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## Kraken at \$1.2B

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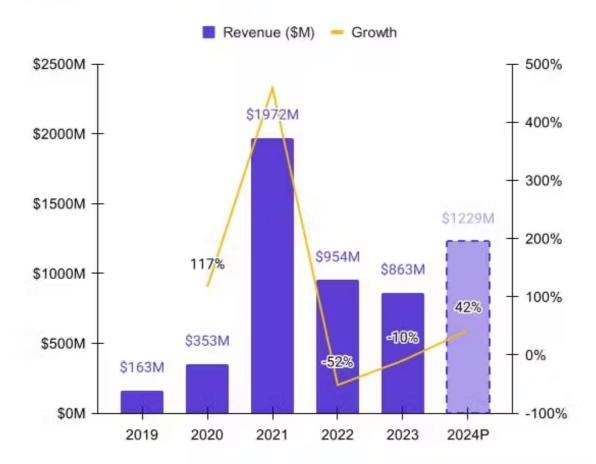
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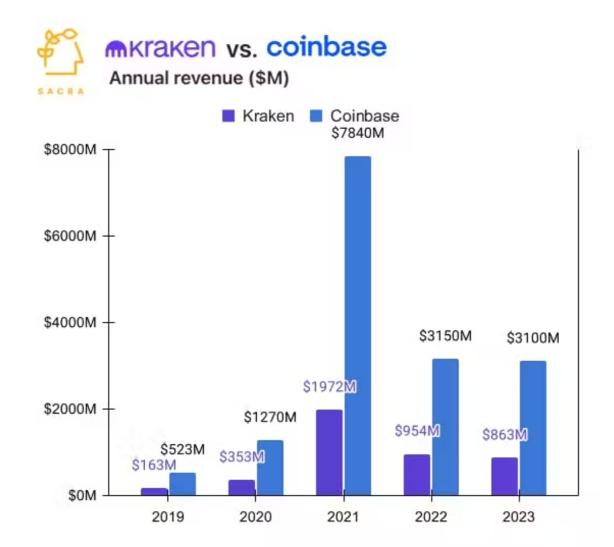
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TL;DR: Sacra projects that <u>Kraken</u> is on track to hit revenue of \$1.2B for 2024, up 42%. As the clear #2 trusted crypto exchange behind Coinbase, Kraken is indexed on the upside of Bitcoin's transaction volume re-accelerating. For more, check out our <u>full report</u> and <u>dataset</u> on Kraken.









Key points via Sacra AI:

- Kraken (2011) launched its crypto exchange in 2013, finding product-market fit as the only place to buy and sell Bitcoin with euros—revenue grew from about \$160M in 2017 to \$2B in 2021 as total Bitcoin trading volume rose from \$53B to \$625B. Kraken's business model is highly coupled with transaction volume—about 90% of revenue comes from fees assessed on each trade, which range from .06% of transaction volume for high-volume traders to .25% for consumer trades to 1.5% for altcoins and other crypto assets
- After crypto peaked in November 2021, exchanges saw sharp multi-year declines in revenue, with trading volume plummeting—after peaking at \$2B, Kraken's revenue fell to \$954M in 2022 and \$863M in 2023. Compare to Coinbase (NASDAQ: COIN) which peaked at \$7.8B in 2021, then fell to \$3.15B in 2022 and flattened out to \$3.1B in 2023.
- Sacra projects that <u>Kraken</u> is on track to generate \$1.2B in revenue in 2024, up 42%, as transaction volume reaccelerates to \$343B (up 55%)—as the only major US exchange to never be hacked, Kraken is the clear #2 trusted exchange behind Coinbase. As a safe, "boring", US-



based exchange, Kraken is counter-positioned against Binance's jurisdiction-hopping and use of exchange tokens and against FTX's borrowing against customer funds.

For more, check out this other research from our platform:

- Kraken (dataset)
- Chainalysis
- <u>David Ripley, COO of Kraken, on the future of cryptocurrency exchanges</u>
- <u>Auston Bunsen, Co-Founder of QuickNode, on the infrastructure of multi-chain</u>
- Q&A with Raihan Anwar and Colby Holliday from Friends with Benefits
- Farooq Malik and Charles Naut, co-founders of Rain, on stablecoin-backed credit cards