# Los Angeles Auto Outlook 

## NEW VEHICLE MARKET FORECAST

## Recovery Gains Momentum; 2Q ‘23 Registrations Up 14.7\% vs. 2Q ‘22

Below is a list of 10 key trends and developments in the Los Angeles County new vehicle market:

ك County new retail light vehicle registrations increased 8.2\% in the first half of this year versus year-earlier levels. The U.S. market was up by $3.9 \%$.

子 The pace of improvement should pick up steam in the second half of the year. The county market is predicted to increase 15\% from July through December of 2023 versus weak results in the second half of 2022 when supply chain interruptions significantly impacted sales.
§_ As shown on the graph below, registrations for all of this year are projected to approach 430,000 units and improve 11.8\% from 2022.
4. Light truck market share increased from 64.4\% during the first six months of 2022 to $65.4 \%$ this year.
E. Fueled by gains from Tesla, Domestic brand registrations were up $14.8 \%$ so far this year and market share reached 30.5\%.
© Battery electric vehicles accounted for $21.3 \%$ of the market in the first half of this year, up from $15.2 \%$ last year.

Za Brands with the largest percentage increases in registrations during the first six months of this year (among top 30 brands): Rivian, Tesla, Genesis, Audi, Honda, Land Rover, Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC, and Acura.
8. Three biggest segments in the county are Compact SUV, Luxury Compact SUV, and Small Car.
Q. County market share leaders in the first half of 2023 were Toyota, Tesla, Honda, Kia, and Mercedes.

10_ Top ten selling vehicles in Los Angeles County market: Tesla Model Y, Tesla Model 3, Toyota Camry, Honda Civic, Toyota RAV4, Honda Accord, Honda CR-V, Toyota Tacoma, Toyota Corolla, and Kia Forte.


## Outlook for next two years:

 New vehicle market predicted to improve, but sales should remain close to average levelsA significant number of new vehicle purchases have been postponed since the onset of the pandemic in 2020. Estimated pent-up demand in the county market has reached 232,989 units, approximately $51 \%$ of average annual registrations (see page 3). It has been our contention that once vehicle production recovered, this "stored potential" would more than offset the drag on sales resulting from higher interest rates, a slowing economy, and weakening vehicle affordability. And the $14.7 \%$ year-over-year increase in 2 Q registrations sends a strong signal that this is indeed the case. The market should have enough gas in the tank to move higher this year, with recovery almost certainly lasting into 2024.

## Forecast for County New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations



The graph above shows annual new retail light vehicle registrations from 2020 through 2022 and Auto Outlook's projection for 2023.
Historical data sourced from Experian Automotive.

Market Summary

|  | YTD '22 | YTD '23 | \% Chg. | Mkt. Share |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | June | June | '22 to '23 | YTD '23 |
| TOTAL | 197,088 | 213,312 | $8.2 \%$ |  |
| Car | 70,248 | 73,783 | $5.0 \%$ | $34.6 \%$ |
| Light Truck | 126,840 | 139,529 | $10.0 \%$ | $65.4 \%$ |
| Domestic | 56,697 | 65,102 | $14.8 \%$ | $30.5 \%$ |
| European | 37,631 | 41,217 | $9.5 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ |
| Japanese | 83,506 | 86,594 | $3.7 \%$ | $40.6 \%$ |
| Korean | 19,254 | 20,399 | $5.9 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ |

Domestics consist of vehicles sold by GM, Ford, Stellantis (excluding Alfa Romeo and FIAT), Tesla, Rivian, and Lucid.
Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

## Los Angeles County New Vehicle Market Dashboard

 MARKET PERFORMANCE DURING PAST TWO YEARS

> Los Angeles County Quarterly Registrations Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate, Converted to Equivalent U.S. New Vehicle Market SAAR (millions of units)


The graph on the left provides an easily recognizable way to gauge the strength of the county market. It shows quarterly registrations based on a seasonally adjusted annual rate. These figures are then indexed to SAAR sales figures for the U.S. new vehicle market. So just like in the national market, when the quarterly SAAR is above 17 million units, the county market is strong, 15 million is about average, and below 13 million is weak. Equivalent SAAR levels in the county increased from 13.9 million in the First Quarter of this year to 14.9 million in the Second Quarter.

New retail light vehicle registrations in the county were up $8.2 \%$ during the first six months of this year, better than the $3.9 \%$ increase in the Nation.

Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

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PENT-UP DEMAND

| $\quad$475000 <br> Actual and forecast <br> new retail light vehicle <br> registrations versus <br> hypothetical levels if <br> pandemic and ensuing <br> supply chain shortages <br> had not occurred |
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## TRACKING ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Monthly Unemployment Rates in Los Angeles County



Average Hourly Earnings for All Workers in County - May 2023



Up $\$ 0.54$ vs. year earlier

The county unemployment rate was less than 5\% in May of this year. Wages were up versus year earlier. Consumer sentiment has stabilized and total household wealth improved in 1Q '23.

| University of <br> Michigan <br> Consumer | 10 year high -101.4 (Mar. 2018) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sentiment |  |
| (U.S.) |  |
|  |  |
| Key | 12 month high -67.0 (Feb. 2023) |
| Values | Most recent $\mathbf{6 3 . 9}$ (June 2023) |
| During | 10 year low - 50.0 (Jun. 2022) |
| Past |  |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ Years |  |



## Los Angeles County New Vehicle Market Dashboard



MARKET SHARES BY BRAND SEGMENT

County Market Shares for Domestic, European, Japanese, and Korean Brands in First Half of '23 and change vs. 2022


The graph above presents market share by brand category during the first six months of this year and the change in share versus the same period in 2022. Market share this year is reflected by the relative size of the circles (Japanese brands were highest at $40.6 \%$ ). Change in share is depicted based on the location of the circles - increasing share is higher on the graph Sales gains for Tesla led to the increase for Domestic brands. Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

TOP TEN RANKINGS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY MARKET

Market Share for Top Ten Selling Brands in County Market YTD 2023 thru June

Market Share for Top Ten Selling Models in County Market YTD 2023 thru June

Toyota 14.5\%
Tesla 14.1\%

## Honda 11.6\%

## Kia 5.3\%

Mercedes 5.3\%
BMW 5.3\%
Ford 4.8\%
Chevrolet 4.8\%
Lexus 4.2\%
Hyundai 3.7\%
Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

## Vehicle Powertrain Dashboard



Quarterly Alternative Powertrain Market Share (includes hybrid and electric vehicles)


Data sourced from Experian Automotive. Hybrid vehicle market share excludes mild hybrids.

## Share of County BEV Market for Franchised Dealerships and Direct Sellers



YTD 2023 thru June


Brand Share of County BEV Market
YTD 2022 and YTD 2023 thru June


Observations: Franchised dealership share of the county BEV market increased from 23.3\% during the first half of 2022 to $31.5 \%$ this year. Franchised dealership brand registrations were up 105\% vs. the $36 \%$ increase for direct sellers. Tesla BEV market share declined, but remained above 66\%. Mercedes was the second best-selling BEV brand so far this year. Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

| Brand Registrations Report <br> Los Angeles County New Retail Car and Light Truck Registrations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Second Quarter |  |  |  |  |  | YTD thru June |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  |
|  | 2Q '22 | 2Q '23 | \% change | 2Q '22 | 2Q '23 | Change | YTD '22 | YTD '23 | \% change | YTD '22 | YTD '23 | Change |
| TOTAL | 98,091 | 112,508 | 14.7 |  |  |  | 197,088 | 213,312 | 8.2 |  |  |  |
| Cars | 34,591 | 39,108 | 13.1 | 35.3 | 34.8 | -0.5 | 70,248 | 73,783 | 5.0 | 35.6 | 34.6 | -1.0 |
| Light Trucks | 63,500 | 73,400 | 15.6 | 64.7 | 65.2 | 0.5 | 126,840 | 139,529 | 10.0 | 64.4 | 65.4 | 1.0 |
| Domestic Brands | 27,896 | 35,369 | 26.8 | 28.4 | 31.4 | 3.0 | 56,697 | 65,102 | 14.8 | 28.8 | 30.5 | 1.7 |
| European Brands | 18,652 | 21,834 | 17.1 | 19.0 | 19.4 | 0.4 | 37,631 | 41,217 | 9.5 | 19.1 | 19.3 | 0.2 |
| Japanese Brands | 41,098 | 44,709 | 8.8 | 41.9 | 39.7 | -2.2 | 83,506 | 86,594 | 3.7 | 42.4 | 40.6 | -1.8 |
| Korean Brands | 10,445 | 10,596 | 1.4 | 10.6 | 9.4 | -1.2 | 19,254 | 20,399 | 5.9 | 9.8 | 9.6 | -0.2 |
| Acura | 815 | 962 | 18.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 1,530 | 1,748 | 14.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Alfa Romeo | 250 | 155 | -38.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 554 | 278 | -49.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| Audi | 2,404 | 3,155 | 31.2 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 4,506 | 5,618 | 24.7 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 0.3 |
| Bmw | 4,656 | 5,914 | 27.0 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 0.6 | 10,248 | 11,216 | 9.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 0.1 |
| Buick | 148 | 162 | 9.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 237 | 323 | 36.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Cadillac | 605 | 757 | 25.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 1,232 | 1,435 | 16.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Chevrolet | 4,550 | 4,990 | 9.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | -0.2 | 8,476 | 10,172 | 20.0 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 0.5 |
| Chrysler | 142 | 215 | 51.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 275 | 380 | 38.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Dodge | 857 | 822 | -4.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 | -0.2 | 1,883 | 1,469 | -22.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | -0.3 |
| Ford | 5,179 | 5,187 | 0.2 | 5.3 | 4.6 | -0.7 | 10,509 | 10,302 | -2.0 | 5.3 | 4.8 | -0.5 |
| Genesis | 433 | 566 | 30.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 881 | 1,125 | 27.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| GMC | 1,071 | 1,188 | 10.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 1,992 | 2,286 | 14.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| Honda | 9,307 | 13,211 | 41.9 | 9.5 | 11.7 | 2.2 | 19,860 | 24,735 | 24.5 | 10.1 | 11.6 | 1.5 |
| Hyundai | 4,117 | 4,253 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 3.8 | -0.4 | 7,087 | 7,856 | 10.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 0.1 |
| Infiniti | 376 | 516 | 37.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 902 | 958 | 6.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Jaguar | 85 | 68 | -20.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 179 | 124 | -30.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Jeep | 2,836 | 2,700 | -4.8 | 2.9 | 2.4 | -0.5 | 5,955 | 4,985 | -16.3 | 3.0 | 2.3 | -0.7 |
| Kia | 5,895 | 5,750 | -2.5 | 6.0 | 5.1 | -0.9 | 11,286 | 11,391 | 0.9 | 5.7 | 5.3 | -0.4 |
| Land Rover | 869 | 1,021 | 17.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1,814 | 2,204 | 21.5 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| Lexus | 4,188 | 4,933 | 17.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 8,384 | 8,855 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 4.2 | -0.1 |
| Lincoln | 253 | 262 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 481 | 525 | 9.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Maserati | 125 | 75 | -40.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 249 | 136 | -45.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Mazda | 1,915 | 2,258 | 17.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 4,338 | 4,278 | -1.4 | 2.2 | 2.0 | -0.2 |
| Mercedes | 5,366 | 6,132 | 14.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 10,000 | 11,361 | 13.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 0.2 |
| MINI | 298 | 403 | 35.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 790 | 806 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Mitsubishi | 355 | 261 | -26.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 664 | 520 | -21.7 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Nissan | 4,137 | 4,043 | -2.3 | 4.2 | 3.6 | -0.6 | 8,206 | 7,759 | -5.4 | 4.2 | 3.6 | -0.6 |
| Other | 341 | 433 | 27.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 620 | 792 | 27.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Polestar | 223 | 71 | -68.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 425 | 151 | -64.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Porsche | 1,347 | 1,287 | -4.5 | 1.4 | 1.1 | -0.3 | 2,497 | 2,481 | -0.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 | -0.1 |
| Ram | 1,226 | 1,153 | -6.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | -0.2 | 2,699 | 2,107 | -21.9 | 1.4 | 1.0 | -0.4 |
| Rivian | 160 | 407 | 154.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 244 | 693 | 184.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Subaru | 3,006 | 3,212 | 6.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 | -0.2 | 6,826 | 6,765 | -0.9 | 3.5 | 3.2 | -0.3 |
| Tesla | 10,835 | 17,386 | 60.5 | 11.0 | 15.5 | 4.5 | 22,657 | 30,156 | 33.1 | 11.5 | 14.1 | 2.6 |
| Toyota | 16,999 | 15,313 | -9.9 | 17.3 | 13.6 | -3.7 | 32,796 | 30,976 | -5.5 | 16.6 | 14.5 | -2.1 |
| Volkswagen | 1,870 | 2,282 | 22.0 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 4,101 | 4,547 | 10.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| Volvo | 852 | 1,005 | 18.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1,705 | 1,799 | 5.5 | 0.9 | 0.8 | -0.1 |

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