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One-fifth fewer new passenger car registrations in September 2021

Vienna, 2021-10-11 – According to Statistics Austria, 17 864 new **passenger cars** were registered for circulation in **September 2021**, 19.4% fewer than in the same month last year and 15.1% fewer than in September 2019. Declines in new passenger car registrations were observed primarily for diesel (-60.7%; share: 18.3%) and petrol passenger cars (-23.8%; share: 37.5%), while new registrations of alternatively powered passenger cars continued to increase.

"Alternative drives are continuing to gain ground. In September 2021, 7 896 new cars registered in Austria were not classic combustion engines. This means that the share of passenger cars with alternative drives in all newly registered cars was 44.2%. This is higher than the share of newly registered petrol-driven cars and more than twice as high as the share of diesel-driven cars," says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Among the top 10 passenger car makes, VW ranks first with a share of 13.4%, ahead of Skoda (share: 7.6%) and Hyundai (share: 7.4%). Compared to September 2020, Kia (+20.4%), BMW (+20.2%) and Opel (+10.3%) posted gains. Declines were seen for Mercedes (-34.9%), Ford (-32.1%), Skoda (-31.3%), VW (-25.5%), Audi (-17.9%), Hyundai (-16.2%) and Renault (-10.5%).

In September 2021, more tractors used for agriculture and forestry (+44.4%), lorries class N1 (+41.3%) and articulated lorries (+7.4%) were newly registered. There were fewer new registrations of lorries class N3 (-46.1%) and lorries class N2 (-36.4%).

New registrations of campers also declined by more than one third (-37.5%). The two-wheeler market also saw a decrease in new registrations in September 2021, with 2 034 motorcycles (-22.5%) and 1 185 scooters (-21.2%).

The number of new registrations of **motor vehicles** all together fell by 12.3% to 27 964 compared to September 2020. Compared to the pre-crisis month of September 2019, this corresponds to a slight increase of 0.7%.

January to September 2021: New passenger car registrations +5.1%, share of alternative drive systems at 36.0%

In the first three quarters of 2021, 189 881 new passenger car registrations were observed, 5.1% more than in 2020. Compared to the new passenger car registrations from January to September 2019 (258 272), the 2021 registrations to date are 26.5% lower. A total of 298 643 new motor vehicles were registered during this period. Compared to 2020, this represents an increase of 13.3% and a decrease of 14.4% compared to 2019, respectively.

Compared to the same period last year, fewer petrol-powered passenger cars (75 088; -8.2%) and fewer diesel-powered passenger cars (46 405; -32.1%) were newly registered from January to September 2021. Increases were observed for passenger cars with pure electric drive (BEV; 24 134; +169.9%), diesel-hybrid drive (10 529; +120.8%), and petrol-hybrid drive (33 637; +105.1%).

The share of alternatively powered passenger cars in the first three quarters of 2021 was 36.0% (2020: 16.9%; 2019: 7.3%; 2018: 4.5%). This puts alternative drive systems 3.5 percentage points behind petrol-powered passenger cars, which reached a share of 39.5% in the period January to September 2021 (2020: 45.3%; 2019: 54.6%; 2018: 54.2%), but well ahead of diesel-powered passenger cars (2021: 24.4%; 2020: 37.9%; 2019: 38.1%; 2018: 41.3%).

Across Austria, one-eighth of all new passenger car registrations from January to September 2021 were delivered with pure electric drive (BEV). This share has been rising steadily in recent years (2018: 1.6%; 2019: 2.9%; 2020: 5.0%; 2021: 12.7%). Private individuals accounted for 16.2% of all new BEV registrations and legal entities, companies and local authorities for 83.8%.

In the commercial vehicle market, from January to September 2021, more new registrations were observed for lorries class N1 (45 146 units; +64.3%), articulated lorries (2 347 units; +42.7%), tractors used for agriculture and forestry (6 614; +36.7%) and lorries class N3 (2 719; +13.0%). By contrast, there were fewer new registrations of class N2 lorries (261; -3.3%).

So far in 2021, 3 737 campers have been newly registered, up 61.8% compared to January to September 2020. More motorcycles (30 354; +10.3%) but fewer scooters (11 ; -3.4%) were newly registered.

For more detailed results and further information concerning statistics of motor vehicles please refer to our [website](#).

Information on methods, 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 daily 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.

Within motor vehicle statistics, all motor vehicles, once nationally or internationally registered, are levied, irrespective of the registration's duration.

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