

New motor vehicle registrations, second quarter 2021

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Canadians registered 486,592 new motor vehicles in the second quarter, 180,681 (+59.1%) more than in the same quarter in 2020 when public health measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 resulted in the closure of dealerships for the entire month of April. Conversely, registrations fell 15.5% (-89,171 vehicles) compared with the same quarter in 2019.

Registrations were up for all vehicle types in the second quarter compared with the same quarter in 2020. Multi-purpose vehicles (+87.4%) saw the largest increase, followed by passenger cars (+52.8%), vans (+32.8%) and pickup trucks (+17.4%). Multi-purpose vehicles accounted for over half (55.8%) of all new motor vehicles registered in the second quarter, up from 47.4% during the same quarter a year earlier.

Registrations of all fuel types rose in the second quarter, but the increases were less pronounced for vehicles with internal combustion engines. Over four times as many new hybrid electric vehicles (+309.7%) were registered in the second quarter compared with the same quarter a year earlier. More than twice as many new battery-electric vehicles (+165.6%) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (+151.7%) were registered in the second quarter. More new gasoline (+50.1%) and diesel (+55.9%) vehicles were also registered in the second quarter.

Almost 1 in 20 new motor vehicle registrations are zero-emission vehicles

There were 24,006 new zero-emission vehicles registered in the second quarter, representing 4.9% of total registrations. Zero-emission vehicles include full battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, which have the potential to produce no tailpipe emissions.

Nearly half (49.1%) of new zero-emission vehicles were registered in Quebec, and nearly one-quarter (24.0%) were registered in British Columbia. These two provinces offer resident rebates from the purchase of a new zero-emission vehicle in addition to the national Incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles (iZEV) rebate of up to \$5,000.

More zero-emission vehicles were registered in every province in the second quarter year over year. Registrations grew at the fastest pace in Prince Edward Island (+320.0%), New Brunswick (+277.4%), Ontario (+210.7%), Saskatchewan (+185.7%) and Manitoba (+136.9%).

Montréal (6,163) had the most new zero-emission vehicles registered in the second quarter among the census metropolitan areas covered by the survey, followed by Vancouver (3,996) and Toronto (2,810).

Multi-purpose vehicles were the preferred zero-emission vehicle choice for Canadians in the second quarter, accounting for over half (56.3%) of all new zero-emission vehicles registered in the quarter, followed by passenger cars (42.2%) and vans (1.4%).

Note to readers

Estimates for Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Alberta are currently unavailable because of contractual limitations of the existing data sharing agreement. However, they are included in the Canadian total.

This survey looks at registrations of new motor vehicles in the provinces and territories in a given year.

Estimates for British Columbia include the territories.



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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5307](#).

The "[New motor vehicle registrations: Quarterly data visualization tool](#)," a new interactive tool that allows users to compare and analyze new zero-emission motor vehicle registration data by fuel type and geography, is now available online.

Geospatial quarterly data on new zero-emission motor vehicle registrations are now available on the [Canadian Statistical Geospatial Explorer Hub](#), which is part of the series *Statistics Canada – Data Visualization Products* ([71-607-X2020010](#)).

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