# Silicon Valley Auto Outlook 

Comprehensive information on the Santa Clara County new vehicle market


## FORECAST

## County New Vehicle Market Had Small Decline in 1Q ‘24

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

## Results during 1Q 2024

County new light vehicle registrations fell by less than $1 \%$ during the first three months of 2024 vs. year-earlier levels. The decline was due to the $16 \%$ drop in Tesla registrations. Excluding Tesla, the market improved by $5.5 \%$. National retail market was up $6.9 \%$. As shown on page 2, equivalent U.S. SAAR levels were 14.7 million units, unchanged from the Fourth Quarter of 2023

## 2024 Forecast

According to Auto Outlook's forecast, registrations are expected to approach 93,000 units this year and increase 3.7\% from 2023. That projection is $21 \%$ higher than the total in 2022 when the market was significantly impacted by product shortages.

## Key determinants for the market

The shaded box on the right reviews the primary forecast determinants. Pent-up demand is still significant and the county labor market is strong. Vehicle affordability is still a concern, but should improve as the year progresses. As pointed out in the pre-
vious release of Auto Outlook, barring any unforeseen negative shocks (such as the possible escalation of conflict in the Middle East), we think the new vehicle market could be stronger than expected in 2024.

## Tracking alternative powertrain sales

County BEV registrations felly by 7\% in the First Quarter of this year versus a year earlier, and market share was $38.1 \%$. Gains have levelled off during the past few quarters, however. Hybrid registrations exceeded 3,000 units in 1Q ' 24 and improved $63 \%$ versus year earlier. Plug in hybrid market was up $12 \%$ (see page 6 ).

## Brands that fared best in early 2024

Among the top 25 sellers in the county market, Cadillac, Rivian, Lexus, Honda, and Mercedes had the largest percentage gains in the First Quarter of this year. Toyota took over the top spot from Tesla as the bestselling brand so far this year.

## Top selling models in Santa Clara County

 Tesla Model Y, Tesla Model 3, Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V, Toyota Camry, Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla, Honda Accord, Tesla Model X, and Lexus RX were the top 10 sellers so far this year.

## Primary Factors Driving the County New Vehicle Market

» Country unemployment rate was 4.3\% in February and total employment exceeded 1 million.
» Growth in personal income has largely kept pace with inflation. Household wealth is at record-high levels.
» Consumer confidence has fluctuated a bit over the past few months, but is well above the lows in 2022 when inflation concerns were paramount.
» High interest rates continue to put a squeeze on affordability, but the possibility for lower rates later this year, falling vehicle prices, and strong wage gains should lead to improvement in the second half of 2024.
» Pent up demand is the biggest positive for the county market. Auto Outlook estimates that nearly 46,000 new vehicle purchases have been postponed since the onset of the pandemic and ensuing supply chain issues.

Forecast for County New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations


The graph above shows annual new retail light vehicle registrations from 2021 through 2023 and Auto Outlook's projection for 2024.
Historical data sourced from Experian Automotive.

Market Summary

|  | YTD '23 <br> thru Mar. | YTD '24 <br> thru Mar. | \% Chg. <br> '23 to '24 | Mkt. Share <br> YTD '24 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| TOTAL | 21,593 | 21,406 | $-0.9 \%$ |  |
| Car | 7,107 | 5,755 | $-19.0 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ |
| Light Truck | 14,486 | 15,651 | $8.0 \%$ | $73.1 \%$ |
| Domestic | 9,703 | 8,217 | $-15.3 \%$ | $38.4 \%$ |
| European | 3,239 | 3,478 | $7.4 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ |
| Japanese | 7,302 | 8,286 | $13.5 \%$ | $38.7 \%$ |
| Korean | 1,349 | 1,425 | $5.6 \%$ | $6.7 \%$ |

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

## KEY TRENDS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEW VEHICLE MARKET

COUNTY MARKET VS. U.S.

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\% Change In

New Retail Market YTD 2024 thru March vs. <br> Santa Clara County <br> DOWN 0.9\% <br> YTD 2023 <br> U.S. <br> UP 6.9\% <br> New retail light vehicle registrations in the county fell by less than $1 \%$ during the first three months of this year vs. year earlier, below the 6.9\% improvement in the Nation.
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Data sourced from Experian Automotive. QUARTERLY RESULTS

## Santa Clara 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 were 14.7 million in the First Quarter of this year, unchanged from the Fourth Quarter of 2023.

Data sourced from Experian Automotive. SAAR estimates: Auto Outlook.
\% Change in
registrations vs.
previous quarter
(1Q ‘24 vs. 4Q ‘23)
(1Q '24 vs. 4Q '23)

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## KEY TRENDS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEW VEHICLE MARKET



PRIMARY MARKET SEGMENTS - COUNTY AND U.S.


The graph above shows market shares for nine primary segments in both the county and U.S. markets. County market share is represented by the blue bars. Orange shaded bars show U.S. Data sourced from Experian Automotive.


## COMPARISON OF METRO AREA MARKETS

COMPARE

BEV and PHEV Share in Selected Metro Area Markets - YTD 2024 thru March


Markets are shown from left (highest) to right (lowest) based on combined BEV and PHEV market share. Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

# BRANDS AND MODELS 

## TOP SELLING BRANDS IN 7 PRIMARY SEGMENTS

## Non Luxury Cars

The seven graphs on this page show brand market share in seven key segments during the first three months of 2024 in both the Santa Clara County and U.S. markets. County percent share is depicted by the red bars, U.S. share is light gray. Top ten brands in each segment are ranked from top to bottom based on Santa Clara County share.

Segments were defined based on model classifications instead of overall brand positioning. For instance, Chevrolet appears on the Luxury and Sports cars graph because of the Corvette. Small SUVs consists of both Sub Compact and Compact models.

## Legend for all graphs

Brand share of segment in Santa Clara county during YTD '24

Brand share of segment in U.S. market during YTD '24


Mid and Full Size Non Luxury SUVs


Pickups


Small Non Luxury SUVs


Mid and Full Size Luxury SUVs


## BRANDS AND MODELS

## 道, winners and losers

The graph below shows both the percent and unit change in registrations during the First Quarter of this year versus year earlier. Comparing the percent change in registrations is helpful for establishing the relative change in results, but it can be misleading since it doesn't take into the account the absolute level of registrations. As shown below, Cadillac posted a big percentage improvement in the First Quarter (up $100 \%$, blue bar) but the unit increase was relatively small (up by 60 units). Honda's percentage increase was smaller than Cadillac (up $28.6 \%$ ), but the unit total improved by more than 450 units.

Percent and Unit Change in New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations for Top 25 Selling Brands - YTD ‘ 24 thru Mar. vs. YTD ‘23
Unit change (orange bars)


Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

## TOP SELLING MODELS

| Top 20 Selling Models during YTD '24 thru March - Market Share and \% Change in Registrations vs. YTD '23 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rank | Model | Area Share \% | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% chg. } \\ \text { '23 to '24 } \end{gathered}$ | Rank | Model | Area Share \% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% chg. } \\ & \text { '23 to '24 } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1 | Tesla Model Y | 17.4 | -6.6 | 11 | Lexus NX | 1.3 | 56.0 |
| 2 | Tesla Model 3 | 4.7 | -49.0 | 12 | Mazda CX-5 | 1.3 | 22.6 |
| 3 | Toyota RAV4 | 4.4 | 45.0 | 13 | Rivian R1S | 1.1 | 376.5 |
| 4 | Honda CR-V | 3.0 | 91.2 | 14 | Ford F-Series | 1.1 | -20.4 |
| 5 | Toyota Camry | 2.4 | -2.1 | 15 | Subaru Crosstrek | 1.1 | -10.9 |
| 6 | Honda Civic | 2.2 | 18.5 | 16 | Toyota Prius | 1.1 | 68.4 |
| 7 | Toyota Corolla | 2.2 | 8.6 | 17 | Chevrolet Bolt | 1.1 | -63.1 |
| 8 | Honda Accord | 1.8 | 2.9 | 18 | Volkswagen ID. 4 | 1.0 | -28.2 |
| 9 | Tesla Model X | 1.7 | 14.3 | 19 | Hyundai Ioniq 5 | 1.0 | 128.7 |
| 10 | Lexus RX | 1.4 | 62.8 | 20 | Subaru Outback | 1.0 | -7.1 |

Table on the left presents the top 20 selling models in the county during the first three months of this year. Share of industry registrations and the percent change versus the same period a year earlier is also shown. Models with the five largest percentage increase are shaded blue.

Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

## ALTERNATIVE POWERTRAIN MARKET

| FIVE <br> KEY <br> TRENDS | 1. | BEV share declined from 40.4\% in 1Q '23 to $38.1 \%$ in 1 Q '24. | 2. | BEV registrations increased slightly from 4Q '23 to 1Q '24. | 3. | Franchised dealer share of BEV market was $30.1 \%$ in 1Q '24 vs. 25.2\% a year earlier. | 4. | Hybrid registrations increased 63\% so far this year. Plug ins were up 12\%. | 5. | Hybrid registrations were up more than 20\% for Toyota and Honda. |
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## BEV, PHEV, AND HYBRID MARKET SHARE

Percent Share of Industry Registrations by Powertrain Type


## FRANCHISED DEALERSHIPS AND DIRECT SELLERS

## New Hybrid, BEV, and PHEV Registrations in Santa Clara County by Type of Selling Dealership



Data sourced from Experian Automotive. Hybrid registrations exclude mild hybrids.

| BEV Registrations and Market Share |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | Franchised <br> Dealerships | Direct <br> Sellers |
| YTD '23 thru Mar. | 2,200 | 6524 |
| YTD '24 thru Mar. | 2,452 | 5702 |
| \% change | $11.5 \%$ | $-12.6 \%$ |
| YTD '23 mkt. share \% | 25.2 | 74.8 |
| YTD '24 mkt. share \% | 30.1 | 69.9 |
| change | 4.9 | -4.9 |
| 4Q '23 registrations | 2,330 | 5,427 |
| 1Q '24 registrations | 2,452 | 5,702 |
| \% change | $5.2 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ |
| 4Q '23 registrations | 30.0 | 70.0 |
| 1Q '24 registrations | 30.1 | 69.9 |
| change | 0.1 | -0.1 |

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## ALTERNATIVE POWERTRAIN MARKET

## MAKES AND MODELS



Brand Share of Santa Clara County BEV Market (\%) YTD '24 thru March


## Observations

» Mercedes had the largest \% increase in BEV registrations in the First Quarter of this year versus year earlier (up 191\%).
» BEV registrations declined from 4Q '23 to $1 Q$ ' 24 for six of the top 10 selling brands.
» Tesla share of the BEV market was $64.9 \%$ in 1Q ' 24 .

| Top Five Brands by type of Powertrain |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Registrations for YTD '23 and '24 thru March |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Market Share for Top 15 Selling
BEVs, PHEVs, and Hybrids - YTD '24 thru March
YTD '24

| Rank | Model | Type | Share |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Tesla Model Y | BEV | $30.6 \%$ |
| 2 | Tesla Model 3 | BEV | $8.2 \%$ |
| 3 | Toyota RAV4 | Hybrid | $4.4 \%$ |
| 4 | Honda CR-V | Hybrid | $3.2 \%$ |
| 5 | Tesla Model X | BEV | $3.0 \%$ |
| 6 | Toyota Corolla | Hybrid | $2.1 \%$ |
| 7 | Rivian R1S | BEV | $2.0 \%$ |
| 8 | Honda Accord | Hybrid | $2.0 \%$ |
| 9 | Chevrolet Bolt | BEV | $1.9 \%$ |
| 10 | Volkswagen ID.4 | BEV | $1.8 \%$ |
| 11 | Hyundai loniq 5 | BEV | $1.8 \%$ |
| 12 | BMW i4 | Hybrid | $1.5 \%$ |
| 13 | Toyota Camry | BEV | $1.3 \%$ |
| 14 | BMW iX | PHEV | $1.3 \%$ |
| 15 | Toyota RAV4 |  |  |


| Brand Registrations Report <br> Santa Clara County New Retail Car and Light Truck Registrations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | First Quarter |  |  |  |  |  | Annual Totals |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  |
|  | 1Q '23 | 1Q '24 | \% change | 1Q '23 | 1Q '24 | Change | 2022 | 2023 | \% change | 2022 | 2023 | Change |
| TOTAL | 21,593 | 21,406 | -0.9 |  |  |  | 76,562 | 89,495 | 16.9 |  |  |  |
| Cars | 7,107 | 5,755 | -19.0 | 32.9 | 26.9 | -6.0 | 26,587 | 29,129 | 9.6 | 34.7 | 32.5 | -2.2 |
| Light Trucks | 14,486 | 15,651 | 8.0 | 67.1 | 73.1 | 6.0 | 49,975 | 60,366 | 20.8 | 65.3 | 67.5 | 2.2 |
| Domestic Brands | 9,703 | 8,217 | -15.3 | 44.9 | 38.4 | -6.5 | 29,444 | 37,453 | 27.2 | 38.5 | 41.8 | 3.3 |
| European Brands | 3,239 | 3,478 | 7.4 | 15.0 | 16.2 | 1.2 | 13,340 | 13,401 | 0.5 | 17.4 | 15.0 | -2.4 |
| Japanese Brands | 7,302 | 8,286 | 13.5 | 33.8 | 38.7 | 4.9 | 28,435 | 32,485 | 14.2 | 37.1 | 36.3 | -0.8 |
| Korean Brands | 1,349 | 1,425 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 0.5 | 5,343 | 6,156 | 15.2 | 7.0 | 6.9 | -0.1 |
| Acura | 229 | 205 | -10.5 | 1.1 | 1.0 | -0.1 | 802 | 967 | 20.6 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| Alfa Romeo | 7 | 11 | 57.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 49 | 46 | -6.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Audi | 493 | 462 | -6.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | -0.1 | 1,680 | 2,102 | 25.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0.1 |
| BMW | 967 | 1,088 | 12.5 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 0.6 | 4,016 | 4,008 | -0.2 | 5.2 | 4.5 | -0.7 |
| Buick | 32 | 24 | -25.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 68 | 114 | 67.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Cadillac | 60 | 120 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 277 | 312 | 12.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| Chevrolet | 997 | 625 | -37.3 | 4.6 | 2.9 | -1.7 | 2,700 | 3,188 | 18.1 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 0.1 |
| Chrysler | 72 | 61 | -15.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 231 | 283 | 22.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Dodge | 52 | 69 | 32.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 347 | 282 | -18.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| Ford | 1,291 | 1,058 | -18.0 | 6.0 | 4.9 | -1.1 | 4,520 | 4,701 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 5.3 | -0.6 |
| Genesis | 123 | 66 | -46.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 359 | 392 | 9.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| GMC | 224 | 226 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 758 | 883 | 16.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| Honda | 1,578 | 2,029 | 28.6 | 7.3 | 9.5 | 2.2 | 5,811 | 7,761 | 33.6 | 7.6 | 8.7 | 1.1 |
| Hyundai | 697 | 760 | 9.0 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 2,782 | 3,325 | 19.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 0.1 |
| Infiniti | 46 | 33 | -28.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 133 | 193 | 45.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Jaguar | 9 | 11 | 22.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 56 | 37 | -33.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Jeep | 270 | 223 | -17.4 | 1.3 | 1.0 | -0.3 | 1,212 | 1,046 | -13.7 | 1.6 | 1.2 | -0.4 |
| Kia | 529 | 561 | 6.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 2,202 | 2,402 | 9.1 | 2.9 | 2.7 | -0.2 |
| Land Rover | 87 | 91 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 388 | 351 | -9.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Lexus | 629 | 943 | 49.9 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 2,531 | 3,031 | 19.8 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 0.1 |
| Lincoln | 22 | 30 | 36.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 64 | 114 | 78.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Maserati | 5 | 13 | 160.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 51 | 29 | -43.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Mazda | 522 | 604 | 15.7 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 2,059 | 2,313 | 12.3 | 2.7 | 2.6 | -0.1 |
| Mercedes | 631 | 757 | 20.0 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 3,131 | 2,739 | -12.5 | 4.1 | 3.1 | -1.0 |
| MININ | 67 | 78 | 16.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 361 | 312 | -13.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| Mitsubishi | 37 | 35 | -5.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 83 | 129 | 55.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Nissan | 447 | 320 | -28.4 | 2.1 | 1.5 | -0.6 | 1,490 | 1,812 | 21.6 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| Polestar | 39 | 45 | 15.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 284 | 125 | -56.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Porsche | 261 | 249 | -4.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 906 | 971 | 7.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | -0.1 |
| Ram | 159 | 117 | -26.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 778 | 626 | -19.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | -0.3 |
| Rivian | 153 | 289 | 88.9 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 336 | 944 | 181.0 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| Subaru | 853 | 747 | -12.4 | 4.0 | 3.5 | -0.5 | 3,174 | 3,451 | 8.7 | 4.1 | 3.9 | -0.2 |
| Tesla | 6,319 | 5,294 | -16.2 | 29.3 | 24.7 | -4.6 | 18,039 | 24,630 | 36.5 | 23.6 | 27.5 | 3.9 |
| Toyota | 2,961 | 3,370 | 13.8 | 13.7 | 15.7 | 2.0 | 12,352 | 12,828 | 3.9 | 16.1 | 14.3 | -1.8 |
| Volkswagen | 465 | 438 | -5.8 | 2.2 | 2.0 | -0.2 | 1,503 | 1,774 | 18.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| Volvo | 188 | 204 | 8.5 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 816 | 807 | -1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | -0.2 |
| Other | 72 | 150 | 108.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 213 | 467 | 119.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Data sourced from Experian Automotive. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The table shows new retail light vehicle (car and light truck) registrations in Santa Clara County market. Figures are shown for the 1 st Quarters of ' 23 and ' 24 , and annual totals during 2022 and 2023. The top ten ranked brands in each change category are shaded yellow.

## Summary of San Mateo County New Retail Light Vehicle Market



| Top 20 Selling Models in County: YTD ‘24 | 1 | Tesla Model Y | 6 | Honda Civic | 11 | Rivian R1S | 16 | Volkswagen ID. 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 | Toyota RAV4 | 7 | Toyota Camry | 12 | Lexus NX | 17 | Chevrolet Bolt |
|  | 3 | Tesla Model 3 | 8 | Tesla Model X | 13 | Subaru Crosstrek | 18 | Ford F-Series |
|  | 4 | Honda CR-V | 9 | Honda Accord | 14 | Lexus RX | 19 | Toyota Prius |
|  | 5 | Toyota Corolla | 10 | Honda HR-V | 15 | Hyundai Ioniq 5 | 20 | Honda Pilot |

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[^0]:    As illustrated on the graph, franchised dealerships accounted for $53 \%$ of the combined Hybrid, BEV, and PHEV market. Franchised dealer share of the BEV market increased from $25.2 \%$ in 1Q '23 to $30.1 \%$ in 1Q ' 24.

[^1]:    Data sourced from Experian Automotive.

