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## FORECAST

## County New Vehicle Registrations Predicted to Increase in 2023

Below is a review of key trends in the Orange County new vehicle market.

## Results during 2022

Supply chain issues persisted last year and vehicle production cutbacks were significantly higher than projected at the beginning of the year. New retail light vehicle registrations in the county declined 9\% from 2021 to 2022. National market fell $14.9 \%$.

## 2023 Forecast

According to the baseline forecast, Orange County registrations are predicted to approach 160,000 units this year, a $5 \%$ improvement from 2022. See sidebar to right for alternative upside and downside projections.

Key positives for the market in 2023
Pent-up demand is accumulating as new vehicles sales remain below baseline line levels. Auto Outlook estimates that approximately 83,000 new vehicle purchases will be postponed since the onset of the pandemic in 2020 through the end of this year, about $49 \%$ of sales in an average year! In addition, vehicle transaction prices are likely to drift lower as supplies become more in-line with demand. These two factors will give a boost to the market that should offset the negatives listed next.

## Key negatives for the market in 2023

Supply chain issues are lingering and new vehicle affordability is weakening due to high inflation, increasing interest rates, slower economic growth, and falling trade in values. Household incomes are increasing, but not fast enough to keep pace with inflation. The stimulative impact resulting from pent up demand will be tempered due to softer economic conditions, but sales rates should still recover from current levels.

## Brands with Biggest Increases in 2022

Among the top 25 sellers in the Orange County market, Tesla, Genesis, Kia, Hyundai, and Ford had the largest percentage gains in registrations from 2021 to 2022. Brand results in 2022 were almost entirely a function of vehicle inventories, not the typical determinants of new product launches and marketing.

## Battery Electric Vehicle Market Share

BEV market share in the county increased from 12.7\% in 2021 to 21.9\% last year. Electric vehicle share has increased by 16.3 share points from 2018 to 2022.

## Top selling models in Orange County

Top five selling models last year were Tesla Model Y, Tesla Model 3, Toyota RAV4, Toyota Camry, and Toyota Tacoma.

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Outlook for Orange County New Retail Light Vehicle Market
2023 Annual Forecast
Baseline scenario: 159,800 up \(5.0 \%\) vs. '22
Alternative upside: 170,100 up \(11.8 \%\) vs. ' 22
Alternative downside: 150,800 down \(0.9 \%\) vs. ' 22
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## Upgraded data presented in Auto Outlook

Effective with this release, new vehicle registration data presented in Auto Outlook is derived from a significantly improved reporting tool developed by Experian Automotive. Benefits of the new system are enhanced accuracy and more extensive detail for measuring model registrations. Historical figures will differ from those presented in previous releases. Have questions about the change? Contact Auto Outlook - 610-640-1233 or autooutlook@icloud.com.

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 baseline projection for 2023. Historical data sourced from Experian Automotive.

## Market Summary

|  | 2021 <br> Annual | 2022 <br> Annual | \% Chg. <br> (21 to '22 | Mkt. Share <br> YTD '22 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| TOTAL | 167,320 | 152,179 | $-9.0 \%$ |  |
| Car | 55,023 | 46,991 | $-14.6 \%$ | $30.9 \%$ |
| Light Truck | 112,297 | 105,188 | $-6.3 \%$ | $69.1 \%$ |
| Domestic | 46,528 | 51,547 | $10.8 \%$ | $33.9 \%$ |
| European | 34,193 | 29,738 | $-13.0 \%$ | $19.5 \%$ |
| Japanese | 72,406 | 55,624 | $-23.2 \%$ | $36.6 \%$ |
| Korean | 14,193 | 15,270 | $7.6 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ |

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

## MARKET PERFORMANCE DURING PAST TWO YEARS

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

Data sourced from Experian Automotive. SAAR estimates: Auto Outlook.

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. Quarterly registrations remained below 15 million units in each of the past six quarters.

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## COUNTY MARKET VS. U.S.

New retail light vehicle registrations in the county declined by $9.0 \%$ from 2021 to 2022, better than the 14.9\% drop in the Nation.

Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

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## Orange County New Vehicle Market Dashboard



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, University of Michigan, and U.S. Bureau of Econ. Analysis.

TOP TEN RANKINGS IN ORANGE COUNTY MARKET

Market Share for Top Ten Selling Brands in County Market 2022 Annual


Market Share for Top Ten Selling Models in County Market 2022 Annual


## Vehicle Powertrain Dashboard



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


County Market Share by Powertrain Type 2022 Annual


Top 10 Selling Brands in County for Hybrid, Electric (BEV), and Plug In Hybrid (PHEV) Vehicles - 2022

| Rank | Brand | Share |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Tesla | $46.2 \%$ |
| 2 | Toyota | $15.6 \%$ |
| 3 | Ford | $4.9 \%$ |
| 4 | Hyundai | $4.8 \%$ |
| 5 | Lexus | $4.0 \%$ |
| 6 | Kia | $3.7 \%$ |
| 7 | Honda | $3.6 \%$ |
| 8 | BMW | $3.0 \%$ |
| 9 | Audi | $2.1 \%$ |
| 10 | Chevrolet | $1.6 \%$ |

Tesla accounted for $46.2 \%$ of county alternative powertrain registrations. Toyota was second with a $15.6 \%$ share.

LONG TERM TRENDS

## New Vehicle Registrations in 2022 About the Same as In 2012

The graph below provides a long term perspective of new vehicle registrations in the Orange County market. The table below shows key trends.

County New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations - 2009 thru 2022, 2023 Forecast


Key Trends in Orange County Market - 2018 to 2022

|  | 2018 | 2022 | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Light truck market share | 55.4\% | 69.1\% | UP <br> 13.7 points |
| Domestic brand market share | 25.6\% | 33.9\% | UP <br> 8.3 points |
| Area new retail vehicle registrations | 187,477 | 152,179 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DOWN } \\ & \text { 18.8\% } \end{aligned}$ |
| U.S. new retail vehicle registrations | 13,846,381 | 11,450,979 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DOWN } \\ & \text { 17.3\% } \end{aligned}$ |
| Battery electric vehicle market share | 5.6\% | 21.9\% | UP 16.3 points |

## BRAND SCOREBOARD

## Registrations Increased For Seven Brands in 2022

The graph below presents a comprehensive picture of brands that are gaining (or losing) ground in the country market. It shows both the unit and percent change in registrations from 2021 and 2022. Viewing both measures on the same graph provides a more clear-cut signal on how each brand is doing.

Change in New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations (2022 vs. 2021)


COMPARISON OF ORANGE COUNTY AND U.S. MARKET

## Domestic Brand Share in Orange County Market Reached 33.9\% Last Year

| \% change in registrations | Orange County Retail Market | U.S. Retall Market |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ vs. $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $-9.0 \%$ | $-14.9 \%$ |
| Car share of industry retail light vehicle market <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $30.9 \%$ | $20.6 \%$ |
| Domestic brand market share <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $33.9 \%$ | $40.6 \%$ |


| Brand | New Retail Registrations and U.S. Sales-2022 Annual |  |  |  | Market Share (2022) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Orange <br> Regs. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { \% ch. vs. } \\ 2021 \end{array}$ | Sales | $\begin{array}{r} \% \text { ch. vs. } \\ 2021 \end{array}$ | Orange County | U.S. | Variance |
| Acura | 1,089 | -44.0\% | 95,414 | -38.5\% | 0.7 | 0.8 | -0.1 |
| Alfa Romeo | 150 | -51.8\% | 11,044 | -37.5\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Audi | 4,022 | -10.5\% | 146,705 | -20.8\% | 2.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| BMW | 7,070 | -7.1\% | 295,316 | -5.4\% | 4.6 | 2.6 | 2.0 |
| Buick | 189 | -40.4\% | 96,249 | -47.0\% | 0.1 | 0.8 | -0.7 |
| Cadillac | 1,023 | -12.4\% | 116,196 | -5.0\% | 0.7 | 1.0 | -0.3 |
| Chevrolet | 6,405 | -15.6\% | 1,120,610 | -13.3\% | 4.2 | 9.8 | -5.6 |
| Chry Dodge Jeep Ram | 6,794 | -21.4\% | 1,133,635 | -21.3\% | 4.5 | 9.9 | -5.4 |
| Chrysler | 294 | -30.2\% | 42,703 | -24.5\% | 0.2 | 0.4 | -0.2 |
| Dodge | 819 | -35.2\% | 121,191 | -30.7\% | 0.5 | 1.1 | -0.6 |
| Jeep | 3,563 | -17.9\% | 604,946 | -14.1\% | 2.3 | 5.3 | -3.0 |
| Ram | 2,118 | -19.3\% | 364,795 | -27.7\% | 1.4 | 3.2 | -1.8 |
| Ford | 10,037 | 2.5\% | 1,220,150 | -10.3\% | 6.6 | 10.7 | -4.1 |
| Genesis | 1,071 | 31.1\% | 49,954 | 10.8\% | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| GMC | 2,335 | 0.5\% | 438,891 | -6.7\% | 1.5 | 3.8 | -2.3 |
| Honda | 9,826 | -41.6\% | 842,708 | -35.3\% | 6.5 | 7.4 | -0.9 |
| Hyundai | 7,874 | 5.7\% | 663,786 | -4.2\% | 5.2 | 5.8 | -0.6 |
| Infiniti | 431 | -45.3\% | 39,948 | -23.3\% | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Jaguar | 137 | -54.2\% | 8,117 | -37.6\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Kia | 6,325 | 6.7\% | 627,943 | -3.5\% | 4.2 | 5.5 | -1.3 |
| Land Rover | 1,253 | -43.6\% | 50,466 | -35.2\% | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Lexus | 5,385 | -20.5\% | 245,871 | -18.4\% | 3.5 | 2.1 | 1.4 |
| Lincoln | 457 | -20.9\% | 74,508 | -16.0\% | 0.3 | 0.7 | -0.4 |
| Maserati | 169 | -18.4\% | 5,968 | -9.9\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Mazda | 4,230 | -22.0\% | 266,460 | -13.2\% | 2.8 | 2.3 | 0.5 |
| Mercedes | 9,225 | -4.8\% | 269,098 | -4.1\% | 6.1 | 2.3 | 3.8 |
| MINI | 505 | 0.6\% | 26,665 | -0.5\% | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Mitsubishi | 206 | -20.2\% | 77,647 | 3.3\% | 0.1 | 0.7 | -0.6 |
| Nissan | 5,053 | -20.3\% | 543,555 | -25.6\% | 3.3 | 4.7 | -1.4 |
| Polestar | 264 | 300.0\% | 7,660 | 248.8\% | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Porsche | 1,939 | -14.4\% | 58,855 | -7.2\% | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Rivian | 669 | 816.4\% | 12,937 | 4183.8\% | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Subaru | 5,073 | -6.2\% | 516,166 | -10.1\% | 3.3 | 4.5 | -1.2 |
| Tesla | 23,475 | 46.5\% | 437,271 | 34.9\% | 15.4 | 3.8 | 11.6 |
| Toyota | 24,331 | -15.0\% | 1,574,364 | -14.2\% | 16.0 | 13.7 | 2.3 |
| Volkswagen | 3,351 | -23.2\% | 272,287 | -18.6\% | 2.2 | 2.4 | -0.2 |
| Volvo | 1,119 | -28.1\% | 88,446 | -23.9\% | 0.7 | 0.8 | -0.1 |
| Other | 697 | 12.8\% | 16,089 | 2.0\% | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

The two tables above provide a comparison of the Orange County and U.S. new light vehicle markets. Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

| Orange County New Retail Car and Light Truck Registrations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fourth Quarter |  |  | Annual Totals |  |  | Annual Market Share (\%) |  |  |
|  | 4Q '21 | 4Q '22 | \% chg. | 2021 | 2022 | \% chg. | 2021 | 2022 | Chg. |
| MARKET SUMMARY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 35,397 | 38,578 | 9.0\% | 167,320 | 152,179 | -9.0\% |  |  |  |
| Cars | 11,011 | 12,082 | 9.7\% | 55,023 | 46,991 | -14.6\% | 32.9 | 30.9 | -2.0 |
| Light Trucks | 24,386 | 26,496 | 8.7\% | 112,297 | 105,188 | -6.3\% | 67.1 | 69.1 | 2.0 |
| Domestic | 11,294 | 13,939 | 23.4\% | 46,528 | 51,547 | 10.8\% | 27.8 | 33.9 | 6.1 |
| European | 7,112 | 7,259 | 2.1\% | 34,193 | 29,738 | -13.0\% | 20.4 | 19.5 | -0.9 |
| Japanese | 13,627 | 13,666 | 0.3\% | 72,406 | 55,624 | -23.2\% | 43.3 | 36.6 | -6.7 |
| Korean | 3,364 | 3,714 | 10.4\% | 14,193 | 15,270 | 7.6\% | 8.5 | 10.0 | 1.6 |
| BRAND REGISTRATIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acura | 331 | 224 | -32.3\% | 1,943 | 1,089 | -44.0\% | 1.2 | 0.7 | -0.5 |
| Alfa Romeo | 49 | 30 | -38.8\% | 311 | 150 | -51.8\% | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Audi | 881 | 1,035 | 17.5\% | 4,494 | 4,022 | -10.5\% | 2.7 | 2.6 | -0.1 |
| BMw | 1,750 | 1,785 | 2.0\% | 7,612 | 7,070 | -7.1\% | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.1 |
| Buick | 46 | 56 | 21.7\% | 317 | 189 | -40.4\% | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Cadillac | 176 | 244 | 38.6\% | 1,168 | 1,023 | -12.4\% | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Chevrolet | 1,257 | 1,823 | 45.0\% | 7,590 | 6,405 | -15.6\% | 4.5 | 4.2 | -0.3 |
| C/D/J/R | 1,819 | 1,422 | -21.8\% | 8,649 | 6,794 | -21.4\% | 5.2 | 4.5 | -0.7 |
| Chrysler | 40 | 94 | 135.0\% | 421 | 294 | -30.2\% | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Dodge | 248 | 186 | -25.0\% | 1,264 | 819 | -35.2\% | 0.8 | 0.5 | -0.3 |
| Jeep | 957 | 742 | -22.5\% | 4,340 | 3,563 | -17.9\% | 2.6 | 2.3 | -0.3 |
| Ram | 574 | 400 | -30.3\% | 2,624 | 2,118 | -19.3\% | 1.6 | 1.4 | -0.2 |
| Ford | 2,446 | 2,298 | -6.1\% | 9,788 | 10,037 | 2.5\% | 5.8 | 6.6 | 0.8 |
| Genesis | 255 | 283 | 11.0\% | 817 | 1,071 | 31.1\% | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| GMC | 406 | 612 | 50.7\% | 2,323 | 2,335 | 0.5\% | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.1 |
| Honda | 3,013 | 2,649 | -12.1\% | 16,829 | 9,826 | -41.6\% | 10.1 | 6.5 | -3.6 |
| Hyundai | 1,653 | 1,852 | 12.0\% | 7,450 | 7,874 | 5.7\% | 4.5 | 5.2 | 0.7 |
| Infiniti | 133 | 93 | -30.1\% | 788 | 431 | -45.3\% | 0.5 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| Jaguar | 39 | 26 | -33.3\% | 299 | 137 | -54.2\% | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Kia | 1,456 | 1,579 | 8.4\% | 5,926 | 6,325 | 6.7\% | 3.5 | 4.2 | 0.7 |
| Land Rover | 431 | 387 | -10.2\% | 2,223 | 1,253 | -43.6\% | 1.3 | 0.8 | -0.5 |
| Lexus | 1,442 | 1,240 | -14.0\% | 6,776 | 5,385 | -20.5\% | 4.0 | 3.5 | -0.5 |
| Lincoln | 129 | 113 | -12.4\% | 578 | 457 | -20.9\% | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Maserati | 37 | 36 | -2.7\% | 207 | 169 | -18.4\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Mazda | 1,038 | 989 | -4.7\% | 5,425 | 4,230 | -22.0\% | 3.2 | 2.8 | -0.4 |
| Mercedes | 1,872 | 2,161 | 15.4\% | 9,689 | 9,225 | -4.8\% | 5.8 | 6.1 | 0.3 |
| MINI | 74 | 121 | 63.5\% | 502 | 505 | 0.6\% | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Mitsubishi | 75 | 34 | -54.7\% | 258 | 206 | -20.2\% | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Nissan | 1,372 | 1,118 | -18.5\% | 6,344 | 5,053 | -20.3\% | 3.8 | 3.3 | -0.5 |
| Polestar | 36 | 49 | 36.1\% | 66 | 264 | 300.0\% | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Porsche | 450 | 409 | -9.1\% | 2,264 | 1,939 | -14.4\% | 1.4 | 1.3 | -0.1 |
| Rivian | 73 | 233 | 219.2\% | 73 | 669 | 816.4\% | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Subaru | 994 | 1,137 | 14.4\% | 5,411 | 5,073 | -6.2\% | 3.2 | 3.3 | 0.1 |
| Tesla | 4,940 | 7,048 | 42.7\% | 16,029 | 23,475 | 46.5\% | 9.6 | 15.4 | 5.8 |
| Toyota | 5,229 | 6,182 | 18.2\% | 28,632 | 24,331 | -15.0\% | 17.1 | 16.0 | -1.1 |
| Volkswagen | 1,034 | 855 | -17.3\% | 4,364 | 3,351 | -23.2\% | 2.6 | 2.2 | -0.4 |
| Volvo | 324 | 245 | -24.4\% | 1,557 | 1,119 | -28.1\% | 0.9 | 0.7 | -0.2 |
| Other | 137 | 210 | 53.3\% | 618 | 697 | 12.8\% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 |

Other includes Aston Martin, Bentley, Ferrari, Freightliner, GEM, Lamborghini, Lotus, Lucid, McLaren, and Rolls Royce.

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