ROUNDING THE CORNER



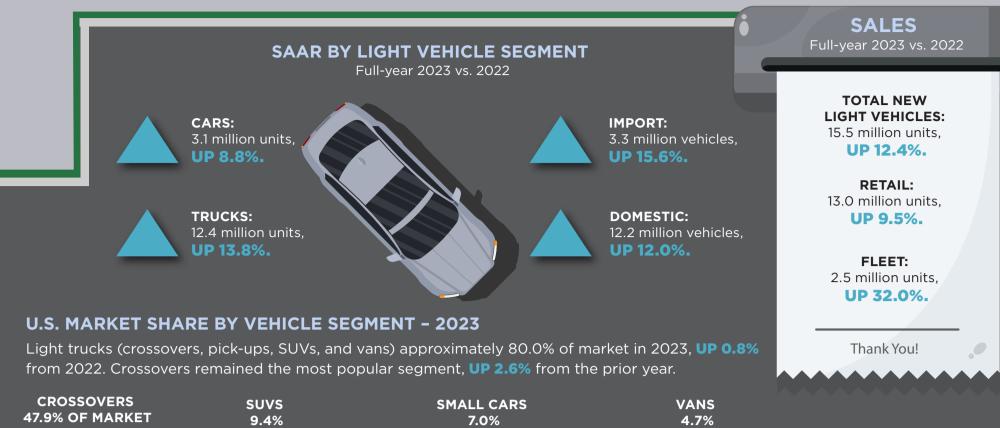


The prior year for the U.S. automotive industry was the start of a return to "normal," as new vehicle sales defied expectations amid improved supply chain conditions, increased production, and exciting new product launches. An uptick in incentives from historical lows and a rebound in fleet deliveries further bolstered industry gains. Nonetheless, new vehicle demand was tempered by rising interest rates and inflationary pressure, as well as production challenges for several automakers amid labor strikes.

BETTER LIGHT THAN NEVER

Sources: National Automobile Dealers Association ["NADA"], Cox Automotive

2023 Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate ("SAAR") in Dec. 2023: 15.8 million units, UP 16.0% vs. Dec. 2022, and UP 3.2% vs. Nov. 2023 SAAR



Source: NADA **PICK-UP TRUCKS MID-SIZE CARS LUXURY CARS LARGE CARS** 17.9% 7.4% 5.1% 0.6%

OEM INCENTIVE SPENDING - DEC. 2023 VS. 2022: Source: J.D. Power CARS: TRUCKS/SUVs: Average of \$2,458 per vehicle Average incentive Average incentive spending of \$1,233 per unit, spending of \$2,645 **UP 90.7%. UP 50.9%. UP 103.6%.** Average interest rate for new vehicle loans: 6.9% in Dec. 2023, UP 46 basis points from Dec. 2022.

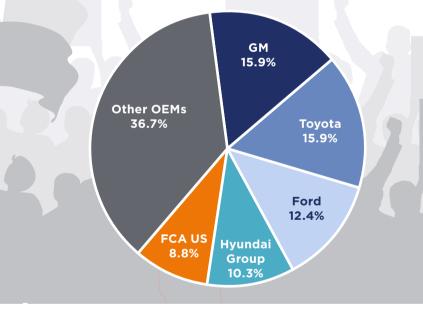
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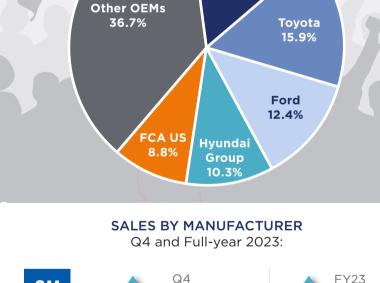
Sources: NADA, Cox Automotive

U.S. PERFORMANCE OF AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS IN Q4 AND FULL-YEAR 2023

Despite operational challenges from the six-week United Auto Workers union strike, General Motors ("GM") maintained its crown as U.S. leader in new vehicle sales in 2023 with affordable truck and SUV offerings, as well as robust fleet sales. However, Toyota narrowed the gap and increased its market share in Q4 2023 due to a strong rebound in production following the global semiconductor shortage.

U.S. MARKET PERFORMANCE OF AUTOMAKERS **IN Q4 AND FULL-YEAR 2023**







GOING "CAR"

Sources: IHS Markit, U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration

AVERAGE VEHICLE AGE AND TRAFFIC VOLUME

Older vehicles on the road prove beneficial to the aftermarket automotive sector, as aging and heavily driven vehicles generally require repairs and replacement parts.



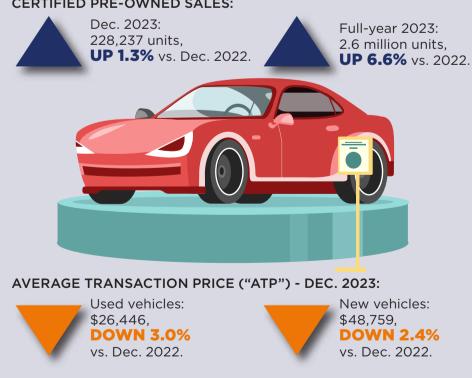
SHIFTING TO NEUTRAL

Sources: Cox Automotive, Kelley Blue Book

USED VEHICLE MARKET

The used vehicle market in the U.S. continued to stabilize in 2023 as new vehicle inventory supply improved. However, the lasting effects of lower new vehicle sales in 2021 and 2022 are expected to still keep used vehicle supply constrained.

CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED SALES:





U.S. ELECTRIC VEHICLE ("EV") MARKET

Charging

Station

The EV market in the U.S. enjoyed notable growth in 2023 due to new product

launches, improved vehicle inventory, increased incentives, and more leasing options. However, growth was still slower than expected, primarily due to the higher cost of EVs versus their internal combustion engine rivals.

Fully Electric 7.2% engine

MARKET SHARE BY POWERTRAIN - 2023

Plug-in Hybrid 1.9% Hybrid 7.6%

EV SALES:

EV sales in the U.S. broke EV records by nearly exceeding 1.2 million units in 2023, **UP 46.8% vs. 2022.**

EVs represented 7.6% of all new vehicle sales in the U.S. in 2023,

share of the EV market, **DOWN from 65% in 2022.**

UP from 5.9% in 2022.

In 2023, Tesla remained the leader in EV sales in the U.S. with a 55%

ATP of new EVs - Dec. 2023: \$53,611, **DOWN 12.8% in Dec. 2022.**

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