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Car stock 2025: 54 208 more passenger cars than 2024

A total of 5.29 million cars registered, including 700 000 passenger cars with alternative drive systems

Vienna, 2026-02-24 – According to Statistics Austria, 5.29 million passenger cars were registered in Austria on 31 December 2025. This represents an increase of 1.0% or 54 208 cars compared to the end of 2024. The total number of registered motor vehicles increased by 1.2% to 7.51 million (+86 681) compared to the previous year. The motorisation rate rose from 569 to 573 passenger cars per 1 000 inhabitants.

"Since the end of 2024, the number of cars in Austria has grown faster than the population. On 31 December 2025, 5.29 million passenger cars were registered, 1.0% or 54 208 more than a year earlier. 86.7% are still combustion engines. However, the proportion of diesel and petrol cars has been declining for years, while alternative drive systems are gaining ground. At the end of 2025, more than 700 000 alternatively powered cars were registered. We observe significant regional differences in car density: It was highest in Burgenland, with 702 cars per 1 000 inhabitants, while in Vienna it was only half as high," says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics of Statistics Austria.

Number of alternatively powered cars continues to rise, petrol and diesel passenger cars decline

The number of diesel-powered cars fell by 4.1% in comparison with 2024 to 2.41 million (−102 671), while the number of petrol-powered cars (including flex-fuel) declined by 0.5% to 2.18 million (−10 602). Conventionally powered cars account for 86.7% of the total (petrol: 41.2%; diesel: 45.5%). Alternatively powered cars exceeded the mark of 700 000 registrations for the first time in 2025 (702 775; share: 13.3%). This included 257 717 electric passenger cars (+28.5%; +57 114; share: 4.9%), 350 304 petrol-hybrids (+36.0%; +92 716; share: 6.6%) and 90 418 diesel-hybrid passenger cars (+25.0%; +18 071; share: 1.7%, see table 1).

The share of diesel-powered passenger cars in the total passenger car stock of the respective federal provinces was highest in Carinthia (48.3%) and Upper Austria (48.2%), while the diesel share was lowest in Vorarlberg (40.4%) and Vienna (41.5%). Vorarlberg (44.2%) and Lower Austria (43.1%) had the highest shares of petrol-powered passenger cars. The highest shares of electric cars were in Vienna (6.1%), Vorarlberg (5.9%) and Salzburg (5.8%). Vienna (8.8%), Tyrol (7.9%) and Vorarlberg (7.8%) led the way in petrol hybrids, while Salzburg (2.3%) and Vienna (2.2%) led the way in diesel hybrids.

Car density rose to 573 cars per 1 000 inhabitants; 702 in Burgenland, 363 in Vienna

Compared to 2024, the motorisation rate rose from 569 to 573 per 1 000 inhabitants (preliminary result based on population figures as of 1 January 2026). Burgenland had the most passenger cars per 1 000 inhabitants and thus the highest motorisation rate of all federal provinces (702), followed by Lower Austria (670), Carinthia (667), Upper Austria (651), Styria (631), and Salzburg (577). Tyrol (555), Vorarlberg (548), and Vienna (363) were below the Austrian average.

As of 31 December 2025, more than 1 million passenger cars were registered in Lower Austria (1 159 229 cars; share: 21.9%) and Upper Austria (1 000 719 cars; share: 18.9%). These were followed by Styria

(802 888 cars; share: 15.2%) and Vienna (741 985 cars; share: 14.0%). Burgenland (211 641 cars; share: 4.0%), Vorarlberg (225 915; share: 4.3%) and Salzburg (330 775; share: 6.3%) had the lowest number of passenger cars according to a comparison among the federal provinces.

VW is Austria's most popular car make; electric cars: Tesla ahead of VW and BMW

The 10 most important car makes achieved a market share of 68.5% in 2025. VW remained the most important car make in Austria with a share of 19.5%, ahead of Audi (7.5%), Skoda (7.2%), BMW (7.1%), Mercedes (6.0%), Ford (5.3%), Opel (4.6%), Seat (4.4%), Renault (3.8%) and Hyundai (3.1%).

Among electric cars, the 10 most important makes were Tesla (share: 15.2%), VW (12.7%), BMW (11.0%), Renault (6.9%), Skoda (6.4%), Audi (6.0%), Hyundai (4.5%), Mercedes (4.0%), BYD (3.9%) and Cupra (3.6%).

Growth in N1 lorries, agricultural tractors, and motorcycles

In the commercial vehicle sector, 526 793 lorries category N1 (lorries with a maximum permissible gross weight of up to 3.5 tonnes; +1,8%) were registered, 9 097 lorries category N2 (maximum permissible gross weight of over 3.5 tonnes to 12 tonnes; −1.4%), 45 229 lorries category N3 (over 12 t maximum permissible gross weight; −0.3%), 19 997 articulated lorries (−0.3%) and 497 216 tractors used for agriculture and forestry (tractors and two-axle mowers, +0.8%).

In terms of single-track vehicles, 671 842 motorcycles were counted, +2.5% compared to the previous year. The number of small motorcycles also increased (3 593; +4.8%). By contrast, the number of mopeds fell by 0.5% to 272 145 (see table 2).

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

Fuel type or power source	2025	% share	2024	% share	% change[1] vs. 2024
Petrol incl. flex-fuel	2 175 898	41.2	2 186 500	41.8	−0.5
Diesel	2 407 428	45.5	2 510 099	48.0	−4.1
Electric	257 717	4.9	200 603	3.8	28.5
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	350 304	6.6	257 588	4.9	36.0
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	90 418	1.7	72 347	1.4	25.0
Other alternative drives	4 336	0.1	4 756	0.1	−8.8
Total passenger cars	**5 286 101**	**100.0**	**5 231 893**	**100.0**	**1.0**
Petrol and diesel cars	4 583 326	86.7	4 696 599	89.8	−2.4
Cars with alternative drives	702 775	13.3	535 294	10.2	31.3

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

Table 2: Motor vehicle stock

Vehicle type	2025	% share	2024	% share	% change[1] vs. 2024
Passenger cars category M1	5 286 101	70.4	5 231 893	70.5	1.0
Motorcycles category L3e	671 842	8.9	655 175	8.8	2.5
Mopeds category L1e	272 145	3.6	273 510	3.7	−0.5
Lorries category N1	526 793	7.0	517 252	7.0	1.8
Lorries category N2	9 097	0.1	9 223	0.1	−1.4
Lorries category N3	45 229	0.6	45 377	0.6	−0.3
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	497 216	6.6	493 054	6.6	0.8
Articulated lorries	19 997	0.3	20 050	0.3	−0.3
Motor caravans	50 683	0.7	48 434	0.7	4.6
Other motor vehicles	132 518	1.8	130 972	1.8	1.2

Total motor vehicles	**7 511 621**	**100.0**	**7 424 940**	**100.0**	**1.2**

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For detailed results and further information please refer to our website.

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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