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## **ABSTRACT**

This project presents a comprehensive analysis of electric vehicle (EV) data using an interactive Tableau dashboard. The primary objective is to offer insightful visualizations that support decision-making in the growing EV sector. The dashboard is built upon key metrics extracted from a dataset of over 150,000 registered EVs across the United States. It provides a high-level overview of total vehicles, average electric range (67.83 miles), and the breakdown between BEVs (Battery Electric Vehicles – 77.6%) and PHEVs (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles – 22.4%).

Interactive filters allow users to refine views based on CAFV (Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicle) eligibility, EV type, model, and state. A dynamic line graph illustrates EV growth by model year, highlighting a sharp increase in adoption from 2018 to 2023. The geographical distribution map indicates state-wise totals, with California leading by a significant margin (150,082 vehicles). The dashboard also emphasizes brand contribution, where Tesla dominates with over 68,000 vehicles, accounting for more than 52% of the total. Additional insights include the top 10 models by registration volume and their respective manufacturers and fuel types.

The CAFV eligibility donut chart gives a clear view of the compliance status, showing that 41.8% of vehicles are eligible. This analysis is valuable for policymakers, environmental researchers, EV manufacturers, and consumers aiming to understand adoption patterns, market leaders, and the impact of clean energy initiatives. By integrating various visual elements, this dashboard simplifies complex datasets, making electric vehicle trends both accessible and actionable.

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## **Introduction**

The rapid advancement of electric vehicle (EV) technology and the global shift toward sustainable transportation have led to a significant increase in the adoption of EVs across various regions. With governments introducing stricter emission regulations and offering incentives for clean energy vehicles, the electric vehicle market has become a focal point of innovation and environmental policy. Understanding the trends, usage patterns, and distribution of EVs is essential for stakeholders such as policymakers, manufacturers, researchers, and consumers.

This project aims to visualize and analyze electric vehicle population data through an interactive Tableau dashboard. By leveraging data visualization techniques, the project transforms raw data into meaningful insights about total EV registrations, model-wise and make-wise distributions, electric driving range, and state-wise adoption levels. The dashboard provides dynamic filters for exploring subsets of data based on vehicle eligibility, type, model, and geographic location.

With a dataset containing over 150,000 EV entries, the analysis identifies leading manufacturers like Tesla, popular EV models, and the rise of EV adoption over the years. It also categorizes vehicles by their Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicle (CAFV) eligibility status and showcases electric range averages, which are crucial for evaluating the practicality of EVs for everyday use.

The ultimate goal of this project is to present a clear and comprehensive view of the electric vehicle landscape in the United States, enabling users to draw informed conclusions and support future decisions related to EV infrastructure, production, and policy development.

## **Literature Survey**

The increasing adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) has attracted significant academic attention, particularly in areas such as user behavior, market dynamics, infrastructure readiness, and policy influence. Several recent studies provide a strong theoretical foundation for the design and insights presented in this Tableau-based Electric Vehicle Data Analysis project.

The papers titled "Consumer Adoption of Electric Vehicles: A Systematic Literature Review" (2022) examines the key factors that influence EV adoption, such as vehicle cost, driving range, charging infrastructure, and government incentives. It emphasizes a consistent gap between consumer intention and actual behavior due to inadequate real-world data and practical limitations—an issue addressed in the dashboard through metrics like average electric range and CAFV eligibility status.[1] "A Comprehensive Survey on Electric Vehicle Market Growth and Adoption Factors" (2024), the authors explore adoption trends across urban environments and highlight the importance of non-financial incentives, such as special parking and access to bus lanes. They also find that popular vehicle models and strong brand presence, especially from companies like Tesla, significantly shape consumer choices. This supports the dashboard's breakdown of the top 10 EV makes and models, offering a data-driven perspective on brand influence.[2]"Integration of Electric Vehicles into Smart Grids: A Systematic Review" (2022) discusses the bidirectional role of EVs in energy systems, particularly through vehicle-to-grid (V2G) technologies. While grid interaction isn't directly shown in the dashboard, the data on EV growth by model year and state-level distribution lays the groundwork for evaluating future grid impacts.[3]"Modeling Network Effects in EV Adoption Using a Two-Sided Market Framework" (2024), the authors introduce a model showing that EV adoption is heavily influenced by the availability of public charging stations. They demonstrate that a small increase in infrastructure leads to a proportional boost in EV sales. This concept supports the dashboard's geographic visualizations, which can be used to align vehicle distribution with infrastructure planning.[4]"The Impact of Range Anxiety on BEV and PHEV Purchase Decisions" (2023) explores consumer hesitancy around battery limitations. It finds that users tend to prefer Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) over Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) when uncertain about range availability. This behavior is clearly reflected in the dashboard's BEV vs. PHEV percentage distribution, highlighting how range concerns translate into actual purchase patterns[5].

## **Methodology**

The methodology adopted for this project follows a systematic and data-driven approach to analyze electric vehicle (EV) population data and build an interactive visualization dashboard using Tableau. The process consists of four major phases: Data Collection, Data Preprocessing, Dashboard Design and Visualization, and Analysis & Interpretation.

#### 1. Data Collection

The project is based on a real-world dataset titled "Electric Vehicle Population Data", which contains comprehensive records of EV registrations across the United States. The dataset was obtained from a government open data repository and includes more than 150,000 rows of data. The attributes collected in the dataset include:

- Vehicle Make and Model: Identifies the brand and specific EV model (e.g., Tesla Model 3, Nissan Leaf).
- Electric Vehicle Type: Specifies whether the vehicle is a Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) or a Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV).
- Model Year: The year the vehicle was manufactured or registered.
- **State**: The U.S. state where the vehicle is registered.
- Electric Range: The distance the vehicle can travel on a full charge, measured in miles.
- **CAFV Eligibility**: Indicates whether the vehicle qualifies as a Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicle, often linked with environmental incentives and compliance regulations.

The dataset serves as the foundation for extracting meaningful insights into EV distribution, growth trends, and technology adoption.

## 2. Data Preprocessing

Before visualization, the raw dataset was cleaned and prepared using Microsoft Excel and Tableau's built-in tools. The preprocessing steps included:

- Removal of Null or Redundant Values: Empty cells and duplicate records were removed to ensure accuracy.
- Standardization of Categorical Data: Categories such as "BEV" and "PHEV" were standardized to maintain consistency.

• Conversion of Data Types: Numerical columns like "Model Year" and "Electric Range" were converted to integer or float formats to enable calculations and filtering.

## • Creation of Calculated Fields:

- 1. A new field was generated to calculate the percentage distribution of BEVs and PHEVs.
- 2. A measure for the average electric range was also created.
- 3. Another field was introduced to count vehicles by CAFV eligibility.
- **Filtering Irrelevant Data**: Vehicles with incomplete data (e.g., missing range or unclassified type) were excluded from the main visualizations.

This step ensured that the data was clean, structured, and ready for analysis.

## 3. Visualization and Dashboard Design (in Tableau)

After data preparation, the dataset was imported into Tableau Desktop for interactive dashboard creation. The following visual components were designed to convey EV insights clearly and interactively:

#### KPI Cards:

- ➤ Show Total Number of EVs registered.
- ➤ Display the Average Electric Range (found to be 67.83 miles).
- ➤ Highlight the Distribution of EV Types (BEV: 77.6%, PHEV: 22.4%).

## • Line Graph (Time-Series Analysis):

- > Displays the trend of EV adoption over the years based on the model year.
- ➤ Helps identify growth surges, especially post-2018.

## • State-wise Geographic Map:

- Represents the number of EVs registered in each U.S. state.
- ➤ Shows clear dominance by California, with over 150,000 vehicles.

## • Horizontal Bar Charts:

- ➤ Top 10 Manufacturers by number of registered vehicles (e.g., Tesla, Chevrolet, Nissan).
- Top 10 EV Models by popularity (e.g., Tesla Model 3, Nissan Leaf).

#### • Donut Chart:

➤ Visualizes CAFV Eligibility Status, with 41.8% of vehicles marked as eligible under clean fuel standards.

## • Interactive Filters:

- ➤ Allow users to dynamically filter data based on:
  - State
  - Vehicle Type (BEV/PHEV)
  - Make or Brand
  - CAFV Status

These visualizations are designed with user experience in mind—clean layouts, contrasting color palettes, and tooltips to enhance interactivity.

## 4. Analysis and Interpretation

Using the Tableau dashboard, the following key insights were derived:

- **Tesla's Dominance**: Tesla accounts for over 68,000 EVs, representing more than 52% of the market in this dataset.
- **State-wise Leadership**: California leads by a wide margin, indicating both strong consumer adoption and supportive EV infrastructure.
- Vehicle Type Trends: BEVs are significantly more prevalent than PHEVs, pointing toward a market preference for fully electric mobility solutions.
- **Electric Range Insights**: The average range of 67.83 miles suggests a mix of older and newer models, with newer vehicles typically offering longer ranges.
- **CAFV Compliance**: While 41.8% of EVs qualify as CAFVs, a large percentage remains non-eligible, indicating room for policy refinement or fleet upgrades.

These insights can guide manufacturers, government agencies, environmental researchers, and consumers in making informed decisions about EV deployment, marketing, infrastructure planning, and policy development.

## **Implementation**

The implementation of this project was carried out in several systematic stages to ensure the successful transformation of raw electric vehicle data into a fully functional, interactive dashboard using Tableau Desktop. Each step was carefully executed to meet the objectives of data clarity, user interactivity, and insight generation. Below is a detailed account of the implementation process:

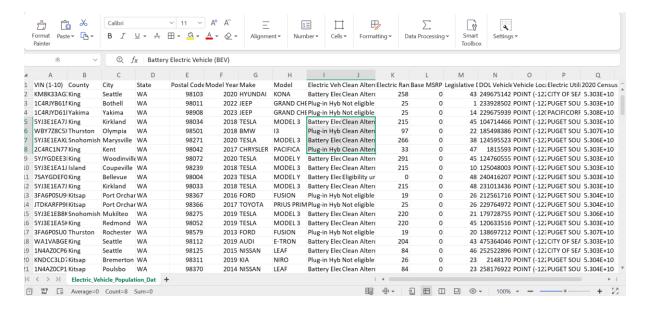
## 1. Setting Up the Environment

- Software Used:
  - **Tableau Desktop**: For building interactive dashboards.
  - ❖ Microsoft Excel: For initial data cleaning and formatting.
- Hardware Requirements:
  - ❖ A Windows-based desktop system with a minimum of 8GB RAM to handle large datasets efficiently.
- Dataset:
  - ❖ A CSV file named Electric\_Vehicle\_Population\_Data.csv containing more than 150,000 rows of EV registration data across the U.S.

## 2. Data Cleaning and Preparation

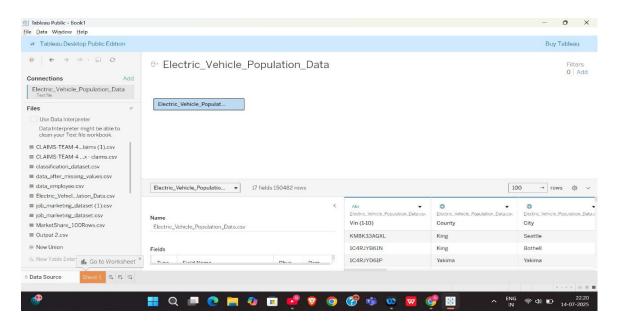
- Opened the dataset in Excel to inspect raw data.
- Removed null values, duplicates, and irrelevant columns (like VIN numbers or redundant identifiers).
- Verified and formatted key columns:
  - Converted Model Year to integer.
  - Converted Electric Range to numeric for calculation.

- Standardized EV Type values to BEV and PHEV.
- ❖ Re-labeled CAFV Eligibility into binary values: "Eligible" or "Not Eligible".
- Saved the cleaned dataset as EV Cleaned.xlsx.



## 3. Importing Data into Tableau

- Opened Tableau Desktop and connected to the cleaned Excel file.
- Ensured correct data types were recognized for each column.
- Created calculated fields, such as:
  - Total Count of Vehicles
  - ❖ Average Electric Range
  - ❖ BEV and PHEV Percentage
  - CAFV Eligibility Ratio
- Applied filters for:
  - State
  - ❖ Vehicle Type (BEV/PHEV)
  - CAFV Status
  - Make and Model



## 4. Dashboard Development in Tableau

Multiple charts and maps were created using Tableau's drag-and-drop interface:

#### • KPI Indicators:

- ❖ Total Registered EVs
- ❖ Average Electric Range (e.g., 67.83 miles)
- ❖ BEV vs. PHEV Proportion (e.g., 77.6% BEV)

## • Time-Series Line Chart:

- ❖ Showed growth in EV registrations by Model Year.
- Revealed sharp increases between 2018 and 2023.

## • Geographic Heat Map:

- ❖ U.S. state-wise EV registration count using a filled map.
- ❖ California highlighted as the leader with over 150,000 vehicles.

## • Horizontal Bar Charts:

- ❖ Top 10 Makes (e.g., Tesla, Nissan, Chevrolet).
- ❖ Top 10 Models (e.g., Tesla Model 3, Nissan Leaf).

## • Donut Chart:

❖ Displayed percentage of CAFV Eligible vs. Not Eligible vehicles.

## • Interactive Filters and Drop-downs:

- ❖ Enabled users to explore data by filtering on state, vehicle type, make, model, and CAFV status.
- ❖ Enhanced user experience by allowing dynamic changes across all charts.

## 5. Dashboard Customization and Formatting

- Used a consistent color palette: Blue for BEV, Green for PHEV, Gray for Not Eligible CAFV.
- Added tooltips to every visualization to display detailed data upon hover.
- Applied title headers, axis labels, and annotations to highlight key findings.
- Arranged all charts on a single scrollable dashboard for clean navigation.
- Ensured responsiveness and readability by testing layout on different screen sizes.

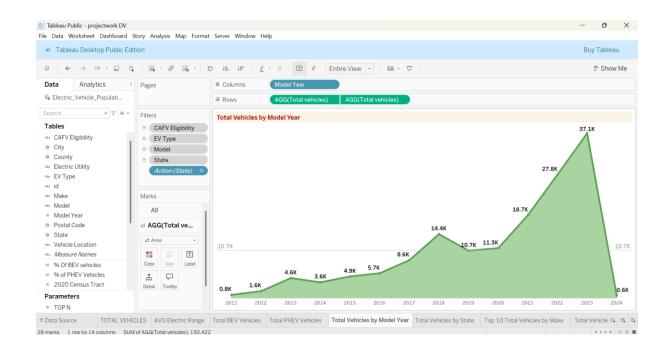
## Result

## 1. Total Vehicles by Model Year (From 2011 Onwards)

Visualization: Line/Area Chart

**Description:** This chart highlights the growth of electric vehicle registrations from 2010 to the most recent year in the dataset.

- The number of EVs remained relatively low between 2011 and 2015, with slow but steady growth.
- A sharp increase was observed starting in 2018, indicating the beginning of mainstream adoption.
- The growth continued upward through 2022 and 2023, showing the effects of improved technology, reduced battery costs, and supportive government policies.
- This trend suggests a significant shift in public perception and trust toward electric mobility in recent years.

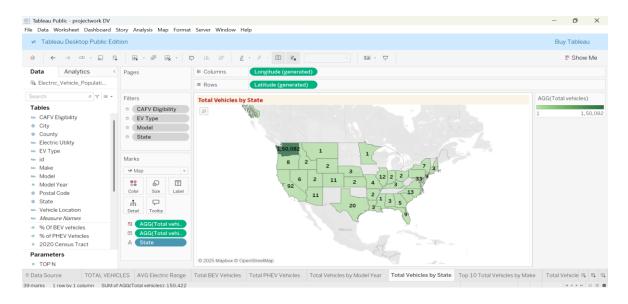


## 2. Total Vehicles by State

Visualization: Map Chart

**Description:** This chart visualizes the geographical distribution of EVs across U.S. states.

- California clearly leads the nation with over 150,000 electric vehicles, far surpassing all other states.
- Other states like Washington, Texas, and New York also show notable adoption but at much lower levels.
- States with low registration counts may reflect underdeveloped infrastructure or less favorable policy environments.
- The map highlights regional concentration of EV adoption in the West Coast and urbanized regions, offering insights for targeted policy interventions.

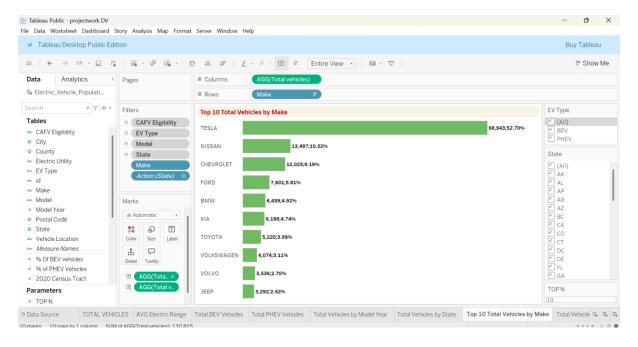


## 3. Top 10 Total Vehicles by Make

Visualization: Bar Chart

**Description:** This chart displays the manufacturers with the highest number of EVs on the road.

- Tesla dominates the chart with over 68,000 vehicles, accounting for more than 50% of total EV registrations.
- Other major contributors include:
  - Nissan (e.g., Leaf)
  - Chevrolet (e.g., Volt, Bolt)
  - Ford, BMW, and Toyota
- The dominance of Tesla demonstrates the brand's strong consumer trust, performance reputation, and early entry into the market.

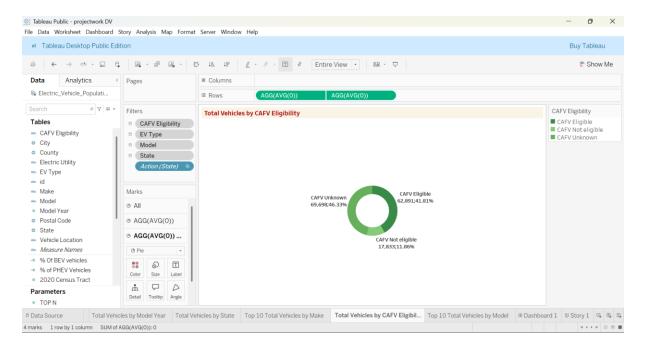


## 4. Total Vehicles by CAFV Eligibility

Visualization: Donut Chart

**Description:** This chart shows the split between vehicles that are eligible and not eligible for Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicle incentives.

- Approximately 41.8% of the electric vehicles are CAFV Eligible.
- The remaining 58.2% do not qualify, possibly due to:
  - Lower-range models
  - Older registrations before CAFV policies
  - Non-compliant vehicle technologies
- This proportion provides a strong indicator of how clean fuel policies are influencing or limiting EV adoption.

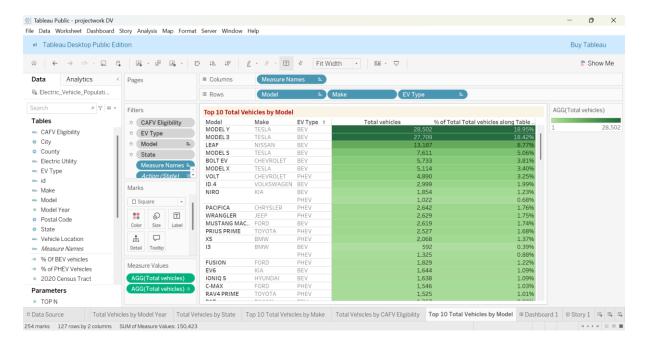


## 5. Top 10 Total Vehicles by Model

Visualization: Tree Map

**Description:** This visualization ranks the most popular EV models based on total registrations.

- The Tesla Model 3 is the most registered electric vehicle, reflecting its popularity for affordability and performance.
- Other top models include:
  - Nissan Leaf
  - Chevrolet Volt
  - Tesla Model S
  - Chevrolet Bolt
- The tree map visually confirms consumer preference for mid-range BEVs with competitive range, safety, and cost factors.
- The dominance of just a few models shows how a limited range of successful vehicles shapes the entire EV market.



#### **Dashboard:**

The Electric Vehicle Dashboard is an interactive and visually rich tool designed in Tableau to analyze the adoption patterns of electric vehicles across the United States. It provides key insights through dynamic visualizations such as line charts, maps, bar graphs, pie charts, and treemaps. Users can explore EV distribution by model year, state, manufacturer, model, and CAFV eligibility. With built-in filters and real-time updates, the dashboard enables policymakers, researchers, and consumers to make informed decisions based on data-driven trends and market behavior.



## **Discussion**

The analysis of electric vehicle (EV) population data through an interactive Tableau dashboard has yielded meaningful insights into the evolving landscape of EV adoption in the United States. The visualizations clearly demonstrate a strong upward trend in EV registrations from 2018 onward, suggesting growing consumer confidence, technological advancements, and increased availability of electric models. This period aligns with heightened environmental awareness, improved vehicle performance, and enhanced policy support such as tax incentives and clean fuel standards.

The geographic analysis highlights a stark disparity in adoption across states. California's dominance in EV registrations is not coincidental—it reflects the state's robust charging infrastructure, aggressive clean energy policies, and early consumer outreach. In contrast, several states show minimal adoption, signaling a potential need for targeted infrastructure development and policy incentives to encourage EV usage outside of already progressive regions.

From a market perspective, the data reveals a highly concentrated industry. Tesla stands out as the market leader, both in terms of make and model popularity. This suggests that early investment in technology, design, and branding can significantly influence consumer behavior. The prevalence of models like the Tesla Model 3, Nissan Leaf, and Chevrolet Volt confirms that consumers value a balance of range, affordability, and reliability.

Another critical observation is the relatively low percentage (41.8%) of vehicles that qualify for Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicle (CAFV) incentives. This gap could be attributed to legacy models or lack of awareness about compliance. Addressing this issue through better education or broader eligibility criteria may further accelerate EV adoption.

The dashboard not only brings clarity to historical and current trends but also acts as a decision-making support tool. It provides a user-friendly interface for stakeholders to explore data across different dimensions—year, state, manufacturer, model, and eligibility. However, there is still room for enhancement. Future versions could incorporate charging infrastructure data, cost analysis, carbon emissions reduction, and vehicle resale trends to provide a more holistic understanding of the EV ecosystem.

## **Conclusion**

The Electric Vehicle Data Analysis project successfully demonstrates how powerful insights can be extracted from raw registration data using interactive visualizations in Tableau. By focusing on key factors such as model year, geographic distribution, manufacturer dominance, CAFV eligibility, and model popularity, the dashboard provides a clear, comprehensive view of the current state and growth of electric vehicle adoption in the United States.

The analysis reveals that electric vehicle registrations have seen substantial growth since 2018, with Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) leading the market. Tesla has emerged as the most dominant manufacturer, both in terms of brand and model popularity, showcasing the impact of innovation and brand reputation in the EV market. California's overwhelming lead in EV registrations reflects the success of strong environmental policies and infrastructure investment, offering a benchmark for other regions.

Furthermore, the relatively low percentage of vehicles eligible for Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicle (CAFV) incentives points to a potential policy gap or lack of compliance in older models. This highlights the importance of continued policy support and consumer education to accelerate clean vehicle adoption.

The dashboard serves not only as an analytical tool but also as a strategic resource for policymakers, manufacturers, and researchers. It allows for real-time filtering, easy navigation, and a user-friendly presentation of complex data, making it a valuable asset for data-driven decision-making in the transition to sustainable transportation.

In conclusion, this project emphasizes the role of data visualization in understanding market trends, identifying adoption challenges, and supporting the nationwide shift toward cleaner, more sustainable electric mobility.

## **Community Impact**

The Electric Vehicle Data Analysis project has the potential to make a significant positive impact on the community by promoting awareness, supporting policy decisions, and encouraging the transition to cleaner transportation. The dashboard serves as a powerful tool not just for researchers and policymakers, but also for local communities striving for sustainability.

#### 1. Promotes Environmental Awareness

By visualizing the rise in electric vehicle adoption and the role of clean alternative fuel vehicles, the project educates the public on how EVs contribute to reducing air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and fossil fuel dependency.

## 2. Supports Informed Policy Making

Local governments and environmental agencies can use the insights from this dashboard to allocate resources effectively—whether in expanding charging infrastructure, revising incentive programs, or launching community outreach campaigns in low-adoption areas.

## 3. Encourages Equitable Infrastructure Development

The dashboard identifies states and regions with low EV adoption, which can help highlight underserved communities. This can lead to more inclusive and equitable access to clean mobility solutions.

## 4. Empowers Consumers

By showcasing top-performing models, brands, and range statistics, the dashboard empowers potential EV buyers with data to make informed, sustainable purchasing decisions.

## 5. Drives Educational Engagement

The project can be used in schools, colleges, and community organizations to teach students and citizens about sustainability, technology adoption, and the power of data visualization in driving social change.

## **Creativity and Innovation**

The Electric Vehicle Data Analysis project showcases creativity and innovation through its thoughtful design, interactive features, and data-driven storytelling. It goes beyond traditional static reports by transforming complex datasets into an intuitive, user-friendly dashboard that offers actionable insights for a wide range of users.

## 1. Interactive and Dynamic Dashboard Design

Unlike static charts, the dashboard allows users to explore data through interactive filters such as vehicle type, state, model, and CAFV eligibility. This interactivity makes the experience more personalized and insightful, enabling users to focus on specific interests or regions.

## 2. Multidimensional Visualization Techniques

The use of diverse visualization formats—line charts for temporal trends, geographic maps for spatial distribution, bar charts for brand dominance, pie charts for policy impact, and treemaps for model popularity—demonstrates innovative thinking in presenting different perspectives from the same dataset.

## 3. User-Centric Approach

The dashboard is designed with simplicity and clarity in mind, allowing users with no technical background to navigate and interpret data effortlessly. This democratizes data access and empowers a broader audience to engage with sustainable mobility insights.

## 4. Data-Driven Storytelling

By combining data visuals with contextual insights, the project tells a compelling story of how electric vehicles are growing, which models are most trusted, where adoption is thriving, and how policies are shaping this growth—making the data meaningful and memorable.

#### 5. Scalability and Future Integration

The structure of the dashboard is modular and can be easily expanded to include future metrics such as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions saved, number of public charging stations, battery life trends, or cost-per-mile comparisons—demonstrating foresight and innovation in long-term applicability.

## Recommendations

Based on the insights derived from the electric vehicle data and dashboard analysis, several key recommendations can be made to improve policy-making, infrastructure planning, user awareness, and future development of this project:

#### 1. Expand Charging Infrastructure in Low-Adoption Areas

States with low electric vehicle registrations should be targeted for charging infrastructure expansion. Government bodies can use the dashboard to identify underserved regions and prioritize public-private investment to reduce range anxiety and encourage adoption.

#### 2. Increase Awareness About CAFV Incentives

With only 41.8% of vehicles qualifying under Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicle (CAFV) incentives, public education campaigns are recommended to help consumers better understand eligibility benefits and how to choose compliant EV models.

## 3. Promote Model Diversity and Affordability

Manufacturers and policymakers should work together to promote a broader range of affordable EV models. The dashboard highlights that a few models dominate the market; increasing competition and choice may boost overall adoption.

## 4. Integrate Charging Station Data

For future iterations of this project, include data on the number, type, and location of public charging stations. This would allow for correlation analysis between infrastructure presence and EV density by state.

## 5. Encourage EV Adoption Through Localized Incentives

Introduce or enhance state-specific subsidies, parking benefits, or road privileges based on the data showing regional adoption gaps. Tailored policies can help balance EV usage across the country.

## 6. Upgrade Dashboard with Real-Time Data Feeds

To keep the analysis relevant over time, consider integrating live or frequently updated data sources. This would enable ongoing monitoring of adoption trends and more responsive decision-making.

## 7. Incorporate Environmental Impact Metrics

In future versions, include metrics such as estimated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions saved or fuel cost comparisons. These can provide stronger justification for EV use and highlight broader environmental benefits.

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