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13.4% more new cars registered in Austria since the start of 2026

Electric cars and petrol-hybrid cars up 30% each

Vienna, 2026-08-11 – According to Statistics Austria, 190 352 passenger cars were newly registered from January to July 2026. Compared to the previous year, this represents an increase of 13.4% or 22 434 cars. A total of 260 612 motor vehicles were newly registered, an increase of 13.1% or 30 254 compared to January to July 2025.

"The car market in Austria continued to grow in July 2026. Compared with July 2025, new passenger car registrations rose by 3.8% to 25 823. This brings the total number of new cars put on the road since the start of the year to 190 352, 13.4% more than in the first 7 months of the previous year. Electric cars and petrol-hybrids in particular saw strong growth, each up by 30%, while fewer new combustion-engine vehicles were registered than a year earlier," says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

From January to July 2026, 46 134 petrol-powered passenger cars (−1 143; −2.4%) and 18 587 diesel-powered passenger cars (−2 146; −10.4%) were newly registered. In total, **conventionally powered cars** accounted for 64 721 new registrations (−4.8%) and a 34.0% share of all new car registrations. Passenger **cars with alternative powertrains** (125 631), accounting for 66.0%, saw an increase of 25.7% compared to the same period last year. Among alternative cars, increases were observed for petrol-hybrids (70 567; +16 218; +29.8%) and all-electric cars (47 133; +10 679; +29.3%). Diesel-hybrids (7 929) were down 12.9% or 1 174 cars compared to last year.

The leading **passenger car makes** from January to July 2026 were VW (share: 13.5%), Skoda (10.9%), Audi (6.5%) and BMW (6.4%). An increase in new registrations compared to the previous year was observed for BYD (+77.9%), Seat (+21.0%), Mercedes (+18.0%), Skoda (+14.8%), Audi (+14.5%) and VW (+8.1%). In contrast, new car registrations declined for Dacia (−13.1%), Cupra (−3.8%), BMW (−2.3%) and Toyota (−1.4%). Among **all-electric passenger cars**, BMW (share: 10.5%), Skoda (10.2%), BYD (9.7%), Tesla (9.1%) and VW (8.5%) held the highest market shares.

Among **commercial vehicles**, there were more new registrations compared to the previous year for lorries category N1 (21 305; +3 685; +20.9%), tractors used for agriculture and forestry (4 960; +634; +14.7%) and articulated lorries (2 246; +180; +8.7%). New registrations of lorries category N2 (268; −80; −23.0%) and lorries category N3 (1 784; −24; −1.3%) declined.

In the **two-wheeler market**, 26 875 new motorcycles were registered from January to July 2026, an increase of 9.0% or 2 221 motorcycles. New registrations of mopeds (7 122; +926; +14.9%) also rose compared to January to July 2025.

More electric and petrol-hybrid cars in July 2026; fewer diesel-hybrids and conventional cars

Compared to the previous year, new passenger car registrations in **July 2026** rose by 3.8% or 956 to 25 823. Increases were observed for all-electric cars (7 073; +43.8%) and petrol-hybrid cars (9 657; +10.8%). In contrast, fewer diesel-hybrid cars (1 065; −25.0%) and fewer conventionally powered cars (petrol: 5 625;

−16.4% and diesel: 2 403; −22.1%) were newly registered. In total, 36 878 motor vehicles were newly registered in July 2026 (−0.5%).

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

Fuel type or power source	July 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025	January to July 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025
Petrol	5 625	21.8	−16.4	46 134	24.2	−2.4
Diesel	2 403	9.3	−22.1	18 587	9.8	−10.4
Electric	7 073	27.4	43.8	47 133	24.8	29.3
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	9 657	37.4	10.8	70 567	37.1	29.8
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	1 065	4.1	−25.0	7 929	4.2	−12.9
Other alternative drives	-	-	-	2	0.0	0.0
Total passenger cars	**25 823**	**100.0**	**3.8**	**190 352**	**100.0**	**13.4**
Petrol and diesel cars	8 028	31.1	−18.2	64 721	34.0	−4.8
Cars with alternative drives	17 795	68.9	18.2	125 631	66.0	25.7

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	July 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025	January to July 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025
Passenger cars category M1	25 823	70.0	3.8	190 352	73.0	13.4
Motorcycles category L3e	4 860	13.2	16.3	26 875	10.3	9.0
Mopeds category L1e	1 398	3.8	15.7	7 122	2.7	14.9
Lorries category N1	2 595	7.0	−46.4	21 305	8.2	20.9
Lorries category N2	30	0.1	−63.4	268	0.1	−23.0
Lorries category N3	251	0.7	2.4	1 784	0.7	−1.3
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	765	2.1	22.6	4 960	1.9	14.7
Articulated lorries	271	0.7	4.6	2 246	0.9	8.7
Motor caravans	126	0.3	−26.7	1 115	0.4	−23.9
Other motor vehicles	759	2.1	33.6	4 585	1.8	15.9
Total motor vehicles	**36 878**	**100.0**	**−0.5**	**260 612**	**100.0**	**13.1**

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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 insurance companies' 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 entirely or partly replace petroleum as an energy source. (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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