

# New motor vehicle registrations, third quarter 2023

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In the third quarter of 2023, Canadians registered 457,836 new vehicles, an increase of 16.1% from the same quarter in 2022 and a decrease of 3.3% from the second quarter of 2023.

Most vehicle types saw an increase in new registrations in the third quarter when compared with one year earlier. New registrations of vans (+65.7%) saw the largest increase in percentage terms, followed by multi-purpose vehicles (+26.7%) and pickup trucks (+5.7%). New registrations of passenger cars decreased 8.3% from the same quarter of 2022, marking the ninth consecutive year-over-year quarterly decrease.

In the third quarter of 2023, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) (+170.1%) had the largest percentage increase among fuel types when compared with one year earlier, followed by hybrid electric vehicles (+81.0%). New registrations of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) (+43.9%) also increased when compared with the same quarter one year earlier. New registrations of gasoline-powered vehicles increased 8.4% from the same quarter of 2022, which represents the third consecutive year-over-year quarterly increase for this fuel type, after six consecutive declines. New registrations of diesel-powered vehicles decreased 9.6% in the third quarter of 2023 compared with one year earlier.

## New zero-emission vehicle registrations surpass 10% of new motor vehicle registrations

In the third quarter, new zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) made up 12.1% of all new motor vehicles registered. This represents an increase from the third quarter of 2022, when ZEVs were 8.7% of all motor vehicle registrations.

BEVs constituted 76.0% of all new ZEV registrations in the third quarter of 2023, while PHEVs made up the remaining 24.0%, marking a shift from the previous year, when BEVs comprised 85.6%, and PHEVs comprised 14.4%.

In the third quarter, the largest yearly percentage growth among ZEV vehicle types was multi-purpose vehicles (+136.7%); of these registrations, 11,659 were PHEVs (+237.3%) and 29,843 were BEVs (+112.0%).

## Over one in five new vehicles registered in Quebec is a zero-emission vehicle

In the third quarter, Canada's three largest provinces accounted for 91.2% of all new ZEV registrations. Quebec comprised 41.3% of all ZEV registrations, followed by Ontario (26.3%) and British Columbia (23.7%).

The highest percentage of ZEVs was registered in British Columbia (23.2%), followed by Quebec (20.2%) and Ontario (8.2%).

More new ZEVs were registered in all provinces in the third quarter of 2023 compared with one year earlier. New ZEV registrations increased in Prince Edward Island (+115.1%), New Brunswick (+109.5%), Quebec (+88.1%), Manitoba (+81.8%), Saskatchewan (+72.4%), British Columbia (+58.8%) and Ontario (+32.6%).

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**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.*

**Available tables:** [20-10-0024-01](#) and [20-10-0025-01](#).

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

The "[New motor vehicle registrations: Quarterly data visualization tool](#)," an 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.

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