Comprehensive information on the California vehicle market
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## New Vehicle Registrations in State Exceed 1 Million Units in First Half of 2018



California and U.S. New Light Vehicle Registrations - YTD thru June

California new light vehicle market declined by 2.2 percent during the first six months of this year, versus the less than one percent increase in the U.S.

Light truck registrations in the state increased 5.6 percent in the first half of 2018 , while passenger cars fell 10.1 percent.

Truck market share in California was 54.1 percent vs. 67.6 percent in the Nation.

## QUARTERLY

 RESULTS|  | California |  |  | U.S. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | YTD '17 | YTD '18 | Change | YTD '17 | YTD '18 | Change |
| Registrations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 1,027,296 | 1,004,587 | -2.2\% | 8,540,528 | 8,572,130 | 0.4\% |
| Car | 512,826 | 461,201 | -10.1\% | 3,160,050 | 2,776,217 | -12.1\% |
| Light Truck | 514,470 | 543,386 | 5.6\% | 5,380,478 | 5,795,913 | 7.7\% |
| Detroit Three | 292,410 | 299,882 | 2.6\% | 3,814,334 | 3,813,417 | 0.0\% |
| European | 151,558 | 153,433 | 1.2\% | 752,186 | 785,879 | 4.5\% |
| Japanese | 504,726 | 485,317 | -3.8\% | 3,315,494 | 3,336,315 | 0.6\% |
| Korean | 78,602 | 65,955 | -16.1\% | 658,514 | 636,519 | -3.3\% |
| Market Share |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Car | 49.9 | 45.9 | -4.0 | 37.0 | 32.4 | -4.6 |
| Light Truck | 50.1 | 54.1 | 4.0 | 63.0 | 67.6 | 4.6 |
| Detroit Three | 28.5 | 29.9 | 1.4 | 44.7 | 44.5 | -0.2 |
| European | 14.8 | 15.3 | 0.5 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 0.4 |
| Japanese | 49.1 | 48.3 | -0.8 | 38.8 | 38.9 | 0.1 |
| Korean | 7.7 | 6.6 | -1.1 | 7.7 | 7.4 | -0.3 |

Source: IHS Markit

New vehicle registrations in California are projected to be right around the $\mathbf{2}$ million unit mark in 2018.

The market is expected to decline slightly this year, but based on historical standards, new vehicle sales will be very strong.

The annual total this year should exceed 2009 levels by nearly 100 percent.

## TWO YEAR PERSPECTIVE

California Quarterly New Light Vehicle Registrations
Percent Change vs. Year Earlier


The California new vehicle market declined for the fifth consecutive quarter in 2Q 2018 versus a year earlier.

As shown on the graph, the market has plateaued after several years of big increases.

## SEGMENT MARKET SHARES

## Small Car Market Share Declines to 23 Percent

## Segment Market Shares in <br> California YTD ‘17 thru June



## Segment Market Shares in California YTD ‘18 thru June



Source: IHS Markit.

The two graphs above show market shares for primary segments during the first six months of 2017 and 2018.
hYbrid and electric vehicles
Electric and Plug In Hybrid Vehicle Segments Gain Ground in 2018



Hybrid/electric vehicle market share, YTD '18 (thru June):
10.2 percent

| Hybrid and Electric New Vehicle Registrations and Market Share |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | $\begin{gathered} \text { YTD } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ |
| Hybrid regs.(excl. plug ins) | 116217 | 118981 | 98083 | 93251 | 40011 |
| Hybrid share(excl. plug ins) | 6.3\% | 5.8\% | 4.7\% | 4.6\% | 4.0\% |
| Plug in hybrid regs. | 29949 | 27740 | 34727 | 45040 | 29622 |
| Plug in hybrid share | 1.6\% | 1.4\% | 1.7\% | 2.2\% | 2.9\% |
| Electric regs. | 29536 | 34477 | 40347 | 53500 | 33015 |
| Electric share | 1.6\% | 1.7\% | 1.9\% | 2.6\% | 3.3\% |

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## MODEL RANKINGS

## Honda Civic Retains Top Spot as Best Selling Model in California Market

The table below shows the top five selling models during the first six months of 2018 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: Mercedes E-Class<br>Full Size Pickup: Ford F-Series Compact SUV: Toyota RAV4 Mid Size SUV: Toyota Highlander Luxury Mid Size SUV: Lexus RX

Top Selling Models in Each Segment - New Light Vehicle Registrations (YTD '18 thru June)

| Cars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subcompact |  |  | Compact |  |  | Sports/Pony Cars |  |  | Mid Size |  |
| Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. Share |
| Nissan Versa | 7015 | 17.5 | Honda Civic | 43857 | 25.3 | Ford Mustang | 5646 | 32.7 | Toyota Camry | 3149628.9 |
| Honda Fit | 4856 | 12.1 | Toyota Corolla | 25911 | 14.9 | Dodge Challenger | 4916 | 28.5 | Honda Accord | 2820125.9 |
| Kia Soul | 4792 | 12.0 | Nissan Sentra | 19552 | 11.3 | Chevrolet Camaro | 3497 | 20.2 | Ford Fusion | 1120710.3 |
| Honda Clarity | 4234 | 10.6 | Toyota Prius | 16855 | 9.7 | Toyota 86 | 736 | 4.3 | Nissan Altima | 1102510.1 |
| Chevrolet Bolt | 4055 | 10.1 | Hyundai Elantra | 10242 | 5.9 | Hyundai Veloster | 701 | 4.1 | Kia Optima | $7866 \quad 7.2$ |
| 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 | 5203 | 30.5 | Mercedes CLA-Class | 3205 | 29.8 | Tesla Model 3 | 12674 | 21.0 | Mercedes E-Class | 562916.8 |
| Chrysler 300 | 3691 | 21.6 | Audi A3 | 2887 | 26.8 | Mercedes C-Class | 8608 | 14.3 | BMW 5-Series | 516515.5 |
| Toyota Avalon | 2578 | 15.1 | BMW I3 | 2345 | 21.8 | BMW 3-Series | 6791 | 11.3 | Tesla Model S | 499314.9 |
| Nissan Maxima | 1990 | 11.7 | BMW 2-Series | 1149 | 10.7 | Lexus ES | 4248 | 7.0 | Mercedes S-Class | 22126.6 |
| Chevrolet Impala | 1921 | 11.3 | Acura ILX | 1033 | 9.6 | BMW 4-Series | 4007 | 6.6 | Porsche 911 | 12053.6 |
| Light Trucks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compact/Mid Size Pickup |  |  | Full Size Pickup |  |  | Mini Van |  |  | Large Van |  |
| Model | Regs. |  | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. Share |
| Toyota Tacoma | 21206 | 61.5 | Ford F Series | 26336 | 34.4 | Honda Odyssey | 6946 | 31.1 | Ford Transit Connect Van | 753341.0 |
| Chevrolet Colorado | 6121 | 17.7 | Chevrolet Silverado | 20628 | 26.9 | Toyota Sienna | 6631 | 29.7 | Mercedes Sprinter | 218311.9 |
| Nissan Frontier / Xe | 3520 | 10.2 | Ram Pickup | 15643 | 20.4 | Chrysler Pacifica | 4519 | 20.2 | Ram Promaster | 214211.6 |
| GMC Canyon | 1976 | 5.7 | Toyota Tundra | 6462 | 8.4 | Dodge Caravan | 3293 | 14.7 | Nissan NV | 213111.6 |
| Honda Ridgeline | 1562 | 4.5 | GMC Sierra | 5885 | 7.7 | Kia Sedona | 964 | 4.3 | Chevrolet Express | 17859.7 |
| Subcompact SUV |  |  | Compact SUV |  |  | Mid Size SUV |  |  | Large SUV |  |
| Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. Share |
| Toyota C-HR | 5974 | 20.8 | Toyota RAV4 | 25547 | 17.0 | Toyota Highlander | 12683 | 12.8 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 441132.2 |
| Honda HR-V | 5552 | 19.4 | Honda CR-V | 21062 | 14.1 | Ford Explorer | 12198 | 12.3 | Chevrolet Suburban | 213015.5 |
| Kia Niro | 3338 | 11.6 | Nissan Rogue | 17278 | 11.5 | Subaru Outback | 11440 | 11.6 | GMC Yukon | 156811.4 |
| Jeep Renegade | 3171 | 11.1 | Mazda CX-5 | 11828 | 7.9 | Honda Pilot | 9725 | 9.8 | Ford Flex | 155111.3 |
| Buick Encore | 2379 | 8.3 | Jeep Wrangler | 10921 | 7.3 | Jeep Grand Cherokee | 8559 | 8.6 | Ford Expedition | 153411.2 |
| Luxury Subcompact SUV |  |  | Luxury Compact SUV |  |  | Luxury Mid Size SUV |  |  | Luxury Large SUV |  |
| Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. Share |
| BMW X1 | 3526 | 35.3 | Lexus NX | 7140 | 18.6 | Lexus RX | 9690 | 22.0 | Land Rover Range Rover | 205425.9 |
| Mercedes GLA-Class | 2542 | 25.4 | Mercedes GLC-Class | 6918 | 18.0 | BMW X5 | 4268 | 9.7 | Cadillac Escalade | 187023.6 |
| Audi Q3 | 2056 | 20.6 | Audi Q5 | 5321 | 13.9 | Mercedes GLE-Class | 4167 | 9.5 | Mercedes GLS-Class | 166521.0 |
| Infiniti QX30 | 744 | 7.4 | BMW X3 | 3688 | 9.6 | Tesla Model X | 3962 | 9.0 | Lincoln Navigator | 80610.2 |
| BMW X2 | 528 | 5.3 | Acura RDX | 3620 | 9.4 | Acura MDX | 3299 | 7.5 | Mercedes G-Class | 5356.8 |

## brand registrations

Detailed Results for All Brands in California Market

| California New Car and Light Truck Registrations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Second Quarter <br> 2017 and 2018 |  |  |  | YTD thru June |  |  |  | YTD Market Share |  |  |
|  | California |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { U.S. } \\ \% \text { ch. } \end{array}$ | California |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { U.S. } \\ \text { \% chg } \end{array}$ | California |  |  |
|  | 2Q '17 | 2Q '18 | \% chg. |  | YTD '17 | YTD '18 | \% chg. |  | YTD '17 | YTD '18 | Chg. |
| TOTAL | 520,415 | 514,773 | -1.1\% | 1.5\% | 1,027,296 | 1,004,587 | -2.2\% | 0.4\% |  |  |  |
| Acura | 6,345 | 5,741 | -9.5\% | -4.8\% | 11,568 | 10,708 | -7.4\% | -1.4\% | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 |
| Alfa Romeo | 388 | 1,431 | 268.8\% | 177.3\% | 573 | 2,558 | 346.4\% | 253.0\% | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Audi | 10,951 | 10,623 | -3.0\% | 0.8\% | 20,555 | 20,603 | 0.2\% | 1.4\% | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0.1 |
| BMW | 16,773 | 18,347 | 9.4\% | 0.0\% | 33,509 | 34,437 | 2.8\% | -1.7\% | 3.3 | 3.4 | 0.1 |
| Buick | 2,112 | 1,971 | -6.7\% | -14.0\% | 4,338 | 4,436 | 2.3\% | -4.1\% | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Cadillac | 2,818 | 2,663 | -5.5\% | 2.5\% | 5,685 | 5,355 | -5.8\% | 0.8\% | 0.6 | 0.5 | -0.1 |
| Chevrolet | 38,604 | 41,368 | 7.2\% | 5.3\% | 77,943 | 80,136 | 2.8\% | 2.6\% | 7.6 | 8.0 | 0.4 |
| Chrysler | 3,644 | 3,726 | 2.3\% | -19.7\% | 7,065 | 8,223 | 16.4\% | -13.7\% | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Dodge | 8,777 | 9,220 | 5.0\% | 3.8\% | 18,315 | 18,580 | 1.4\% | -6.8\% | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| FIAT | 2,073 | 512 | -75.3\% | -38.5\% | 5,165 | 1,231 | -76.2\% | -42.3\% | 0.5 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| Ford | 52,431 | 46,221 | -11.8\% | -2.1\% | 102,271 | 90,148 | -11.9\% | -3.6\% | 10.0 | 9.0 | -1.0 |
| Genesis | 662 | 796 | 20.2\% | -14.3\% | 1,406 | 1,537 | 9.3\% | -7.3\% | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| GMC | 8,288 | 7,759 | -6.4\% | 4.0\% | 16,686 | 16,280 | -2.4\% | 1.1\% | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| Honda | 69,074 | 66,379 | -3.9\% | 0.5\% | 131,082 | 126,055 | -3.8\% | -0.6\% | 12.8 | 12.5 | -0.3 |
| Hyundai | 19,926 | 15,544 | -22.0\% | -1.4\% | 40,729 | 30,273 | -25.7\% | -4.7\% | 4.0 | 3.0 | -1.0 |
| Infiniti | 5,007 | 4,185 | -16.4\% | -11.9\% | 11,433 | 9,562 | -16.4\% | -8.3\% | 1.1 | 1.0 | -0.1 |
| Jaguar | 2,346 | 1,305 | -44.4\% | -22.4\% | 4,306 | 2,804 | -34.9\% | -21.4\% | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| Jeep | 14,372 | 18,185 | 26.5\% | 23.1\% | 29,298 | 33,749 | 15.2\% | 16.1\% | 2.9 | 3.4 | 0.5 |
| Kia | 18,284 | 17,176 | -6.1\% | -1.2\% | 36,467 | 34,145 | -6.4\% | -1.7\% | 3.5 | 3.4 | -0.1 |
| Land Rover | 3,618 | 4,414 | 22.0\% | 29.1\% | 7,189 | 8,764 | 21.9\% | 28.8\% | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.2 |
| Lexus | 15,963 | 14,580 | -8.7\% | -3.7\% | 30,520 | 28,849 | -5.5\% | -1.8\% | 3.0 | 2.9 | -0.1 |
| Lincoln | 1,828 | 1,742 | -4.7\% | -5.5\% | 3,719 | 3,374 | -9.3\% | -11.6\% | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| Maserati | 807 | 618 | -23.4\% | -8.3\% | 1,644 | 1,236 | -24.8\% | -10.7\% | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Mazda | 11,936 | 11,333 | -5.1\% | 9.3\% | 25,102 | 23,963 | -4.5\% | 13.3\% | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0.0 |
| Mercedes | 19,551 | 21,246 | 8.7\% | -3.3\% | 39,052 | 39,553 | 1.3\% | -3.4\% | 3.8 | 3.9 | 0.1 |
| MINI | 2,769 | 2,353 | -15.0\% | -11.9\% | 5,056 | 4,840 | -4.3\% | -4.5\% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Mitsubishi | 1,728 | 1,994 | 15.4\% | 24.5\% | 4,122 | 4,646 | 12.7\% | 21.5\% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Nissan | 40,429 | 35,100 | -13.2\% | -5.6\% | 80,198 | 72,505 | -9.6\% | -2.2\% | 7.8 | 7.2 | -0.6 |
| Other | 971 | 926 | -4.6\% | -8.3\% | 2,019 | 1,844 | -8.7\% | -19.3\% | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Porsche | 3,430 | 3,476 | 1.3\% | -5.3\% | 6,553 | 6,917 | 5.6\% | -0.1\% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Ram | 9,406 | 9,570 | 1.7\% | -7.8\% | 17,901 | 17,785 | -0.6\% | -11.5\% | 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.1 |
| Subaru | 18,156 | 19,378 | 6.7\% | 5.3\% | 36,544 | 38,127 | 4.3\% | 3.7\% | 3.6 | 3.8 | 0.2 |
| Tesla | 4,284 | 14,099 | 229.1\% | 170.1\% | 9,033 | 21,629 | 139.4\% | 100.4\% | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.3 |
| Toyota | 89,863 | 85,873 | -4.4\% | -1.7\% | 174,004 | 170,775 | -1.9\% | 0.9\% | 16.9 | 17.0 | 0.1 |
| Volkswagen | 11,154 | 11,552 | 3.6\% | 21.5\% | 22,531 | 22,862 | 1.5\% | 13.9\% | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0.1 |
| Volvo | 1,647 | 3,367 | 104.4\% | 61.8\% | 3,715 | 6,098 | 64.1\% | 42.4\% | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 |

The table above shows new retail light vehicle (car and light truck) registrations in California. Figures are shown for the Second Quarters of 2017 and 2018, and year to date totals for 2017 and 2018. The top ten ranked brands in each category are shaded yellow Source: IHS Markit.

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## Registrations Increase by More than 10 Percent for Six Brands; Toyota is Market Leader

Percent Change in Brand Registrations - YTD ‘18 thru June vs. YTD ‘ 17
(Top 30 selling brands in state)


Percent change in registrations

Registrations increased by more than 10 percent for Tesla, Volvo Land Rover, Chrysler, Jeep, and Mitsubishi

California and U.S. Market Share - YTD '18 thru June (Top 15 selling brands in state)


Toyota, Honda, Ford, Chevrolet, and Nissan were market share leaders in California

## BREAKDOWN OF RETAIL AND FLEET MARKETS

## Retail Light Truck Registrations Exceed 470,000 Units in First Half 2018

California New Car and Light Truck Retail and Fleet Registrations - 2011 thru 2018, YTD thru June

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PERCENT CHANGE:
YTD ‘18 VS. YTD ‘17
Retail cars: DOWN 10.8\%
Retail light trucks: UP 5.2\%
Fleet cars: DOWN 6.0\%
Fleet light trucks: UP 8.4\%

REGIONAL MARKETS IN CALIFORNIA

## Northern and Southern California Retail Markets Move Lower

| New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations (excluding fleets) YTD June |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North and South California | YTD '17 | YTD '18 | \% chg. |
| Statewide Total | 885,429 | 861,470 | -2.7\% |
| Cars | 438,375 | 391,180 | -10.8\% |
| Light Trucks | 447,054 | 470,290 | 5.2\% |
| Northern California | 299,578 | 291,837 | -2.6\% |
| Cars | 137,584 | 123,859 | -10.0\% |
| Light Trucks | 161,994 | 167,978 | 3.7\% |
| Southern California | 585,851 | 569,633 | -2.8\% |
| Cars | 300,791 | 267,321 | -11.1\% |
| Light Trucks | 285,060 | 302,312 | 6.1\% |
| Selected Regional Markets |  |  |  |
| San Francisco Bay | 170,143 | 165,029 | -3.0\% |
| Cars | 83,412 | 74,869 | -10.2\% |
| Light Trucks | 86,731 | 90,160 | 4.0\% |
| LA and Orange Counties | 349,833 | 341,238 | -2.5\% |
| Cars | 187,226 | 166,391 | -11.1\% |
| Light Trucks | 162,607 | 174,847 | 7.5\% |
| San Diego County | 77,384 | 73,715 | -4.7\% |
| Cars | 36,007 | 31,876 | -11.5\% |
| Light Trucks | 41,377 | 41,839 | 1.1\% |

Percent Change in New Retail Registrations - YTD ‘18 (June) vs. '17


## Used Vehicle Market Has Smaller Decline Than New

Comparison of California New and Used Vehicle Markets Percent change in registrations (YTD '18 thru June vs. YTD '17)

Percent Change For New


Percent Change For Used


| California Used Light Vehicle Registrations - Year-to-date thru June |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Registrations |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { \% Change } \\ \text { '17 T0 '18 } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Market Share |  |
|  | YTD '17 | YTD '18 |  | YTD '17 | YTD '18 |
| TOTAL | 1,945,024 | 1,925,299 | -1.0\% |  |  |
| Cars | 1,151,132 | 1,127,173 | -2.1\% | 59.2\% | 58.5\% |
| Light Trucks | 793,892 | 798,126 | 0.5\% | 40.8\% | 41.5\% |
| Detroit Three | 715,975 | 686,247 | -4.2\% | 36.8\% | 35.6\% |
| European | 258,008 | 267,612 | 3.7\% | 13.3\% | 13.9\% |
| Japanese | 884,154 | 880,798 | -0.4\% | 45.5\% | 45.7\% |
| Korean | 86,887 | 90,642 | 4.3\% | 4.5\% | 4.7\% |
| Source: IHS Markit |  |  |  |  |  |

analysis of used verlicle registrations by vehicle age

## Market Share for Three Year Old or Newer Vehicles Increased to 23.6 Percent

Used Vehicle Market Share by Age of Vehicle YTD ‘17 and YTD '18 thru June


6 Year Old or Newer Used and New Vehicle Registrations YTD 2018 thru June


TOP SELLING USED VEHICLES
Rogue, Cruze, and Sentra Used Registrations Move Higher
Registrations (YTD '18 thru June) and Percent Change in registrations (YTD '18 thru June vs. YTD ‘17)
Top 20 Selling Models ( 6 years old or newer)


TOP SELLING BRANDS

## Toyota, Nissan, and Ford Lead the Six Year Old or Newer Used Vehicle Market

Top 15 Selling Brands in California Used Vehicle Market (vehicles 6 years old or newer) YTD '18 thru June



[^0]:    Source: IHS Markit

