-hybrid cars were registered by private owners. By contrast, declines were observed for petrol (–2.1%) and diesel (–20.3%) cars. In 2025, 29.6% of new purely electric passenger car registrations were accounted for by private individuals (2024: 23.5%, 2023: 20.6%).

## VW remains market leader ahead of Skoda and BMW

VW (share: 14.2%), Skoda (10.6%) and BMW (6.7%) were the top three passenger car makes in terms of new car registrations in 2025. Compared to the previous year, all of the top 10 makes recorded an increase in registration numbers. New registrations rose by double digits for Cupra (+66.9%), Dacia (+22.8%), Skoda (+17.9%), Hyundai (+13.7%) and VW (+12.8%). Single-digit gains were observed for Audi (+8.7%), Mercedes (+8.2%), Seat (+3.3%), Toyota (+1.7%), and BMW (+1.1%).

## Decrease in CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions for new passenger car registrations

The provisional average CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions of all newly registered passenger cars in 2025, according to the WLTP (Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure) test procedure, excluding electric and hydrogen passenger cars, were 122 g/km (2024: 129 g/km; 2023: 130 g/km) or, including electric and hydrogen passenger cars, 96 g/km (2024: 106 g/km; 2023: 104 g/km). Petrol powered passenger cars had average CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions of 134 g/km (2024: 134 g/km; 2023: 138 g/km), while those with diesel engines had emissions of 153 g/km (2024: 149 g/km; 2023: 146 g/km).

## Consistent level for N1 lorries; declines for two-wheelers

In the commercial vehicle segment, there were slightly more new registrations for category N1 lorries (33 451; +1.1%; +363) and tractors used for agriculture and forestry (6 704; +1.2%; +77). By contrast, there were fewer new registrations for category N3 lorries (2 969; -21.9%; -833), lorries category N2 (516; -20.0%; -129) and articulated lorries (3 369; -4.4%; -154).

Compared to 2024, 14 447 fewer motorcycles were newly registered. This corresponds to a decline of 31.1% to 32 061 motorcycles. New registrations of mopeds (9 210; -2 288; -19.9%) also declined.

## Slight increase in used car registrations in 2025; largest increase in alternatively powered cars

Compared to the previous year, used car registrations rose by 4 848 to 825 477. There was a substantial increase in used car registrations with alternative drive systems. Electric cars (34 700; +20.9%; share: 4.2%), petrol-hybrid cars (69 893; +35.4%; share: 8.5%), and diesel-hybrid cars (24 019; +24.8%; share: 2.9%) all recorded growth. By contrast, the number of petrol-powered cars (including flex-fuel; 302 784; ±0.0%; share: 36.7%) remained unchanged, while fewer used diesel-powered cars (393 466; -5.8%; share: 47.7%) were registered.

## 5.29 million passenger cars registered in Austria at the end of 2025

According to provisional data on the vehicle stock, around 7.51 million motor vehicles (+1.2%) were registered for use on the roads in Austria at the end of 2025, 70.4% or around 5.29 million of which were passenger cars (+1.0%). A total of 581 147 lorries (+1.6%), 497 216 tractors used for agriculture and forestry (+0.8%), and 19 997 articulated lorries (-0.3%) were registered. In terms of two-wheelers, 671 842 motorcycles (+2.5%) and 272 145 mopeds (-0.5%) were registered at the end of 2025.

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

| Fuel type or power source    | December 2025 | % share      | % change vs. 2024 | January to December 2025 | % share      | % change <sup>1</sup> vs. 2024 |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Petrol                       | 5 750         | 25.7         | -18.7             | 79 457                   | 27.9         | -5.4                           |
| Diesel                       | 1 976         | 8.8          | -38.3             | 33 004                   | 11.6         | -25.2                          |
| Electric                     | 4 621         | 20.7         | 8.4               | 60 651                   | 21.3         | 35.9                           |
| Petrol/electric (hybrid)     | 9 217         | 41.2         | 49.8              | 97 143                   | 34.1         | 45.7                           |
| Diesel/electric (hybrid)     | 812           | 3.6          | -18.4             | 14 721                   | 5.2          | 2.6                            |
| Other alternative drives     | -             | -            | -                 | 2                        | 0.0          | -84.6                          |
| <b>Total passenger cars</b>  | <b>22 376</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>3.2</b>        | <b>284 978</b>           | <b>100.0</b> | <b>12.3</b>                    |
| Petrol and diesel cars       | 7 726         | 34.5         | -24.8             | 112 461                  | 39.5         | -12.2                          |
| Cars with alternative drives | 14 650        | 65.5         | 28.4              | 172 517                  | 60.5         | 37.3                           |

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Motor vehicle statistics. – Rounding differences not balanced. – 1) Change compared to the same period of the previous year.

**Table 2: Registrations of new motor vehicles**

| Vehicle type                  | December 2025 | % share      | % change vs. 2024 | January to December 2025 | % share      | % change <sup>1</sup> vs. 2024 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Passenger cars category M1    | 22 376        | 81.2         | 3.2               | 284 978                  | 74.6         | 12.3                           |
| Motorcycles category L3e      | 365           | 1.3          | -96.4             | 32 061                   | 8.4          | -31.1                          |
| Mopeds category L1e           | 223           | 0.8          | -70.3             | 9 210                    | 2.4          | -19.9                          |
| Lorries category N1           | 3 152         | 11.4         | 20.1              | 33 451                   | 8.8          | 1.1                            |
| Lorries category N2           | 44            | 0.2          | -27.9             | 516                      | 0.1          | -20.0                          |
| Lorries category N3           | 221           | 0.8          | 21.4              | 2 969                    | 0.8          | -21.9                          |
| Tractors (agricul., forestry) | 387           | 1.4          | -4.7              | 6 704                    | 1.8          | 1.2                            |
| Articulated lorries           | 165           | 0.6          | 0.0               | 3 369                    | 0.9          | -4.4                           |
| Motor caravans                | 123           | 0.4          | 10.8              | 2 054                    | 0.5          | -23.6                          |
| Other motor vehicles          | 511           | 1.9          | -16.5             | 6 548                    | 1.7          | -7.5                           |
| <b>Total motor vehicles</b>   | <b>27 567</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>-24.9</b>      | <b>381 860</b>           | <b>100.0</b> | <b>3.4</b>                     |

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**Table 3: Registrations of new passenger cars by vehicle owner**

| Fuel type or power source   | January to December 2025                     |             |                                |                        |             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
|                             | Legal entities, companies, local authorities | % share     | % change <sup>1</sup> vs. 2024 | Private vehicle owners | % share     | % change <sup>1</sup> vs. 2024 |
| Petrol                      | 44 486                                       | 56.0        | -7.9                           | 34 971                 | 44.0        | -2.1                           |
| Diesel                      | 26 173                                       | 79.3        | -26.4                          | 6 831                  | 20.7        | -20.3                          |
| Electric                    | 42 696                                       | 70.4        | 25.0                           | 17 955                 | 29.6        | 71.5                           |
| Petrol/electric (hybrid)    | 56 435                                       | 58.1        | 33.3                           | 40 708                 | 41.9        | 67.4                           |
| Diesel/electric (hybrid)    | 10 848                                       | 73.7        | -6.2                           | 3 873                  | 26.3        | 39.5                           |
| Other fuel types            | -  | -           | -                              | 2                      | 100.0       | 100.0                          |
| <b>Total passenger cars</b> | <b>180 638</b>                               | <b>63.4</b> | <b>5.1</b>                     | <b>104 340</b>         | <b>36.6</b> | <b>27.5</b>                    |

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For detailed results and further information regarding [new vehicle registrations](#), [used vehicle registrations](#) and [vehicle stock](#) 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 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).

In the case of the **used motor vehicle registration** statistics, all used vehicle registrations, i.e. registrations of vehicles that have already been registered once nationally or abroad, are surveyed, regardless of the duration of the registration.

Based on the motor **vehicle stock** of the previous year, all registered vehicles of the year – old and new – are added and the deregistrations are deducted, resulting in the annual vehicle stock.

The determination of **CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions** is based on globally harmonized measurements within the framework of the WLTP test procedure (Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure), which will apply from 1 September 2018 – with a transitional period of up to 18 months; this measurement procedure replaces the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC).

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