

Kelley Blue Book Names the 12 Best Family Cars of 2026

New consumer insights also reveal SUVs continue to dominate family vehicle preferences, with comfort, affordability and confidence driving purchase decisions

ATLANTA, June 3, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- As families navigate busy schedules and carefully manage household budgets, many are looking for vehicles that offer long-term value and peace of mind. With so many options on the market, Kelley Blue Book, a Cox Automotive brand, and trusted vehicle resource for 100 years, today announced the [12 Best Family Cars of 2026](#) to help make the car-shopping process easier for families. The list recognizes vehicles that are rigorously tested and evaluated against real-world family needs, including reliability, safety, efficiency and value.

The annual recognition comes as new Kelley Blue Book consumer survey findings* show family road trips continue to play a key role in how consumers approach vehicle shopping.



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According to the recent survey:

- Families want bigger, more comfortable vehicles, but not at the expense of fuel efficiency
- SUVs remain the go-to family vehicle, driven by safety, practicality and affordability
- Three-row SUVs are especially popular for road trips, with safety, fuel efficiency and value ranking among the top purchase considerations

"The best family vehicles are those that can keep up with the realities of everyday life – whether that's road trips, a busy weekend schedule or daily school drop-offs," said Sean Tucker, Managing Editor at Kelley Blue Book. "This year's Best Family Cars of 2026 list combines the versatility, comfort and safety features families want most, while also delivering strong value and efficiency, which is top of mind for many families right now."

Below, presented in alphabetical order by brand, are Kelley Blue Book's 2026 choices for the 12 Best Family Cars:

Best 2-Row SUVs for Families

2026 Honda CR-V
2026 Hyundai Ioniq 5
2026 Toyota RAV4

Best 3-Row SUVs for Families

2026 Chevrolet Tahoe
2026 Ford Expedition
2026 Honda Odyssey
2026 Honda Pilot
2026 Hyundai Palisade
2026 Hyundai Santa Fe
2026 Kia Sorento
2026 Toyota Grand Highlander
2026 Toyota Sienna

To learn more about the 12 Best Family Cars of 2026 from Kelley Blue Book,

including detailed expert reviews, safety information for each model, pricing details and more, visit <https://www.kbb.com/awards/best-family-cars/>.

** Research Dates & Methodology - Conducted from May 7 to May 14, 2026.*

Consumer Survey: n=490

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