## NEW VEHICLE MARKET FORECAST

## Recovery Gains Momentum; 2Q '23 Registrations Up 19.5\% vs. 2Q '22

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

C County new retail light vehicle registrations increased 10.6\% in the first half of this year versus year-earlier levels. The U.S. market was up by $3.9 \%$.
T. The pace of improvement should pick up steam in the second half of the year. The county market is predicted to increase 13\% 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 exceed 170,000 units and improve 12.1\% from 2022.

4 Light truck market share increased from 69.3\% during the first six months of 2022 to $70.7 \%$ this year.
E. Fueled by gains from Tesla, Domestic brand registrations were up $26.4 \%$ so far this year and market share reached 37.3\%.
© Battery electric vehicles accounted for $28.0 \%$ of the market in the first half of this year, up from 19.5\% last year.

Zo Brands with the largest percentage increases in registrations during the first six months of this year (among top 30 brands): Rivian, Tesla, Land Rover, Honda, Chevrolet, Audi, Genesis, Cadillac, Chrysler, and BMW.
8. Three biggest segments in the county are Luxury Compact SUV, Compact SUV, and Near Luxury Car.

Qu County market share leaders in the first half of 2023 were Tesla, Toyota, Honda, Ford, and Mercedes.

10 Top ten selling vehicles in Orange County market: Tesla Model Y, Tesla Model 3, Toyota RAV4, Toyota Camry, Toyota Tacoma, Honda CR-V, Honda Civic, Honda Accord, Ford F-Series, and Toyota Corolla.


## 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 64,584 units, approximately $40 \%$ 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 $19.5 \%$ year-over-year increase in 2Q 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 <br> June | YTD '23 <br> June | \% Chg. <br> '22 to '23 | Mkt. Share <br> YTD '23 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| TOTAL | 77,355 | 85,568 | $10.6 \%$ |  |
| Car | 23,773 | 25,037 | $5.3 \%$ | $29.3 \%$ |
| Light Truck | 53,582 | 60,531 | $13.0 \%$ | $70.7 \%$ |
| Domestic | 25,254 | 31,922 | $26.4 \%$ | $37.3 \%$ |
| European | 15,043 | 16,017 | $6.5 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ |
| Japanese | 29,745 | 29,886 | $0.5 \%$ | $34.9 \%$ |
| Korean | 7,313 | 7,743 | $5.9 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |

# Orange County New Vehicle Market Dashboard 



## 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)

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 14.4 million in the First Quarter of this year to 16.2 million in the Second Quarter.
Data sourced from Experian Automotive. SAAR estimates: Auto Outlook.

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## Orange County New Vehicle Market Dashboard



## PENT-UP DEMAND

| 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 Orange County

| MAY 2022 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | ${ }^{\text {w }}$ wE |
|  | 2.70 |



| 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 -63.9 (June 2023) |
| During |  |
| Past | 10 year low - 50.0 (Jun. 2022) |
| 10 Years |  |



Average Hourly Earnings for All Workers in County - May 2023



Up $\$ 0.35$ vs. year earlier

The county unemployment rate was less than 3.5\% in May of this year. Wages were up versus year earlier. Consumer sentiment has stabilized and total household wealth was up in 1Q '23.

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## 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 (Domestic brands were highest at $37.3 \%$ ). 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 ORANGE 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

|  | Tesla Model Y 12.8\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tesla Model 3 5.7\% |  |
| Toyota RAV4 2.9\% |  |
| Toyota Camry 2.4\% |  |
| Toyota Tacoma 2.1\% |  |
| Honda CR-V 1.9\% |  |
| Honda Civic 1.8\% |  |
| Honda Accord 1.8\% |  |
| Ford F-Series 1.7\% |  |
| Toyota Corolla 1.5\% |  |

## 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 2022 thru June


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 $23.8 \%$ during the first half of 2022 to $25.9 \%$ this year. Franchised dealership brand registrations were up $73 \%$ vs. the $54 \%$ increase for direct sellers. Tesla BEV market share declined slightly, but remained above $70 \%$. Mercedes was the second best-selling BEV brand so far this year. Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

BRAND PERFORMANCE IN ORANGE COUNTY MARKET
Tesla, Mercedes, BMW, \& Toyota Strong Performers in County

The graph below provides an indicator of brands that are popular in Orange County (relative to the National standard), and those that are not. Here's how it works: For the top 30 selling brands, each brand's share of the U.S. market is multiplied by retail registrations in the county during the first six months of this year. This yields a
"target" for the county market. Target registrations are subtracted from actual registrations to derive the measurement of sales performance.

Brands at the top of the graph (i.e., Tesla, Mercedes, BMW, and Toyota) are relatively strong sellers in the county, with actual reg-
istrations exceeding calculated targets by large margins. For instance, Tesla registrations exceeded the target by 12,709 units.

Orange County Retail Market Performance based on registrations during YTD 2023 thru June Actual registrations minus target (county industry registrations times U.S. market share)


COMPARISON OF ORANGE COUNTY AND U.S. MARKET
Domestic Brand Share in Orange County Market Reached 37.3\%

| \% change in registrations | Orange County Retail Market | U.S. Retall Market |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YTD '23 thru June vs. YTD '22 | $10.6 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ |
| Car share of industry retail light vehicle market <br> YTD '23 thru June | $29.3 \%$ | $20.4 \%$ |
| Domestic brand market share <br> YTD '23 thru June | $37.3 \%$ | $40.4 \%$ |


| Brand | New Retail Registrations and U.S. Sales-YTD '23 thru June |  |  |  | Market Share (YTD 2023) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Orange <br> Regs. | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% ch. vs. } \\ \text { YTD '22 } \end{gathered}$ | U. <br> Regs. | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { ch. vs. } \\ \text { YTD '22 } \end{gathered}$ | Orange County | U.S. | Variance |
| Acura | 663 | 2.2\% | 62,922 | 18.2\% | 0.8 | 1.0 | -0.2 |
| Alfa Romeo | 59 | -27.2\% | 3,803 | -34.8\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Audi | 2,373 | 21.3\% | 82,995 | 22.7\% | 2.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| BMW | 3,884 | 9.3\% | 152,805 | 0.6\% | 4.5 | 2.5 | 2.0 |
| Buick | 120 | 33.3\% | 68,164 | 58.3\% | 0.1 | 1.1 | -1.0 |
| Cadillac | 562 | 13.1\% | 62,381 | 16.0\% | 0.7 | 1.0 | -0.3 |
| Chevrolet | 3,579 | 24.7\% | 608,444 | 16.8\% | 4.2 | 10.1 | -5.9 |
| Chry Dodge Jeep Ram | 3,021 | -16.7\% | 469,930 | -23.6\% | 3.5 | 7.8 | -4.3 |
| Chrysler | 182 | 13.0\% | 24,298 | 0.6\% | 0.2 | 0.4 | -0.2 |
| Dodge | 370 | -11.1\% | 54,380 | -8.8\% | 0.4 | 0.9 | -0.5 |
| Jeep | 1,582 | -15.0\% | 242,990 | -27.0\% | 1.8 | 4.1 | -2.3 |
| Ram | 887 | -25.3\% | 148,262 | -25.1\% | 1.0 | 2.5 | -1.5 |
| Ford | 5,461 | 3.0\% | 622,196 | -2.6\% | 6.4 | 10.4 | -4.0 |
| Genesis | 558 | 21.0\% | 27,462 | 12.6\% | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| GMC | 1,201 | 5.4\% | 232,213 | 5.3\% | 1.4 | 3.9 | -2.5 |
| Honda | 6,830 | 25.3\% | 511,633 | 13.4\% | 8.0 | 8.5 | -0.5 |
| Hyundai | 3,934 | 1.2\% | 337,901 | 5.5\% | 4.6 | 5.6 | -1.0 |
| Infiniti | 270 | 3.1\% | 27,007 | 29.1\% | 0.3 | 0.5 | -0.2 |
| Jaguar | 52 | -38.8\% | 3,528 | -11.6\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Kia | 3,227 | 8.9\% | 344,280 | 18.7\% | 3.8 | 5.7 | -1.9 |
| Land Rover | 839 | 35.1\% | 31,925 | 24.6\% | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Lexus | 2,884 | 3.0\% | 131,493 | 5.3\% | 3.4 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| Lincoln | 235 | 5.4\% | 34,677 | -10.7\% | 0.3 | 0.6 | -0.3 |
| Maserati | 72 | -20.9\% | 2,875 | -16.0\% | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Mazda | 2,162 | -9.4\% | 150,194 | 7.6\% | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 |
| Mercedes | 4,921 | 5.5\% | 130,194 | -2.7\% | 5.8 | 2.2 | 3.6 |
| MINI | 212 | -7.8\% | 14,180 | 14.4\% | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Mitsubishi | 103 | -25.4\% | 38,167 | -13.3\% | 0.1 | 0.6 | -0.5 |
| Nissan | 2,717 | -5.5\% | 297,497 | -1.5\% | 3.2 | 5.0 | -1.8 |
| Polestar | 36 | -78.2\% | 1,396 | -68.3\% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Porsche | 1,021 | -4.8\% | 31,307 | 8.4\% | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Rivian | 530 | 80.9\% | 13,931 | 465.4\% | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Subaru | 2,415 | -7.5\% | 273,991 | 6.1\% | 2.8 | 4.6 | -1.8 |
| Tesla | 17,062 | 52.7\% | 305,046 | 50.6\% | 19.9 | 5.1 | 14.8 |
| Toyota | 11,842 | -5.8\% | 742,523 | -5.3\% | 13.8 | 12.4 | 1.4 |
| Volkswagen | 1,698 | 6.5\% | 121,384 | -7.9\% | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| Volvo | 594 | -8.2\% | 47,418 | 1.8\% | 0.7 | 0.8 | -0.1 |
| Other | 431 | 33.0\% | 9,988 | 34.0\% | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June |  |  | YTD thru June |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { YTD } \\ \text { Market Share (\%) } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
|  | 2022 | 2023 | \% chg. | YTD '22 | YTD '23 | \% chg. | YTD '22 | YTD '23 | Chg. |
| MARKET SUMMARY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 14,702 | 16,688 | 13.5\% | 77,355 | 85,568 | 10.6\% |  |  |  |
| Cars | 4,563 | 4,556 | -0.2\% | 23,773 | 25,037 | 5.3\% | 30.7 | 29.3 | -1.5 |
| Light Trucks | 10,139 | 12,132 | 19.7\% | 53,582 | 60,531 | 13.0\% | 69.3 | 70.7 | 1.5 |
| Domestic | 4,690 | 6,064 | 29.3\% | 25,254 | 31,922 | 26.4\% | 32.6 | 37.3 | 4.7 |
| European | 3,066 | 3,126 | 2.0\% | 15,043 | 16,017 | 6.5\% | 19.4 | 18.7 | -0.7 |
| Japanese | 5,499 | 5,930 | 7.8\% | 29,745 | 29,886 | 0.5\% | 38.5 | 34.9 | -3.5 |
| Korean | 1,447 | 1,568 | 8.4\% | 7,313 | 7,743 | 5.9\% | 9.5 | 9.0 | -0.4 |
| BRAND REGISTRATIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acura | 99 | 114 | 15.2\% | 649 | 663 | 2.2\% | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Alfa Romeo | 15 | 8 | -46.7\% | 81 | 59 | -27.2\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Audi | 447 | 468 | 4.7\% | 1,956 | 2,373 | 21.3\% | 2.5 | 2.8 | 0.3 |
| BMW | 672 | 723 | 7.6\% | 3,553 | 3,884 | 9.3\% | 4.6 | 4.5 | -0.1 |
| Buick | 23 | 24 | 4.3\% | 90 | 120 | 33.3\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Cadillac | 82 | 117 | 42.7\% | 497 | 562 | 13.1\% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Chevrolet | 600 | 663 | 10.5\% | 2,869 | 3,579 | 24.7\% | 3.7 | 4.2 | 0.5 |
| C/D/J/R | 656 | 614 | -6.4\% | 3,627 | 3,021 | -16.7\% | 4.7 | 3.5 | -1.2 |
| Chrysler | 48 | 40 | -16.7\% | 161 | 182 | 13.0\% | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Dodge | 77 | 83 | 7.8\% | 416 | 370 | -11.1\% | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Jeep | 336 | 310 | -7.7\% | 1,862 | 1,582 | -15.0\% | 2.4 | 1.8 | -0.6 |
| Ram | 195 | 181 | -7.2\% | 1,188 | 887 | -25.3\% | 1.5 | 1.0 | -0.5 |
| Ford | 1,132 | 1,137 | 0.4\% | 5,300 | 5,461 | 3.0\% | 6.9 | 6.4 | -0.5 |
| Genesis | 78 | 93 | 19.2\% | 461 | 558 | 21.0\% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| GMC | 255 | 217 | -14.9\% | 1,140 | 1,201 | 5.4\% | 1.5 | 1.4 | -0.1 |
| Honda | 874 | 1,408 | 61.1\% | 5,453 | 6,830 | 25.3\% | 7.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 |
| Hyundai | 771 | 733 | -4.9\% | 3,889 | 3,934 | 1.2\% | 5.0 | 4.6 | -0.4 |
| Infiniti | 54 | 62 | 14.8\% | 262 | 270 | 3.1\% | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Jaguar | 11 | 11 | 0.0\% | 85 | 52 | -38.8\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Kia | 598 | 734 | 22.7\% | 2,963 | 3,227 | 8.9\% | 3.8 | 3.8 | 0.0 |
| Land Rover | 104 | 138 | 32.7\% | 621 | 839 | 35.1\% | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.2 |
| Lexus | 527 | 548 | 4.0\% | 2,801 | 2,884 | 3.0\% | 3.6 | 3.4 | -0.2 |
| Lincoln | 54 | 30 | -44.4\% | 223 | 235 | 5.4\% | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Maserati | 16 | 11 | -31.3\% | 91 | 72 | -20.9\% | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Mazda | 279 | 452 | 62.0\% | 2,385 | 2,162 | -9.4\% | 3.1 | 2.5 | -0.6 |
| Mercedes | 1,020 | 987 | -3.2\% | 4,666 | 4,921 | 5.5\% | 6.0 | 5.8 | -0.2 |
| MINI | 33 | 37 | 12.1\% | 230 | 212 | -7.8\% | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Mitsubishi | 30 | 15 | -50.0\% | 138 | 103 | -25.4\% | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Nissan | 451 | 539 | 19.5\% | 2,875 | 2,717 | -5.5\% | 3.7 | 3.2 | -0.5 |
| Polestar | 41 | 4 | -90.2\% | 165 | 36 | -78.2\% | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Porsche | 240 | 222 | -7.5\% | 1,073 | 1,021 | -4.8\% | 1.4 | 1.2 | -0.2 |
| Rivian | 66 | 117 | 77.3\% | 293 | 530 | 80.9\% | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Subaru | 504 | 474 | -6.0\% | 2,611 | 2,415 | -7.5\% | 3.4 | 2.8 | -0.6 |
| Tesla | 1,818 | 3,128 | 72.1\% | 11,171 | 17,062 | 52.7\% | 14.4 | 19.9 | 5.5 |
| Toyota | 2,681 | 2,318 | -13.5\% | 12,571 | 11,842 | -5.8\% | 16.3 | 13.8 | -2.5 |
| Volkswagen | 298 | 319 | 7.0\% | 1,595 | 1,698 | 6.5\% | 2.1 | 2.0 | -0.1 |
| Volvo | 114 | 137 | 20.2\% | 647 | 594 | -8.2\% | 0.8 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| Other | 59 | 86 | 45.8\% | 324 | 431 | 33.0\% | 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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