California Auto Outlook

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New Vehicle Registrations in State Predicted To Exceed 1.9 Million Units in 2019



New vehicle registrations in California are expected to slip to 1.91 million units in 2019.

The state's new vehicle market is predicted to decline 4.5 percent from 2018 to 2019, which would be the third consecutive annual decline.

Although the market is shifting lower, new vehicle registrations this year should exceed the 2009 total by more than 80 percent.

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

TWO YEAR PERSPECTIVE



	California			U.S.		
	YTD '18	YTD '19	Change	YTD '18	YTD '19	Change
Registrations						
TOTAL	1,504,342	1,427,578	-5.1%	12,857,847	12,767,471	-0.7%
Car	683,697	609,590	-10.8%	4,082,387	3,682,012	-9.8%
Light Truck	820,645	817,988	-0.3%	8,775,460	9,085,459	3.5%
Domestic	456,266	434,344	-4.8%	5,713,490	5,707,903	-0.1%
European	226,577	221,836	-2.1%	1,174,958	1,190,339	1.3%
Japanese	723,403	671,784	-7.1%	5,014,494	4,868,521	-2.9%
Korean	98,096	99,614	1.5%	954,905	1,000,708	4.8%
Market Share						
Car	45.4	42.7	-2.7	31.8	28.8	-3.0
Light Truck	54.6	57.3	2.7	68.2	71.2	3.0
Domestic	30.3	30.4	0.1	44.4	44.7	0.3
European	15.1	15.5	0.4	9.1	9.3	0.2
Japanese	48.1	47.1	-1.0	39.0	38.1	-0.9
Korean	6.5	7.0	0.5	7.4	7.8	0.4

California new light vehicle market declined 5.1 percent during the first nine months of this year, while the U.S. market fell 0.7 percent.

Light truck registrations in the state were down slightly, while passenger cars fell 10.8 percent.

Light truck market share in California was 57.3 percent vs. 71.2 percent in the Nation.

Source: IHS

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





The California new vehicle market recorded its tenth consecutive year-over-year decline in the Third Quarter of 2019.

New vehicle registrations in the state fell 4.2 percent in 3Q '19, an improvement from the 5.8% drop in the Second Quarter.