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Used car registrations in Austria declined in the first half of 2026

Every fifth used passenger car with alternative powertrain, electric cars up 47.6%

Vienna, 2026-07-14 – According to Statistics Austria, 406 460 used passenger cars were registered from January to June 2026. Compared to the first half of 2025, this represented a decline of 5.1% or 21 790 cars. A total of 523 006 used motor vehicles (−5.7%; −31 385) were registered in the first 6 months of this year.

“In the first half of 2026, demand for used passenger cars in Austria declined. The 5.1% decrease compared with the first half of 2025 ends two consecutive first-half periods of growth. Used diesel passenger cars remained by far the most frequently registered vehicles, but this powertrain type also recorded the steepest decline. Also the 26.3% increase in used cars with alternative powertrains was not enough to bring the overall market into positive figures. Already 6.0% of all newly registered used passenger cars are purely electric, overall they show a strong year-on-year increase of 47.6%,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

In the first half of 2026, there were 79 542 registrations of used passenger cars with **alternative powertrains**. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this represented an increase of 26.3% or 16 561 cars bringing their share of all used car registrations to 19.6%. Registrations of used all-electric passenger cars (24 478; +7 895; +47.6%) and petrol-hybrid passenger cars (42 779; +8 814; +26.0%) increased substantially while registrations of used diesel-hybrid passenger cars declined slightly (12 015; −105; −0.9%).

The share of used **conventionally powered cars** was 80.4%, representing a decline of 10.5% or 38 351 cars to 326 918 cars. From January to June 2026, fewer petrol-powered cars (incl. flex-fuel; 146 537; −11 281; −7.1%) and fewer diesel-powered cars (180 381; −27 070; −13.0%) were registered.

89.9% of all used passenger car registrations were made by private **vehicle owners**, while 10.1% were made by legal entities, companies and local authorities. Over 90% of used cars with conventional powertrains were registered by private owners (petrol incl. flex-fuel: 93.2%; diesel: 91.2%). 71.1% of used all-electric cars, 85.4% of petrol-hybrid cars and 82.4% of diesel-hybrid cars were registered by private owners.

One in five used passenger cars registered was a VW (share: 18.9%), followed by BMW (9.5%), Audi (9.3%), Skoda (6.9%) and Mercedes (6.7%). For all of the **top 10 makes** used car registrations declined in the first half of 2026: Ford (−10.5%), Renault (−7.6%), Seat (−7.5%), Mercedes (−7.2%), BMW (−6.5%), Opel (−5.7%), Audi (−5.4%), VW (−5.3%), Peugeot (−2.5%), Skoda (−1.0%).

In the used commercial vehicle market, there was a decline in registration figures for lorries category N1 (33 271; −636; −1.9%), lorries category N2 (251; −84; −25.1%), lorries category N3 (1 318; −98; −6.9%) and tractors used for agriculture and forestry (11 105; −2 167; −16.3%). In contrast, registrations of used articulated lorries increased (827; +11; +1.3%).

For two-wheeled vehicles, fewer used motorcycles (45 224; −3 145; −6.5%) and fewer used mopeds (16 850; −2 844; −14.4%) were registered between January and June 2026 than in the previous year.

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

Fuel type or power source	January to June 2026	% share	January to June 2025	% share	% change
Petrol incl. flex-fuel	146 537	36.1	157 818	36.9	−7.1
Diesel	180 381	44.4	207 451	48.4	−13.0
Electric	24 478	6.0	16 583	3.9	47.6
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	42 779	10.5	33 965	7.9	26.0
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	12 015	3.0	12 120	2.8	−0.9
Other alternative drives	270	0.1	313	0.1	−13.7
Total passenger cars	**406 460**	**100.0**	**428 250**	**100.0**	**−5.1**
Petrol and diesel cars	326 918	80.4	365 269	85.3	−10.5
Cars with alternative drives	79 542	19.6	62 981	14.7	26.3

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Table 2: Registrations of used motor vehicles

Vehicle type	January to June 2026	% share	January to June 2025	% share	% change
Passenger cars category M1	406 460	77.7	428 250	77.2	−5.1
Motorcycles category L3e	45 224	8.6	48 369	8.7	−6.5
Mopeds category L1e	16 850	3.2	19 694	3.6	−14.4
Lorries category N1	33 271	6.4	33 907	6.1	−1.9
Lorries category N2	251	0.0	335	0.1	−25.1
Lorries category N3	1 318	0.3	1 416	0.3	−6.9
Tractors (agriculture and forestry)	11 105	2.1	13 272	2.4	−16.3
Articulated lorries	827	0.2	816	0.1	1.3
Motor caravans	3 305	0.6	3 610	0.7	−8.4
Other motor vehicles	4 395	0.8	4 722	0.9	−6.9
Total motor vehicles	**523 006**	**100.0**	**554 391**	**100.0**	**−5.7**

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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 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. The statistics of used vehicle registrations cover all registrations of vehicles that have already been registered before, regardless of the duration of the registration.

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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