

This week Ireland’s Classic Hits Radio is looking at Electric Vehicles.

**Did you know….**

* There were an estimated 34,000 Electric cars registered in Ireland (not including hybrids) as of January 2023.
* 15,678 electric cars were registered in 2022 (about 15% of all new car registrations - 105,253)
* This is an **86% increase**on the 8,646 electric cars that were registered in 2021
(Figures do not include hybrids)
* Growth of electric car sales continues in 2023. For the month of April 2023 1,870 new electric vehicles were registered compared to 1,280 in April 2022 (+46.1%).
* So far this year 11,164 new electric cars have been registered in comparison to 7,515 (+48.6%) on the same period 2022.

**Advantages of Electric Vehicles**

1. **Cheaper**Even in our current energy crisis, charging an electric vehicle is cheaper than having to refuel.
2. **Energy Efficient**Convert more energy to powering a car (around 60% versus 20% for petrol).
3. **React Very Quickly**They are quick to respond to your manoeuvres and they are faster to speed up.
4. **Easier To Refuel**All you have to do is plug it in at home so no more late-night trips to the petrol station.
5. **Very Quiet**They can reduce noise pollution in urban areas.
6. **Greener**You can reduce [carbon emissions](https://selectra.ie/energy/guides/environment/carbon-footprint-offset) and they generally have a much better impact on the environment.

