## COVID-19 Pandemic Puts the Brakes on State New Vehicle Market

California Annual New Light Vehicle Registrations-2008 thru 2020



Historical Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian. $\quad * 2020$ forecast by Auto Outlook.

California Total New Light Vehicle Registrations - 2019 and 2020 Forecast

|  | Annual Totals |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2019 | 2020 Forecast | Change |
| Registrations |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 2,093,173 | 1,540,000 | -26.4\% |
| Car | 869,744 | 581,810 | -33.1\% |
| Light Truck | 1,223,429 | 958,190 | -21.7\% |
| Domestic | 656,882 | 491,519 | -25.2\% |
| European | 324,704 | 236,505 | -27.2\% |
| Japanese | 962,592 | 694,680 | -27.8\% |
| Korean | 148,995 | 117,296 | -21.3\% |
| Market Share |  |  |  |
| Car | 41.6 | 37.8 | -3.8 |
| Light Truck | 58.4 | 62.2 | 3.8 |
| Domestic | 31.4 | 31.9 | 0.5 |
| European | 15.5 | 15.4 | -0.1 |
| Japanese | 46.0 | 45.1 | -0.9 |
| Korean | 7.1 | 7.6 | 0.5 |

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Segment Market Shares in State: YTD 2019 and 2020, thru March




The California new vehicle market got off to a good start in the first two months of this year, and then the bottom fell out when the COVID-19 crisis took hold in March. Reported new vehicle registrations in the state declined by less than 10 percent from a year earlier, but the reporting of registrations lags actual sales at dealerships. Auto Outlook estimates that the state new vehicle market fell by 24 percent during the first four months of 2020 versus a year earlier.

New light vehicle registrations this year are predicted to fall to $1,540,000$ units, a 26\% decline from 2019. This projection, however, is subject to an above average level of variability, due to uncertainties surrounding the spread of the virus and changes in governmental policies regarding business operations.

Barring a scientific breakthrough resulting in a vaccine or effective treatment for the virus, the auto sales recovery will be gradual. Any growth in employment levels are likely to proceed slowly and many households will be dealing with the financial consequences of a significant interruption in income, which will crimp spending on big ticket items, like new vehicles.

As shown on the graph to the left, Non Luxury SUV market moved above 30 percent in the First Quarter of 2020. Small car market share continued to decline.

## MODEL RANKINGS

## Honda Civic Is Best Seller in California New Vehicle Market

The table below shows the top five selling models during the first three months of 2020 in 20 segments. In addition to unit registrations, it also shows each model's market share in its respective segment.


## BEST SELLERS IN PRIMARY SEGMENTS

Compact Car: Honda Civic Mid Size Car: Toyota Camry Near Luxury Car: Tesla Model 3<br>Luxury Car: BMW 5-Series

Full Size Pickup: Ford F-Series Compact SUV: Toyota RAV4 Mid Size SUV: Toyota Highlander Luxury Compact SUV: Lexus NX

| Top Selling Models in Each Segment - New Light Vehicle Registrations (YTD 2020, thru March) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subcompact |  | Compact |  |  | Sports/Pony Cars |  |  | Mid Size |  |  |
| Model | Regs. Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Chevrolet Bolt | 265422.2 | Honda Civic | 18001 | 28.3 | Ford Mustang | 3014 | 37.5 | Toyota Camry | 17871 | 32.9 |
| Nissan Versa | 185415.5 | Toyota Corolla | 15575 | 24.5 | Dodge Challenger | 2716 | 33.8 | Honda Accord | 12551 | 23.1 |
| Kia Soul | 185315.5 | Toyota Prius | 5209 | 8.2 | Chevrolet Camaro | 1363 | 17.0 | Nissan Altima | 6116 | 11.3 |
| Honda Fit | 168814.1 | Nissan Sentra | 3895 | 6.1 | Mazda MX5 | 326 | 4.1 | Ford Fusion | 4305 | 7.9 |
| Chevrolet Spark | 10088.4 | Kia Forte | 3811 | 6.0 | Hyundai Veloster | 306 | 3.8 | Chevrolet Malibu | 4040 | 7.4 |
| Large |  | Entry Luxury |  |  | Near Luxury |  |  | Luxury and High End Sports Cars |  |  |
| Model | Regs. Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Dodge Charger | 381464.6 | Mercedes CLA-Class | 730 | 23.5 | Tesla Model 3 | 18856 | 52.2 | BMW 5-Series | 1840 | 13.8 |
| Nissan Maxima | 63010.7 | Audi A3 | 688 | 22.1 | BMW 3-Series | 3473 | 9.6 | Mercedes E-Class | 1701 | 12.8 |
| Toyota Avalon | 5369.1 | Mercedes A-Class | 595 | 19.1 | Lexus ES | 2703 | 7.5 | Tesla Model S | 1561 | 11.7 |
| Chrysler 300 | 4597.8 | Acura ILX | 582 | 18.7 | Mercedes C-Class | 2199 | 6.1 | Audi A6 | 809 | 6.1 |
| Chevrolet Impala | 4096.9 | BMW 2-Series | 374 | 12.0 | Audi A4 | 1099 | 3.0 | Mercedes S-Class | 709 | 5.3 |
| Light Trucks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compact/Mid Size Pickup |  | Full Size Pickup |  |  | Mini Van |  |  | Large Van |  |  |
| Model | Regs. Share | Model | Regs. S | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Toyota Tacoma | 1049853.6 | Ford F-Series | 12981 | 29.9 | Chrysler Pacifica | 3096 | 29.2 | Ford Transit Connect | 4579 | 46.7 |
| Ford Ranger | 301715.4 | Chevrolet Silverado | 11896 | 27.4 | Honda Odyssey | 2766 | 26.1 | Mercedes Sprinter | 1447 | 14.8 |
| Chevrolet Colorado | 224911.5 | Ram Pickup | 11858 | 27.3 | Toyota Sienna | 2205 | 20.8 | Ram Promaster | 1210 | 12.3 |
| Jeep Gladiator | 14487.4 | GMC Sierra | 4073 | 9.4 | Chrysler T \& C | 1671 | 15.8 | Nissan NV | 1083 | 11.0 |
| Nissan Frontier | 11696.0 | Toyota Tundra | 2444 | 5.6 | Dodge Caravan | 471 | 4.4 | Chevrolet Express | 762 | 7.8 |
| Subcompact SUV |  | Compact SUV |  |  | Mid Size SUV |  |  | Large SUV |  |  |
| Model | Regs. Share | Model | Regs. S | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Honda HR-V | 373315.4 | Toyota RAV4 | 17261 | 22.4 | Toyota Highlander | 6554 | 11.9 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 1893 | 22.7 |
| Toyota C-HR | 275711.3 | Honda CR-V | 9770 | 12.7 | Ford Explorer | 5468 | 9.9 | Ford Expedition | 1665 | 20.0 |
| Hyundai Kona | 275511.3 | Mazda CX5 | 6407 | 8.3 | Subaru Outback | 4908 | 8.9 | Chevrolet Suburban | 1281 | 15.4 |
| Kia Niro | 22859.4 | Subaru Forester | 5045 | 6.6 | Jeep Grand Cherokee | 3645 | 6.6 | GMC Yukon | 1156 | 13.9 |
| Nissan Kicks | 2056 8.5 | Jeep Wrangler | 4847 | 6.3 | Toyota 4Runner | 3450 | 6.3 | Nissan Armada | 982 | 11.8 |
| Luxury Subcompact SUV |  | Luxury Compact SUV |  |  | Luxury Mid Size SUV |  |  | Luxury Large SUV |  |  |
| Model | Regs. Share | Model | Regs. S | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Audi Q3 | 156619.2 | Lexus NX | 3616 | 18.4 | Lexus RX | 5387 | 19.5 | Mercedes GLS-Class | 1349 | 21.2 |
| Lexus UX | 155619.1 | BMW X3 | 2888 | 14.7 | Mercedes GLE-Class | 2913 | 10.6 | Land Rover Range Rover | 1058 | 16.6 |
| BMW X1 | 152918.8 | Mercedes GLC-Class | 2272 | 11.5 | Tesla Model X | 2826 | 10.3 | BMW X7 | 1051 | 16.5 |
| Mercedes GLA-Class | 122815.1 | Audi Q5 | 2054 | 10.4 | BMW X5 | 2626 | 9.5 | Cadillac Escalade | 884 | 13.9 |
| BMW X2 | 7949.8 | Acura RDX | 1924 | 9.8 | Audi Q7 | 1568 | 5.7 | Infiniti QX80/QX56 | 746 | 11.7 |

MARKET SHARE FOR NEW VEHICLE BRANDS

## Toyota, Honda, and Ford are Market Share Leaders in California



Market Share Leaders: Toyota, Honda, Ford, Chevrolet, and Nissan
Largest increases in First Quarter: Toyota, Tesla, Kia, Chrysler, Audi, Ram, and GMC

## BRAND REGITTRATIONS

Detailed Results for All Brands in California Market

| California New Car and Light Truck Registrations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | First Quarter |  |  |  |  |  | Annual Totals |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  |
|  | 1Q '19 | 1Q '20 | \% change | 1Q '19 | 1Q '20 | Change | 2018 | 2019 | \% change | 2018 | 2019 | Change |
| TOTAL | 530,402 | 507,646 | -4.3 |  |  |  | 2,154,813 | 2,093,173 | -2.9 |  |  |  |
| Acura | 5,850 | 5,033 | -14.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | -0.1 | 23,125 | 21,580 | -6.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 | -0.1 |
| Alfa Romeo | 1,038 | 1,092 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 5,006 | 3,937 | -21.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Audi | 10,131 | 10,998 | 8.6 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 45,483 | 41,818 | -8.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | -0.1 |
| BMW | 17,417 | 17,844 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 0.2 | 72,646 | 76,592 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 0.3 |
| Buick | 2,138 | 2,057 | -3.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 9,832 | 8,058 | -18.0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Cadillac | 3,824 | 3,375 | -11.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 14,754 | 14,010 | -5.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Chevrolet | 39,709 | 39,101 | -1.5 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 0.2 | 177,297 | 153,535 | -13.4 | 8.2 | 7.3 | -0.9 |
| Chrysler | 3,348 | 5,283 | 57.8 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 15,839 | 10,697 | -32.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.2 |
| Dodge | 11,308 | 9,129 | -19.3 | 2.1 | 1.8 | -0.3 | 46,049 | 45,601 | -1.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| FIAT | 436 | 164 | -62.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 2,892 | 1,537 | -46.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Ford | 51,224 | 43,976 | -14.1 | 9.7 | 8.7 | -1.0 | 198,847 | 192,219 | -3.3 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 0.0 |
| Genesis | 189 | 800 | 323.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1,946 | 2,867 | 47.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| GMC | 8,641 | 9,810 | 13.5 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 37,001 | 35,108 | -5.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.0 |
| Honda | 61,014 | 56,421 | -7.5 | 11.5 | 11.1 | -0.4 | 247,550 | 246,695 | -0.3 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 0.3 |
| Hyundai | 18,409 | 17,350 | -5.8 | 3.5 | 3.4 | -0.1 | 72,622 | 74,596 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 0.2 |
| Infiniti | 5,734 | 4,073 | -29.0 | 1.1 | 0.8 | -0.3 | 21,277 | 17,049 | -19.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | -0.2 |
| Jaguar | 1,792 | 1,538 | -14.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 5,948 | 5,477 | -7.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Jeep | 16,287 | 15,663 | -3.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 69,201 | 65,498 | -5.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | -0.1 |
| Kia | 16,891 | 18,439 | 9.2 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 68,175 | 71,532 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 0.2 |
| Land Rover | 5,181 | 4,977 | -3.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 18,414 | 18,380 | -0.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| Lexus | 16,276 | 15,702 | -3.5 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 62,432 | 63,559 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 0.1 |
| Lincoln | 1,797 | 2,072 | 15.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 7,171 | 6,881 | -4.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Maserati | 506 | 401 | -20.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2,604 | 2,064 | -20.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Mazda | 12,351 | 12,251 | -0.8 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 48,494 | 44,817 | -7.6 | 2.3 | 2.1 | -0.2 |
| M̈ercedes | 19,705 | 16,909 | -14.2 | 3.7 | 3.3 | -0.4 | 85,153 | 84,917 | -0.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 0.1 |
| MINI | 1,799 | 1,497 | -16.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 10,314 | 7,517 | -27.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Mitsubishi | 2,962 | 3,240 | 9.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 9,962 | 10,240 | 2.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Nissan | 40,963 | 28,106 | -31.4 | 7.7 | 5.5 | -2.2 | 157,495 | 139,857 | -11.2 | 7.3 | 6.7 | -0.6 |
| Other | 939 | 1,002 | 6.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2,874 | 3,820 | 32.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Porsche | 3,723 | 3,364 | -9.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 13,879 | 15,094 | 8.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Ram | 11,971 | 13,067 | 9.2 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 42,152 | 50,445 | 19.7 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 0.4 |
| Subaru | 18,943 | 19,282 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 78,154 | 77,725 | -0.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 0.1 |
| Tesla | 21,270 | 23,250 | 9.3 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 0.6 | 69,507 | 74,821 | 7.6 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 0.4 |
| Toyota | 81,115 | 86,057 | 6.1 | 15.3 | 17.0 | 1.7 | 348,390 | 341,068 | -2.1 | 16.2 | 16.3 | 0.1 |
| Volkswagen | 12,588 | 11,075 | -12.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 | -0.2 | 49,037 | 50,700 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.1 |
| Volvo | 2,933 | 3,248 | 10.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 13,291 | 12,862 | -3.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 |

The table above shows new light vehicle (car and light truck) registrations in California. Figures are shown for the First Quarters of 2019 and 2020, and annual totals for 2018 and 2019. Vehicle registrations are recorded based on when the vehicle title information is processed by the state, which typically occurs after the vehicle is sold. As a result, the data presented above lags the actual sales results at dealerships. New vehicle sales in the state likely declined by more than $10 \%$ in the First Quarter of this year. The top ten ranked brands in each category are shaded yellow

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## State New Retail Light Vehicle Market Declined by 21 Percent During First Four Months of 2020

| New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations (excluding fleets) YTD '20, April |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| North and South California | YTD '19 | YTD '20 | \% chg. |
| Statewide Total | 556,134 | 439,182 | $-21.0 \%$ |
| Cars | 245,686 | 181,252 | $-26.2 \%$ |
| Light Trucks | 310,448 | 257,930 | $-16.9 \%$ |
| Northern California | 188,710 | 148,725 | $-21.2 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 80,287 | 59,013 | $-26.5 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Light Trucks | 108,423 | 89,712 | $-17.3 \%$ |
| Southern California | 367,424 | 290,457 | $-20.9 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 165,399 | 122,239 | $-26.1 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Light Trucks | 202,025 | 168,218 | $-16.7 \%$ |
| Selected Regional Markets |  |  |  |
| San Francisco Bay | 108,669 | 83,719 | $-23.0 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 50,514 | 36,064 | $-28.6 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Light Trucks | 58,155 | 47,655 | $-18.1 \%$ |
| LA and Orange Counties | 222,574 | 172,485 | $-22.5 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 103,873 | 75,661 | $-27.2 \%$ |
| Light Trucks | 118,701 | 96,824 | $-18.4 \%$ |
| San Diego County | 47,162 | 38,370 | $-18.6 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 19,301 | 14,537 | $-24.7 \%$ |
| Light Trucks | 27,861 | 23,833 | $-14.5 \%$ |



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