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10.4% more cars in the first two months of 2026

After January with +12.1%, February also saw an increase of +8.5% in new car registrations

Vienna, 2026-03-10 –In January and February 2026, 44 217 passenger cars (+4 150; +10.4%) were newly registered. Overall, vehicle registrations increased by 10.7% or 5 300 compared to January and February of the previous year, reaching 54 957.

“The domestic market for new cars grew again in February compared to the previous year. A total of 21 288 new passenger cars were registered for road use, which is 8.5% more than in February 2025. This brings the total number of new passenger car registrations in January and February to 44 217, an increase of 10.4% compared with the first two months of 2025. The increase is mainly due to petrol hybrids, which saw a 37.1% rise in registrations,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

In January and February 2026, 61.5% of all new passenger car registrations had an alternative drive system (27 191; +22.1%). Petrol-hybrid passenger cars achieved an increase of 37.1% or 4 375 cars with 16 178 new registrations. There was also an increase in new registrations of fully electric passenger cars. (9 141; +1 086; +13.5%). In contrast, fewer diesel-hybrid passenger cars (1 872; −534; −22.2%) were newly registered.

Passenger cars with conventional drives accounted for 38.5% (−4.4%) of new registrations, with 17 026 cars. Compared to January and February 2025, roughly the same number of petrol passenger cars (12 248; +7; +0.1%) were newly registered, but fewer diesel passenger cars (4 778; −784; −14.1%).

The most popular car makes were VW (share: 16.7%), Skoda (11.3%), Audi (7.5%), BMW (5.8%), and Seat (5.3%). Double-digit gains were observed for Peugeot (+54.8%), VW (+25.9%) and Skoda (+11.2%). New registrations for Mercedes (+8.9%), Seat (+6.6%), Toyota (+3.8%), Audi (+2.9%), Cupra (+2.4%) and Dacia (+1.9%) also increased. In contrast, new passenger car registrations for BMW fell by 16.4% compared to January to February 2025.

Compared to the same period last year, new registrations of lorries category N1 (5 609; +20.4%) rose by a fifth in the commercial vehicle market. There were also more new registrations of tractors used for agriculture and forestry (953; +9.5%). Registration figures for lorries category N2 (49; −38.0%), articulated lorries (565; −9.6%) and lorries category N3 (394; −8.2%) are below those for January to February 2025.

In the two-wheeler segment, new registrations of motorcycles rose by a good fifth (1 479; +260; +21.3%). New registrations of mopeds (611; +49; +8.7%) also increased.

February 2026: Significant increase in petrol-hybrid passenger cars

Compared to the same month last year, 8.5% more passenger cars were newly registered in February 2026. More electric cars (4 439; +4.9%) and petrol-hybrid cars (7 903; +28.7%) were newly registered. New registrations of diesel cars (2 503; +0.6%) were also slightly above the figure for the same month last year. In contrast, fewer cars with petrol engines (5 530; −3.6%) and diesel-hybrid engines (913; −10.6%) were newly registered. A total of 27 721 motor vehicles (+2 882; +11.6%) were newly registered in February 2026.

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

Fuel type or power source	February 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025	January to February 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025
Petrol	5 530	26.0	−3.6	12 248	27.7	0.1
Diesel	2 503	11.8	0.6	4 778	10.8	−14.1
Electric	4 439	20.9	4.9	9 141	20.7	13.5
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	7 903	37.1	28.7	16 178	36.6	37.1
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	913	4.3	−10.6	1 872	4.2	−22.2
Other alternative drives	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total passenger cars	**21 288**	**100.0**	**8.5**	**44 217**	**100.0**	**10.4**
Petrol and diesel cars	8 033	37.7	−2.3	17 026	38.5	−4.4
Cars with alternative drives	13 255	62.3	16.3	27 191	61.5	22.1

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	February 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025	January to February 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025
Passenger cars category M1	21 288	76.8	8.5	44 217	80.5	10.4
Motorcycles category L3e	1 156	4.2	20.5	1 479	2.7	21.3
Mopeds category L1e	451	1.6	17.4	611	1.1	8.7
Lorries category N1	3 147	11.4	33.8	5 609	10.2	20.4
Lorries category N2	36	0.1	−7.7	49	0.1	−38.0
Lorries category N3	185	0.7	−5.6	394	0.7	−8.2
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	478	1.7	5.8	953	1.7	9.5
Articulated lorries	367	1.3	27.0	565	1.0	-9.6
Motor caravans	171	0.6	42.5	225	0.4	−13.5
Other motor vehicles	442	1.6	3.0	855	1.6	−3.7
Total motor vehicles	**27 721**	**100.0**	**11.6**	**54 957**	**100.0**	**10.7**

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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 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).

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