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- Auction values dipped lower in November to an average of $\$ 16,342$, or $\$ 75$ below the November 2012 average.
- The decline in November accounts for 2 percent of the 6 percent drop seen in auction values since August, and Kelley Blue Book believes the industry will see another 2 percent decline through year-end.
"Typically auction values continue to fall at this steady rate through year-end into January and February, and only then will values start picking back up as we approach early spring.," said Alec Gutierrez, senior analyst for Kelley Blue Book. "This softening in auction values is attributed to increased off-lease vehicles and thus higher auction volume than seen in previous years."


## Auction Volume Continues Positive Growth




- Auction volume throughout the year has been up across almost all segments, but not as much as the compact SUV and entry-level luxury segments.
- The drastic growth in volume for both segments is due largely to an increase in lease returns. Lease sales began to recover in 2011, following the recession and now, two years later, these leases are beginning to return to market and a large proportion of them are coming through the auction lanes.


## Fuel Prices Reach Yearly Low



## Used luxury Values Soften Further



|  | Nov-13 | Oct-13 | \% Chg |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Entry-level Luxury Car | $\$ 19,768$ | $\$ 20,398$ | $-3.1 \%$ |
| High-end Luxury Car | $\$ 43,570$ | $\$ 44,923$ | $-3.0 \%$ |
| Luxury Car | $\$ 27,430$ | $\$ 28,164$ | $-2.6 \%$ |
| Luxury Compact SUV/Crossover | $\$ 25,142$ | $\$ 25,771$ | $-2.4 \%$ |
| Luxury Full-size SUV/Crossover | $\$ 33,623$ | $\$ 34,384$ | $-2.2 \%$ |
| Luxury Mid-size SUV/Crossover | $\$ 31,647$ | $\$ 32,249$ | $-1.9 \%$ |
| Luxury Average | $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 , 8 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 6 , 5 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{- 2 . 5 \%}$ |

## Luxury Crossover/SUV Values Steadily Decline



- Year-over-year, values for the luxury crossover/SUV segment have declined in November.
- All sub-segments (compact, mid-size, and full-size luxury) decreased with no vehicles seeing increases month-to-month.
- The vehicles with the biggest change month-over-month were the Land Rover LR2 ( -5.0 percent), Lincoln MKT ( -4.4 percent) and Cadillac SRX (-4.3 percent).


## Increase in Toyota, Lexus Volume Causing Auction Values to Decrease



- Models from the Toyota and Lexus brands have been declining month-over-month with an average drop of 2.2 percent from October to November.
- Due to the end of the year holiday season, there has been an increasingly high volume of vehicles moving through the lanes, causing values to soften.
- The luxury vehicles (Lexus ES-Series, IS-Series and LS-Series) have been decreasing drastically, while the vehicles that are typically high volume (Toyota Corolla, Avalon and Camry) have not been as affected by the increase in inventory.


## SUV/Crossover Values Decrease in the Last Four Weeks



| Y-o-Y \% Change By Sub-Segment |  |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  |
| Luxury Mid-Size SUV/Crossover | $1.40 \%$ |
| Full-Size SUV/Crossover | $0.30 \%$ |
| Mid-Size SUV/Crossover | $-0.40 \%$ |
| Luxury Full-Size SUV/Crossover | $-1.60 \%$ |
| Luxury Compact SUV/Crossover | $-1.90 \%$ |
| Compact SUV/Crossover | $-2.00 \%$ |

- In November, the overall average auction value for SUV/crossovers dropped 1.9 percent and on a year-over-year basis the segment is down 0.8 percent.
- Luxury mid-size SUV/crossover segment is outperforming the rest of the sub-segments on a year-over-year basis, up 1.4 percent.


## Mid-Size Vehicles Down Year-Over-Year



## Auction Values for Full-Size Trucks Remain Stable Despite Increases in Auction Volume



- In November 2013, values for used full-size pickup trucks dropped 0.45 percent compared to the end of October 2013, but remain up 1.67 percent above November 2012 values.
- October 2013 auction volume marked a new peak for the full-size truck segment, ending the month 1.02 percent above the previous high in January 2013.
- Despite the greater supply of used full-size pickups at auction, values have remained relatively stable, thanks to seasonal demand for 4 x 4 capable trucks and a strong construction sector.

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## Luxury and High-Performance Vehicles Peak in Shopper Interest

- Arthur Henry, manager of market intelligence and market analyst, Kelley Blue Book

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- Share of used retail shopping interest for high-performance vehicles increased 10.1 percent month-over-month in November 2013.
- Leading the charge is the 2008 Jaguar XK Series, which increased 53.8 percent in share during the past month.
- Luxury utility vehicles are the second most improved segment in used-car shopping share.
- The key drivers of this segment are the 2008 Infiniti QX and 2007 Lexus GX.


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