# Hawaii Auto Outlook"' 

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## FORECAST

# Tight Supplies Continue to Dictate Pace of State New Vehicle Sales 



## Key factors boosting new vehicle sales

Pent up demand is accumulating. Auto Outlook estimates that 17,400 new vehicle purchases have been postponed since the onset of the pandemic and ensuing vehicle supply shortages. This will provide a boost to sales for an extended period.

The labor market is near full employment. As mentioned on the right, recession might be around the corner and new vehicle affordability has weakened, but the unemployment rate is very low and total employment is increasing. It's extremely rare for the economy to enter a sharp and prolonged downturn when the labor market is as tight as it is now.

Household wealth has increased. Household net worth has reached record highs and consumers have greatly increased their holdings of cash and equivalents. This will help households in weathering any prospective economic downturn.

Impressive array of new products coming out. The bevy of new models being introduced offering alternative powertrains and advanced technology should lure many new vehicle shoppers into the market.

## Key factors holding back new vehicle sales

Lean supplies have placed a ceiling on sales levels. The lingering microchip shortage and pandemic-related supply issues continue to be the primary factor impacting the market. Demand will soften in the coming months, but insufficient production is still the main roadblock holding back sales.

New vehicle affordability has taken a turn for the worse. Tight inventories have pushed vehicle prices upward, rising fuel prices have cut into disposable income, and higher interest rates are boosting monthly payments. Higher wages have helped, but monthly vehicle loan and lease costs as a percent of disposable income have moved higher during the past several months.

Chances of recession have increased. GDP growth declined in the First and Second Quarters of this year and many economists expect a recession as the Fed puts the brakes on the economy to fight inflation. New vehicle sales almost always decline during economic downturns, but lean supplies have already pushed sales to very low levels. It would take a deep recession for sales to decline further.

> Forecast for Hawaii New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations in 2022

Baseline scenario: 55,500 down $4.1 \%$ vs. ' 21
Alternative upside: 57,500 down $0.6 \%$ vs. ' 21

Alternative downside: 52,600 down $9.1 \%$ vs. '21

First Half Results in State Market

Hawaii new retail registrations declined 9.4\% during the first six months of 2022 versus year earlier. Lagged reporting of registrations in early 2021 prevented a steeper decline. COVID-related staffing issues and other factors resulted in a delay in processing during the first several months of last year. As a result, reported registrations in the first half of 2021 were relatively low. Backlogged registrations were incorporated in monthly figures during the summer of 2021. Third Quarter registrations this year could decline by more than $20 \%$ versus elevated year earlier results.


The graph above shows annual new retail light vehicle registrations from 2016 thru 2021 and Auto Outlook's projection for 2022. Historical Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian.

## Market Summary

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { YTD '21 } \\ \text { June } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { YTD '22 } \\ \text { June } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% Chg. } \\ & \text { '21 to '22 } \end{aligned}$ | Mkt. Share YTD '22 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 29,118 | 26,373 | -9.4\% |  |
| Car | 7,068 | 5,730 | -18.9\% | 21.7\% |
| Light Truck | 22,050 | 20,643 | -6.4\% | 78.3\% |
| Domestic | 6,823 | 5,981 | -12.3\% | 22.7\% |
| European | 2,835 | 2,487 | -12.3\% | 9.4\% |
| Japanese | 17,267 | 15,410 | -10.8\% | 58.4\% |
| Korean | 2,193 | 2,495 | 13.8\% | 9.5\% |

Domestics consist of vehicles sold by GM, Ford, Stellantis (excluding Alfa Romeo and FIAT), and Tesla. Note: delayed reporting of registrations in early 2021 impacted the figures shown above Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian.


## MARKET PERFORMANCE DURING PAST TWO YEARS



Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian. SAAR estimates: Auto Outlook.

HAWAII MARKET VS. U.S.
\% Change In New Retail Market YTD '22 thru June vs. YTD ‘21

DOWN 9.4\% DOWN 17.9\%

Source for state registrations: AutoCount data from Experian. U.S. figures estimated by Auto Outlook.

The graph on the left provides an easily recognizable way to gauge the strength of the state 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 state market is strong, 15 million is about average, and below 13 million is weak. Quarterly registrations stayed below 15 million units in the first two quarters of this year.

# Hawaii New Vehicle Market Dashboard 



TRACKING ECONOMIC INDICATORS


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

## TOP TEN RANKINGS IN STATE MARKET

| Market Share for Top Ten Selling Brands in State Market YTD 2022 thru June | Market Share for Top Ten Selling Models in State Market YTD 2022 thru June |
| :---: | :---: |
| - Toyota 27.7\% | Toyota Tacoma 7.2\% |
| Honda 9.8\% | Toyota 4Runner 6.2\% |
| - Nissan 8.3\% | Toyota RAV4 4.1\% |
| - Ford 7.6\% | Toyota Corolla 3.0\% |
| Subaru 6.0\% | Nissan Frontier 2.8\% |
| Kia 5.5\% | Subaru Crosstrek 2.3\% |
| - Lexus 4.5\% | Tesla Model Y 2.1\% |
| - Tesla 4.3\% | Honda Civic 2.1\% |
| - Hyundai 3.7\% | Honda HR-V 2.0\% |
| Chevrolet 3.7\% | Honda CR-V 1.9\% |

## Hawaii New Vehicle Market Dashboard

TRACKING ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLE SALES

## Estimated Quarterly Alternative Powertrain Market Share <br> (includes hybrid and electric vehicles)



The graph above shows estimated hybrid powertrain and electric vehicle market share. Registrations by powertrain for vehicles equipped with multiple engine types were estimated by Auto Outlook. The estimates are based on model registrations compiled by Experian, and engine installation rates collected from other sources.

## CHANGE IN SEGMENT MARKET SHARES

Change in Segment Market Share - YTD 2022 thru June vs. YTD 2021


Segments with largest increases:

Mid Size SUV
Luxury Mid Size SUV
Compact/Mid Size
Pickup

Segments with
largest declines:
Subcompact Car
Full Size Pickup
Compact Car

## REVIEW OF FIRST HALF RESULTS

## January thru June 2022 Registrations Well Below 7 Year Average



## KEY FACTS

Two outliers stand out on the graph: the first half of 2020 (when the pandemic started) and the first half of this year when supply constraints held back sales.

Registrations in the first half of this year exceeded the pandemic lows of 2020 , but declined by $15 \%$ versus the average total from 2016 thru 2019.

Last year's total exceeded 29,000 units, higher than the first half of 2019, despite the lag in reporting that pushed the measured total lower (see page one).

## LUXURY CLOSE UP

Tesla's Dramatic Rise...and Fall???

Tesla Percent Share of State Luxury Market 2017 thru 2021, 2022 thru June


The graph above shows Tesla's percent share of the Hawaii luxury vehicle market from 2017 thru 2021, and the first half of this year. Tesla share increased from just $4.5 \%$ in 2017 to $24.6 \%$ during the first six months of this year. Tesla was second in the state luxury market so far this year, just behind Lexus (25.3\% share). Source: AutoCount data from Experian

## What's ahead for Tesla?

Optimistic: Tesla can continue to make gains


Tesla has a head start in the electric vehicle market. When many consumers think of BEVs, they think of Tesla.

Cybertruck is reportedly being introduced in 2023. The radically styled pickup could provide a boost to Tesla sales

Some believe Tesla has a competitive advantage in battery production and technology.

Pessimistic: Tesla market share has reached its peak
It's gospel in the industry: new product increases sales. Cyclical model redesigns are key for brands to maintain or grow market share. Tesla has never had a significant redesign and based on typical industry standards, some models are getting stale.

Tesla regularly ranks below average in most measures of vehicle quality and dependability. With a steady stream of new BEVs scheduled to hit the market, this could be a competitive disadvantage for Tesla.

Tesla is reportedly incurring significant losses related to the opening of new production facilities. Is this a "one-off" cost that will go away when the plants are up and running? Or does it foretell future profitability challenges?

## BRAND SEGMENT MARKET SHARES

Top Selling Brands in 7 Primary Segments


The seven graphs on this page show brand market share in seven key segments in the first half of 2022 in both the Hawaii and U.S. markets. State 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 Hawaii market 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. Email Auto Outlook (autooutlook@icloud.com) for market share information for Vans and Mini Vans.

## Legend for all graphs

Brand share of segment in state during YTD ‘22


Luxury and Sports Cars


Mid and Full Size Non Luxury SUVs


Small Luxury SUVs


Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian.


Small Non Luxury SUVs


Mid and Full Size Luxury SUVs


## BRAND SCOREBOARD

Ten Brands Had Increases in First Half of 2022

The graph below shows the percent change in new retail light vehicle (combined car and light truck) registrations during the first six months of this year versus a year earlier. Actual figures are shown in the table on page 8. Percent change figures during the first half of this year were somewhat inflated due to a processing delay that impacted the measurement of registrations in the first half of 2021. See page one for more details.
Data source: AutoCount data from Experian.

Percent Change in State New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations (Top 30 brands) - YTD ‘22 thru June vs. YTD ‘21


## COUNTY SCOREBOARD

## All Four County Markets Declined So Far This Year

The table on the right provides a summary of each of Hawaii's four retail light vehicle markets. The table is divided into four sections. Market Summary shows total new retail light vehicle registrations during the first six months of 2021 and 2022 and the percent change. The second and third sections show Light Truck and Domestic Brand market share. The fourth section shows market share figures for the top 10 selling light vehicle brands in the state. The top rated county in each category is shaded.

Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian.

| New Vehlele Markets Summary |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Hawall | Kaual | Maul | Oahu |
| Market Summary |  |  |  |  |
| YTD 2021 thru June | 4261 | 1589 | 3740 | 19528 |
| YTD 2022 thru June | 3841 | 1447 | 3326 | 17759 |
| Percent change | -9.9\% | -8.9\% | -11.1\% | -9.1\% |
| Light Truck Market Share |  |  |  |  |
| YTD 2021 thru June | 81.1\% | 88.8\% | 81.6\% | 72.4\% |
| YTD 2022 thru June | 83.5\% | 87.5\% | 82.9\% | 75.5\% |
| Change (share points) | 2.4 | -1.3 | 1.3 | 3.2 |
| Domestic Brand Market Share |  |  |  |  |
| YTD 2021 thru June | 24.7\% | 26.1\% | 23.2\% | 23.0\% |
| YTD 2022 thru June | 24.3\% | 26.5\% | 24.8\% | 21.6\% |
| Change (share points) | -0.4 | 0.4 | 1.6 | -1.4 |
| Market Share for Top 10 Selling Brands In State - YTD '22 thru June |  |  |  |  |
| Toyota | 26.8\% | 34.0\% | 25.3\% | 27.9\% |
| Honda | 9.0\% | 8.5\% | 11.7\% | 9.7\% |
| Nissan | 9.1\% | 7.9\% | 6.8\% | 8.4\% |
| Ford | 9.6\% | 12.4\% | 8.8\% | 6.5\% |
| Subaru | 11.0\% | 10.6\% | 8.4\% | 4.1\% |
| Kia | 9.2\% | 4.9\% | 5.8\% | 4.7\% |
| Lexus | 0.9\% | 1.2\% | 3.3\% | 5.7\% |
| Tesla | 1.9\% | 2.1\% | 3.5\% | 5.2\% |
| Hyundai | 2.9\% | 3.5\% | 3.3\% | 4.0\% |
| Chevrolet | 5.3\% | 3.5\% | 3.3\% | 3.4\% |


| Brand Reglstrations Report <br> Hawail New Retail Car and Light Truck Registrations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Second Quarter |  |  |  |  |  | YTD thru June |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  |
|  | 2Q '21 | 2Q '22 | \% change | 2Q '21 | 2Q '22 | Change | YTD '21 | YTD '22 | \% change | YTD '21 | YTD '22 | Change |
| TOTAL | 17,117 | 12,747 | -25.5 |  |  |  | 29,118 | 26,373 | -9.4 |  |  |  |
| Cars | 4,083 | 2,680 | -34.4 | 23.9 | 21.0 | -2.9 | 7,068 | 5,730 | -18.9 | 24.3 | 21.7 | -2.6 |
| Light Trucks | 13,034 | 10,067 | -22.8 | 76.1 | 79.0 | 2.9 | 22,050 | 20,643 | -6.4 | 75.7 | 78.3 | 2.6 |
| Domestic Brands | 3,899 | 2,756 | -29.3 | 22.8 | 21.6 | -1.2 | 6,823 | 5,981 | -12.3 | 23.4 | 22.7 | -0.7 |
| European Brands | 1,678 | 1,138 | -32.2 | 9.8 | 8.9 | -0.9 | 2,835 | 2,487 | -12.3 | 9.7 | 9.4 | -0.3 |
| Japanese Brands | 10,148 | 7,504 | -26.1 | 59.3 | 58.9 | -0.4 | 17,267 | 15,410 | -10.8 | 59.3 | 58.4 | -0.9 |
| Korean Brands | 1,392 | 1,349 | -3.1 | 8.1 | 10.6 | 2.5 | 2,193 | 2,495 | 13.8 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 2.0 |
| Acura | 171 | 100 | -41.5 | 1.0 | 0.8 | -0.2 | 304 | 198 | -34.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | -0.2 |
| Audi | 149 | 73 | -51.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 | -0.3 | 261 | 163 | -37.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | -0.3 |
| BMW | 487 | 367 | -24.6 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 810 | 793 | -2.1 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 0.2 |
| Buick | 36 | 17 | -52.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 57 | 23 | -59.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Cadillac | 29 | 24 | -17.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 69 | 65 | -5.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Chevrolet | 671 | 450 | -32.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 | -0.4 | 1,250 | 971 | -22.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | -0.6 |
| CDJR Total | 1,038 | 765 | -26.3 | 6.1 | 6.0 | -0.1 | 1,760 | 1,529 | -13.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 | -0.2 |
| Chrysler | 76 | 29 | -61.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 119 | 56 | -52.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| Dodge | 181 | 72 | -60.2 | 1.1 | 0.6 | -0.5 | 288 | 146 | -49.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | -0.4 |
| Jeep | 532 | 450 | -15.4 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 887 | 910 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 0.5 |
| Ram | 249 | 214 | -14.1 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 466 | 417 | -10.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| Ford | 1,125 | 950 | -15.6 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 0.9 | 1,950 | 1,996 | 2.4 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 0.9 |
| Genesis | 27 | 36 | 33.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 40 | 76 | 90.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| GMC | 144 | 109 | -24.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 292 | 218 | -25.3 | 1.0 | 0.8 | -0.2 |
| Honda | 2,322 | 1,167 | -49.7 | 13.6 | 9.2 | -4.4 | 4,178 | 2,577 | -38.3 | 14.3 | 9.8 | -4.5 |
| Hyundai | 596 | 526 | -11.7 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 966 | 975 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 0.4 |
| Infiniti | 48 | 17 | -64.6 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 93 | 57 | -38.7 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Jaguar | 13 | 4 | -69.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 25 | 11 | -56.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Kia | 769 | 787 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 1.7 | 1,187 | 1,444 | 21.7 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 1.4 |
| Land Rover | 52 | 20 | -61.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 104 | 49 | -52.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| Lexus | 533 | 578 | 8.4 | 3.1 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 864 | 1,178 | 36.3 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 1.5 |
| Lincoln | 18 | 15 | -16.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 37 | 33 | -10.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Maserati | 7 | 7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 9 | 18 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Mazda | 321 | 131 | -59.2 | 1.9 | 1.0 | -0.9 | 572 | 271 | -52.6 | 2.0 | 1.0 | -1.0 |
| Mercedes | 340 | 259 | -23.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 617 | 563 | -8.8 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| MINI | 112 | 64 | -42.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 193 | 166 | -14.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | -0.1 |
| Mitsubishi | 21 | 13 | -38.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 35 | 30 | -14.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Nissan | 1,265 | 876 | -30.8 | 7.4 | 6.9 | -0.5 | 2,175 | 2,190 | 0.7 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 0.8 |
| Other | 10 | 6 | -40.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 23 | 17 | -26.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Porsche | 82 | 76 | -7.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 135 | 155 | 14.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Subaru | 822 | 799 | -2.8 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 1.5 | 1,312 | 1,590 | 21.2 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 1.5 |
| Tesla | 838 | 426 | -49.2 | 4.9 | 3.3 | -1.6" | 1,408"'9 |  | -18.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 | -0.5 |
| Toyota | 4,645 | 3,823 | -17.7 | 27.1 | 30.0 | 2.9 | 7,733 | 7,318 | -5.4 | 26.6 | 27.7 | 1.1 |
| Volkswagen | 352 | 189 | -46.3 | 2.1 | 1.5 | -0.6 | 527 | 419 | -20.5 | 1.8 | 1.6 | -0.2 |
| Volvo | 74 | 73 | -1.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 132 | 134 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Source: AutoCount data from Experian. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The table shows new retail light vehicle (car and light truck) registrations in Hawaii. Figures are shown for the 2nd Quarters of '21 and '22, and year-to-date totals. Registrations in the first half of 2021 were impacted by processing delays. See page one for more information.

