## State Market Shows Signs of Recovery; 12 Percent Increase Predicted for 2021

California Annual New Light Vehicle Registrations - 2008 thru 2021



New vehicle registrations in California are expected to decline to 1.67 million units in 2020, down 20 percent from last year.

Latest projections are for the market to approach 1.9 million units in 2021, an increase of $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ percent from this year.

Accumulating pent up demand and low interest rates will support the market next year, while expected slow improvement in employment should prevent a sharp rebound.

California Total New Light Vehicle Registrations and U.S. New Vehicle Sales - YTD 2019 \& 2020, thru September

TWO YEAR PERSPECTIVE

|  | California |  |  | U.S. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | YTD '19 | YTD '20 | Change | YTD '19 | YTD '20 | Change |
| Registrations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 1,589,843 | 1,199,446 | -24.6\% | 12,809,063 | 10,452,763 | -18.4\% |
| Car | 671,207 | 440,054 | -34.4\% | 3,693,050 | 2,564,966 | -30.5\% |
| Light Truck | 918,636 | 759,392 | -17.3\% | 9,116,013 | 7,887,797 | -13.5\% |
| Domestic | 507,682 | 390,159 | -23.1\% | 5,760,331 | 4,773,224 | -17.1\% |
| European | 239,249 | 178,736 | -25.3\% | 1,204,898 | 994,992 | -17.4\% |
| Japanese | 731,705 | 543,445 | -25.7\% | 4,858,971 | 3,801,487 | -21.8\% |
| Korean | 111,207 | 87,106 | -21.7\% | 984,863 | 883,060 | -10.3\% |
| Market Share |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Car | 42.2 | 36.7 | -5.5 | 28.8 | 24.5 | -4.3 |
| Light Truck | 57.8 | 63.3 | 5.5 | 71.2 | 75.5 | 4.3 |
| Domestic | 31.9 | 32.5 | 0.6 | 45.0 | 45.7 | 0.7 |
| European | 15.0 | 14.9 | -0.1 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 0.1 |
| Japanese | 46.1 | 45.3 | -0.8 | 37.9 | 36.4 | -1.5 |
| Korean | 7.0 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 0.7 |

Source for California new vehicle registrations: AutoCount data from Experian. Source for U.S. sales: Automotive News.

California new light vehicle market declined 24.6 percent during the first nine months of this year versus a year earlier. The U.S. market fell 18.4 percent.

Retail vehicle sales in the state have held up better in 2020. New retail registrations fell 19.5 so far this year.

Light truck registrations in the state declined 17.3 percent versus the 34.4 percent drop for passenger cars.


SEGMENT MARKET SHARE TRENDS

## Small Car Market Share Declined to 16 Percent

## Segment Market Shares in California YTD 2019 thru September



Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian.

Segment Market Shares in California YTD 2020 thru September

Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian.

The two graphs above show market shares for primary segments during the first nine months of 2019 and 2029.
hYbrid and electric vehicles
Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Market Share Have Moved Higher During 2020



Hybrid/electric vehicle market share - YTD '20 thru Sept.:
14.3 percent

The graph above shows estimated hybrid powertrain and electric vehicle market share in the state. Registrations by powertrain for vehicles equipped with multiple engine types were estimated by Auto Outlook. The estimates are based on model registrations compiled by Experian, and engine installation rates collected from other sources.

## MODEL RANKINGS

## Honda Civic and Toyota RAV4 Are Top Sellers in California

The table below shows the top five selling models during the first nine 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: 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

| Cars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subcompact |  |  | Compact |  |  | Sports/Pony Cars |  |  | Mid Size |  |  |
| Model | Regs. S | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Chevrolet Bolt | 5151 | 20.1 | Honda Civic | 46046 | 31.4 | Ford Mustang | 6455 | 34.9 | Toyota Camry | 40466 | 33.9 |
| Kia Soul | 4671 | 18.3 | Toyota Corolla | 31936 | 21.8 | Dodge Challenger | 6237 | 33.7 | Honda Accord | 31369 | 26.3 |
| Honda Fit | 4299 | 16.8 | Toyota Prius | 11582 | 7.9 | Chevrolet Camaro | 2939 | 15.9 | Nissan Altima | 11111 | 9.3 |
| Nissan Versa | 4082 | 16.0 | Nissan Sentra | 10273 | 7.0 | Mazda MX5 | 1071 | 5.8 | Ford Fusion | 9111 | 7.6 |
| Chevrolet Spark | 1814 | 7.1 | Kia Forte | 8614 | 5.9 | Hyundai Veloster | 858 | 4.6 | Kia K5/Optima | 8006 | 6.7 |
| Large |  |  | Entry Luxury |  |  | Near Luxury |  |  | Luxury and High End Sports Cars |  |  |
| Model | Regs. S | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Dodge Charger | 8632 | 67.9 | Mercedes A-Class | 2793 | 26.1 | Tesla Model 3 | 31548 | 43.8 | Mercedes E-Class | 4586 | 13.9 |
| Toyota Avalon | 1385 | 10.9 | Mercedes CLA-Class | 2163 | 20.2 | BMW 3-Series | 7336 | 10.2 | BMW 5-Series | 3993 | 12.1 |
| Nissan Maxima | 1071 | 8.4 | BMW 2-Series | 2105 | 19.6 | Lexus ES | 6530 | 9.1 | Tesla Model S | 3489 | 10.6 |
| Chrysler 300 | 933 | 7.3 | Audi A3 | 1690 | 15.8 | Mercedes C-Class | 5274 | 7.3 | Porsche 911 | 1754 | 5.3 |
| Chevrolet Impala | 578 | 4.5 | Acura ILX | 1466 | 13.7 | Audi A4 | 2782 | 3.9 | Audi A6 | 1728 | 5.2 |
| Light Trucks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compact/Mid Size Pickup |  |  | Full Size Pickup |  |  | Mini Van |  |  | Large Van |  |  |
| Model | Regs. S | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Toyota Tacoma | 28372 | 52.7 | Ford F-Series | 38260 | 31.9 | Honda Odyssey | 6698 | 33.8 | Ford Transit Connect | 11591 | 47.4 |
| Ford Ranger | 8707 | 16.2 | Chevrolet Silverado | 31259 | 26.0 | Chrysler Pacifica | 4971 | 25.1 | Ram Promaster | 3266 | 13.3 |
| Chevrolet Colorado | 6610 | 12.3 | Ram Pickup | 29412 | 24.5 | Toyota Sienna | 3866 | 19.5 | Mercedes Sprinter | 3210 | 13.1 |
| Jeep Gladiator | 4514 | 8.4 | GMC Sierra | 12776 | 10.6 | Chrysler Voyager | 2629 | 13.3 | Nissan NV | 2915 | 11.9 |
| Nissan Frontier | 2621 | 4.9 | Toyota Tundra | 7516 | 6.3 | Kia Sedona | 848 | 4.3 | Chevrolet Express | 1921 | 7.9 |
| Subcompact SUV |  |  | Compact SUV |  |  | Mid Size SUV |  |  | Large SUV |  |  |
| Model | Regs. S | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Honda HR-V | 9012 | 15.6 | Toyota RAV4 | 41715 | 23.1 | Toyota Highlander | 15038 | 11.3 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 4353 | 27.0 |
| Toyota C-HR | 7390 | 12.8 | Honda CR-V | 24653 | 13.6 | Ford Explorer | 13363 | 10.1 | Ford Expedition | 3231 | 20.1 |
| Hyundai Kona | 5879 | 10.2 | Jeep Wrangler | 14726 | 8.2 | Subaru Outback | 12023 | 9.0 | Chevrolet Suburban | 2204 | 13.7 |
| Nissan Kicks | 4837 | 8.4 | Mazda CX5 | 14508 | 8.0 | Jeep Grand Cherokee | 9187 | 6.9 | GMC Yukon | 2020 | 12.5 |
| Kia Niro | 4138 | 7.2 | Subaru Forester | 13599 | 7.5 | Honda Pilot | 8971 | 6.7 | Nissan Armada | 1504 | 9.3 |
| Luxury Subcompact SUV |  |  | Luxury Compact SUV |  |  | Luxury Mid Size SUV |  |  | Luxury Large SUV |  |  |
| Model | Regs. S | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share | Model | Regs. | Share |
| Lexus UX | 3639 | 18.8 | Tesla Model Y | 9163 | 16.2 | Lexus RX | 11980 | 19.6 | Mercedes GLS-Class | 3004 | 21.3 |
| Audi Q3 | 3183 | 16.4 | Lexus NX | 8392 | 14.8 | Mercedes GLE-Class | 6672 | 10.9 | Land Rover Range Rover | 2407 | 17.1 |
| Mercedes GLB-Class | 3144 | 16.2 | BMW X3 | 6612 | 11.7 | BMW X 5 | 6189 | 10.1 | BMW ${ }^{\text {7 }}$ | 2352 | 16.7 |
| Mercedes GLA-Class | 2986 | 15.4 | Mercedes GLC-Class | 6239 | 11.0 | Tesla Model X | 5384 | 8.8 | Cadillac Escalade | 1737 | 12.3 |
| BMW X 1 | 2636 | 13.6 | Audi Q5 | 5280 | 9.3 | Acura MDX | 3704 | 6.1 | Cadillac XT6 | 1175 | 8.3 |

[^0]BRAND SUMMARY

## Toyota, Honda, and Ford Are Top Three Selling Brands in California

Percent Change in Brand Registrations - YTD '20 thru Sept. vs. YTD ‘19 (Top 30 selling brands in state)


Registrations declined by less than 14 percent for Chrysler, Lincoln, Volvo, GMC, Ram, Porsche, and Mazda

California and U.S. Market Share - YTD '20 thru Sept. (Top 15 selling brands in state)


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

## brand recistrations

Detailed Results for All Brands in California Market

| California New Car and Light Truck Registrations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Third Quarter |  |  |  |  |  | Year to date thru September |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  | Registrations |  |  | Market Share (\%) |  |  |
|  | 3Q '19 | 3Q '20 | \% change | 3Q '19 | 3Q '20 | Change | YTD '19 | YTD '20 | \% change | YTD '19 | YTD '20 | Change |
| TOTAL | 514,185 | 413,227 | -19.6 |  |  |  | 1,589,843 | 1,199,446 | -24.6 |  |  |  |
| Acura | 5,158 | 4,358 | -15.5 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 16,223 | 11,973 | -26.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| Alfa Romeo | 995 | 807 | -18.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2,920 | 2,590 | -11.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Audi | 10,381 | 8,380 | -19.3 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 30,766 | 24,218 | -21.3 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| BMW | 19,446 | 13,583 | -30.2 | 3.8 | 3.3 | -0.5 | 56,117 | 40,076 | -28.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | -0.2 |
| Buick | 1,990 | 1,215 | -38.9 | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 6,271 | 4,188 | -33.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| Cadillac | 3,399 | 2,254 | -33.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 10,746 | 7,008 | -34.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | -0.1 |
| Chevrolet | 37,726 | 28,502 | -24.4 | 7.3 | 6.9 | -0.4 | 118,103 | 89,901 | -23.9 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 0.1 |
| Chrysler | 2,342 | 2,266 | -3.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 8,761 | 8,650 | -1.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Dodge | 11,856 | 6,243 | -47.3 | 2.3 | 1.5 | -0.8 | 36,419 | 19,833 | -45.5 | 2.3 | 1.7 | -0.6 |
| FIAT | 394 | 104 | -73.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 1,185 | 345 | -70.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Ford | 44,194 | 35,451 | -19.8 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 148,718 | 109,397 | -26.4 | 9.4 | 9.1 | -0.3 |
| Genesis | 987 | 609 | -38.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 1,874 | 1,739 | -7.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| GMC | 8,150 | 7,348 | -9.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 26,515 | 23,776 | -10.3 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 0.3 |
| Honda | 63,247 | 51,237 | -19.0 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 187,449 | 141,206 | -24.7 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 0.0 |
| Hyundai | 18,271 | 14,397 | -21.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | -0.1 | 55,299 | 40,888 | -26.1 | 3.5 | 3.4 | -0.1 |
| Infiniti | 3,421 | 2,057 | -39.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 13,184 | 7,970 | -39.5 | 0.8 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| Jaguar | 1,147 | 1,051 | -8.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 4,288 | 3,089 | -28.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Jeep | 15,150 | 14,434 | -4.7 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 50,314 | 40,098 | -20.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 0.1 |
| Kia | 20,253 | 16,250 | -19.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 54,034 | 44,479 | -17.7 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 0.3 |
| Land Rover | 3,878 | 3,673 | -5.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 13,489 | 10,924 | -19.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Lexus | 16,059 | 13,685 | -14.8 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 47,833 | 36,964 | -22.7 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 0.1 |
| Lincoln | 1,606 | 1,480 | -7.8 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 5,021 | 4,527 | -9.8 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Maserati | 386 | 312 | -19.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1,295 | 930 | -28.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Mazda | 10,864 | 10,956 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 0.6 | 34,013 | 29,443 | -13.4 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 0.4 |
| Mercedes | 20,422 | 17,419 | -14.7 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 60,860 | 46,232 | -24.0 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 0.1 |
| MINI | 1,859 | 1,594 | -14.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 5,551 | 3,887 | -30.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Mitsubishi | 1,892 | 981 | -48.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 8,397 | 5,049 | -39.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Nissan | 30,851 | 17,011 | -44.9 | 6.0 | 4.1 | -1.0 | 110,864 | 58,948 | -46.8 | 7.0 | 4.9 | -2.1 |
| Other | 878 | 713 | -18.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2,775 | 2,336 | -15.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Porsche | 3,857 | 3,687 | -4.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 10,822 | 9,410 | -13.0 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Ram | 12,521 | 11,445 | -8.6 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 37,142 | 32,675 | -12.0 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 0.4 |
| Subaru | 20,375 | 18,315 | -10.1 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 59,376 | 49,879 | -16.0 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 0.5 |
| Tesla | 19,003 | 17,017 | -10.5 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 0.4 | 59,666 | 50,100 | -16.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 0.4 |
| Toyota | 85,666 | 71,669 | -16.3 | 16.7 | 17.3 | 0.6 | 254,366 | 202,013 | -20.6 | 16.0 | 16.8 | 0.8 |
| Volkswagen | 12,079 | 9,127 | -24.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | -0.1 | 39,436 | 25,958 | -34.2 | 2.5 | 2.2 | -0.3 |
| Volvo | 3,482 | 3,597 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 9,751 | 8,747 | -10.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Source: AutoCount data from Experian. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The table above shows new light vehicle (car and light truck) registrations in California. Figures are shown for the Third Quarters of 2019 and 2020 , and year to date totals. Vehicle registrations are recorded based on when the vehicle title information is processed by the state, which typically occurs after the vehicle is sold. The top ten ranked brands in each category are shaded yellow

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[^1]BREAKDOWN OF RETAIL AND FLEET MARKETS
State Retail Registrations Declined 19.5 Percent So Far in 2020 vs. 42.1 Percent Drop for Fleets

California New Car and Light Truck Retail and Fleet Registrations - YTD '18, '19, \& '20 thru Sept.


PERCENT CHANGE:
YTD ‘20 vs. YTD ‘19
Retail cars: DOWN 29.5\% Retail light trucks: DOWN 11.8\%

Fleet cars: DOWN 54.5\%
Fleet light trucks: DOWN 34.6\%

Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian.

REGIONAL MARKETS IN CALIFORNIA

## Southern California Market Declines at Slightly Slower Pace

| New Retail Light Vehicle Registrations (excluding fleets) YTD '20, Sept. |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| North and South California | YTD '19 | YTD '20 | \% chg. |
| Statewide Total | $1,235,413$ | 994,308 | $-19.5 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 537,992 | 379,513 | $-29.5 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Light Trucks | 697,421 | 614,795 | $-11.8 \%$ |
| Northern California | 422,830 | 335,196 | $-20.7 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 177,281 | 120,106 | $-32.3 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Light Trucks | 245,549 | 215,090 | $-12.4 \%$ |
| Southern California | 812,583 | 659,112 | $-18.9 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 360,711 | 259,407 | $-28.1 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Light Trucks | 451,872 | 399,705 | $-11.5 \%$ |
| Selected Regional Markets |  |  |  |
| San Francisco Bay | 240,309 | 178,266 | $-25.8 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 108,954 | 68,529 | $-37.1 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Light Trucks | 131,355 | 109,737 | $-16.5 \%$ |
| LA and Orange Counties | 488,016 | 380,908 | $-21.9 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 225,012 | 156,895 | $-30.3 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Light Trucks | 263,004 | 224,013 | $-14.8 \%$ |
| San Diego County | 104,239 | 87,088 | $-16.5 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Cars | 42,037 | 29,879 | $-28.9 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Light Trucks | 62,202 | 57,209 | $-8.0 \%$ |

Percent Change in New Retail Registrations - YTD ‘20 vs. YTD ‘19


## SEGMENT CLOSE-UP: MID SIZE SUVs

Toyota and Ford Lead State Mid Size SUV Segment

Model Sales Leaders
Top 10 Selling Models in State for Two Row and Three Row Mid Size SUVs - YTD 2020 thru Sept.

Market Share for Two Row Mid Size SUVs


Market Share for Three Row Mid Size SUVs




## Two <br> Key Trends

Mid Size SUV segment is \#1 performing better than the overall market...
\% Change in New Vehicle Registrations YTD '19 thru Sept. to YTD '20

Mid Size SUVs: DOWN 19.6\%
Industry DOWN 24.6\%

Three row SUVs account for higher share of the market...

3 Row SUV Share of Mid Size SUV Segment - YTD '19 and YTD '20 (Sept.)

YTD 2019:
64.0\%
62.0\%

Data Source: AutoCount data from Experian.

Brand Market Share in State Mid Size SUV Segment - YTD 2019 and YTD 2020 (thru Sept.)


[^2]
## CALIFORNIA USED VEHICLE MARKET

Used Vehicle Market Out Performs New Vehicle Market During 2020


CALIFORNIA USED VEHICLE MARKET
Toyota Share of Six Year Old or Newer Used Vehicle Market Approaches 13 Percent

Top 15 Selling Brands in California Used Vehicle Market (vehicles 6 years old or newer) YTD 2020 thru September



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