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New car registrations in Austria increased by 12.1% between January and September 2026

A quarter of new cars are all-electric and 40% are hybrids

Vienna, 2026-10-09 – According to Statistics Austria, 241 108 new passenger cars were registered from January to September 2026 in Austria. Compared to January to September 2025, this represents an increase of 12.1% or 25 993 cars. A total of 329 109 motor vehicles were newly registered (+11.8%).

“The market for new electric passenger cars is currently recording the strongest growth. In September 2026, new registrations of electric cars rose by more than 80% compared with September 2025, providing a significant boost to overall new car registrations. Registrations of hybrid vehicles also continued to grow. Since the beginning of the year, total new car registrations have increased by 12.1%,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

The share of cars with alternative drive systems out of all newly registered passenger cars rose by 25.3% to 66.8% in the period from January to September 2026, compared with the first 9 months of the previous year (+32 490; 161 151 passenger cars with alternative drive systems in total). These included 63 172 electric cars (+36.9%; +17 021), 88 565 petrol-hybrid cars (+24.8%; +17 588), 9 412 diesel-hybrid cars (−18.4%; −2 119) and 2 hydrogen-powered cars.

One third of newly registered passenger cars (33.2%; 79 957) had a conventional powertrain, including 57 734 petrol-powered cars (−4.8%; −2 905) and 22 223 diesel-powered cars (−13.9%; −3 592). Compared to January to September 2025, this represents an overall decline of 7.5% or 6 497 passenger cars.

The most sought-after car makes in the first 3 quarters of 2026 were VW (share: 13.2%), Skoda (10.6%), BMW (6.3%) and Audi (6.1%). Among the 10 most commonly registered car makes, BYD (+68.2%), Seat (+16.9%), Skoda (+10.4%), Mercedes (+10.0%), Audi (+7.9%), VW (+5.2%), Hyundai (+4.8%) and BMW (+1.4%) recorded growth compared to January to September 2025. Fewer new car registrations than in the previous year were observed for Cupra (−2.3%) and Toyota (−0.5%). Among new registrations of all-electric cars, the 5 most popular makes were BMW (share: 10.1%), Skoda (9.8%), Tesla (9.4%), BYD (9.1%) and VW (8.2%).

In the commercial vehicle sector, from January to September 2026, there was an increase in new registrations of lorries category N1 (27 337; +13.4%; +3 228), tractors used for agriculture and forestry (6 114; +13.1%; +707) and articulated lorries (2 824; +8.4%; +218). In contrast, new registrations of lorries category N2 (333; −22.0%; −94) and lorries category N3 (2 233; −0.7%; −16) decreased compared to January to September 2025.

In the two-wheeler market, 33 059 new motorcycles were registered in the first 3 quarters, an increase of 10.3% or 3 078 motorcycles. New registrations of mopeds (9 192; +1 258) rose by 15.9% compared to the previous year.

September 2026: New car registrations up by 12.5%; all-electric cars up by 80.6%

In September 2026, 28 968 passenger cars (+12.5%; +3 223) were newly registered. There was an increase in new registrations of all-electric cars (9 723; +80.6%) and petrol-hybrid cars (9 917; +11.2%). The surge in all-electric cars is partly due to new models that were not yet on the market in September 2025. New registrations of diesel-hybrid cars (718; −38.2%), petrol cars (6 727; −12.1%) and diesel cars (1 883; −28.2%) declined compared to September 2025. A total of 37 510 motor vehicles (+9.5) were newly registered.

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

Fuel type or power source	September 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025	January to September 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025
Petrol	6 727	23.2	−12.1	57 734	23.9	−4.8
Diesel	1 883	6.5	−28.2	22 223	9.2	−13.9
Electric	9 723	33.6	80.6	63 172	26.2	36.9
Petrol/electric (hybrid)	9 917	34.2	11.2	88 565	36.7	24.8
Diesel/electric (hybrid)	718	2.5	−38.2	9 412	3.9	−18.4
Other alternative drives	-	-	-	2	0.0	0.0
Total passenger cars	**28 968**	**100.0**	**12.5**	**241 108**	**100.0**	**12.1**
Petrol and diesel cars	8 610	29.7	−16.2	79 957	33.2	−7.5
Cars with alternative drives	20 358	70.3	31.6	161 151	66.8	25.3

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	September 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025	January to September 2026	% share	% change[1] vs. 2025
Passenger cars category M1	28 968	77.2	12.5	241 108	73.3	12.1
Motorcycles category L3e	2 723	7.3	15.2	33 059	10.0	10.3
Mopeds category L1e	972	2.6	24.8	9 192	2.8	15.9
Lorries category N1	3 067	8.2	−14.8	27 337	8.3	13.4
Lorries category N2	41	0.1	17.1	333	0.1	−22.0
Lorries category N3	244	0.7	7.0	2 233	0.7	−0.7
Tractors (agricul., forestry)	580	1.5	7.2	6 114	1.9	13.1
Articulated lorries	317	0.8	−11.7	2 824	0.9	8.4
Motor caravans	81	0.2	−36.7	1 292	0.4	−25.7
Other motor vehicles	517	1.4	7.9	5 617	1.7	14.1
Total motor vehicles	**37 510**	**100.0**	**9.5**	**329 109**	**100.0**	**11.8**

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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. 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).

What are vehicles with alternative drive systems?

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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