

Delivery drone fleets are growing, but don't expect them to replace humans anytime soon

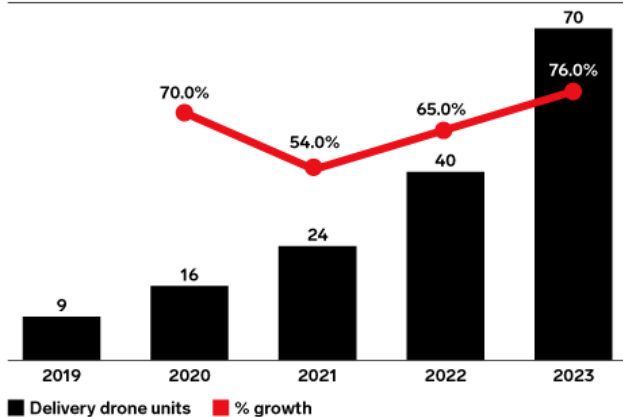
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The US will have **24,000** delivery drone units by the end of this year, up **54.0%** from 2020. Their ranks will continue to grow through 2023, when they will hit **70,000**. Even so, the number of these commercial drones will remain quite small compared with the hundreds of thousands of delivery people in the US, at least for the next couple of years.

US Delivery Drone Units, 2019-2023

thousands and % growth



Note: the number of commercial unmanned aircraft systems (UASs) registered with the Federal Aviation Administration that deliver purchased products or goods directly to a consumer

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