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New passenger car registrations have risen by 15.3% since the beginning of 2026

A third more petrol-hybrid cars and a quarter more electric cars

Vienna, 2026-05-12 – According to Statistics Austria, 104 744 passenger cars were newly registered between January and April 2026. Compared to the previous year, this represents an increase of 15.3% or 13 872 cars. A total of 141 044 motor vehicles were newly registered, an increase of 16.2% or 19 678 motor vehicles.

“Car registrations have been rising significantly year-on-year for the past 10 months. In April 2026, the new car market in Austria grew by 10.7% to 27 509 new car registrations. This brings the total number of new cars put on the road since the start of the year to 104 744. This is 15.3% more than in the same period last year. The growth is primarily due to the sharp rise in registrations of petrol hybrids and electric cars,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Of the 104 744 new passenger cars registered between January and April 2026, 67 561 were fitted with an alternative drive system (accounting for 64.5% of all new passenger car registrations). This is an increase of 26.9%, or 14 328, compared with the first 4 months of the previous year. This included a rise of about a third in petrol-hybrid cars (38 576; +35.9%; +10 200) and nearly a quarter more all-electric cars (24 469; +23.2%; +4 602). On the other hand, new registrations of diesel-hybrid passenger cars (4 515; −473) fell by 9.5%.

Among conventionally powered passenger cars (37 183; −1.2%; −456; share: 35.5%), there were more new registrations of petrol-powered cars (26 797; +2.0%; +529) but fewer new registrations of diesel-powered cars (10 386; −8.7%; −985).

The leading car make was VW (market share: 14.5%), followed by Skoda (10.9%), Audi (7.1%) and BMW (6.2%). BYD recorded the strongest percentage growth of all the top 10 makes in the first 4 months of 2026 (+69.0%). New passenger car registrations also rose for Seat and Skoda (both +19.9%), Mercedes (+17.4%), VW (+16.7%) and Audi (+14.5%). In contrast, new registrations for BMW (−8.5%), Toyota (−4.5%), Dacia (−3.1%) and Cupra (−2.3%) declined.

In the commercial vehicle market, there were more new registrations of lorries category N1 (11 955; +33.3%; +2 984), articulated lorries (1 325; +15,4%; +177) as well as for tractors used for agriculture and forestry (2 668; +12.2%; +291). In contrast, fewer new registrations were observed for lorries category N2 (137; −20.3%; −35) and lorries category N3 (985; −4.4%; −45).

Among two-wheeled vehicles, new registrations of mopeds (3 493; +33.3%; +873) increased by one-third compared to the previous year. New registrations of motorcycles (12 785; +1 474) rose by 13.0% compared to January through April 2025.

April 2026: 10.7% more passenger cars; a quarter more all-electric passenger cars

In April 2026, 27 509 new passenger cars (+10.7%; +2 654) were registered, including 6 368 petrol-powered cars (−4.7%; −313) and 2 655 diesel-powered cars (−6.1%; −172). One in three cars was equipped with a conventional drive system (32.8%). Cars with alternative drive systems accounted for 67.2%: electric cars

(7 122; +25.2%; +1 432); petrol-hybrids (10 116; +21.5%; +1 789); diesel-hybrids (1 247; −6.2%; −82). In addition, 1 new hydrogen-powered passenger car was registered in April 2026. A total of 40 535 new motor vehicle registrations (+12.9%; +4 631) were recorded.

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

Fuel type or power source	April 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025	January to April 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025
Petrol	6 368	23.1	−4.7	26 797	25.6	2.0
Diesel	2 655	9.7	−6.1	10 386	9.9	−8.7
Electric	7 122	25.9	25.2	24 469	23.4	23.2
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	10 116	36.8	21.5	38 576	36.8	35.9
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	1 247	4.5	−6.2	4 515	4.3	−9.5
Other alternative drives	1	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	−50.0
Total passenger cars	**27 509**	**100.0**	**10.7**	**104 744**	**100.0**	**15.3**
Petrol and diesel cars	9 023	32.8	−5.1	37 183	35.5	−1.2
Cars with alternative drives	18 486	67.2	20.5	67 561	64.5	26.9

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	April 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025	January to April 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025
Passenger cars category M1	27 509	67.9	10.7	104 744	74.3	15.3
Motorcycles category L3e	6 185	15.3	7.4	12 785	9.1	13.0
Mopeds category L1e	1 402	3.5	10.7	3 493	2.5	33.3
Lorries category N1	3 015	7.4	73.4	11 955	8.5	33.3
Lorries category N2	42	0.1	0.0	137	0.1	−20.3
Lorries category N3	273	0.7	8.8	985	0.7	−4.4
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	843	2.1	8.9	2 668	1.9	12.2
Articulated lorries	308	0.8	20.8	1 325	0.9	15.4
Motor caravans	197	0.5	−35.8	608	0.4	−20.7
Other motor vehicles	761	1.9	15.8	2 344	1.7	11.7
Total motor vehicles	**40 535**	**100.0**	**12.9**	**141 044**	**100.0**	**16.2**

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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).

Motor vehicles with alternative drive systems replace crude oil as an energy source with their respective drive system, either entirely or in part (Kraftfahrgesetz (KFG) as amended, §2 section 47). This includes the following drive systems: electric (BEV), petrol/electric and diesel/electric (hybrid, including plug-in), natural and liquid gas (mono- and bivalent operation) and hydrogen (fuel cell).

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