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- Pickup trucks remain hot and were among the best performing segments overall with nearly no depreciation for the month.
"Used-vehicle values should continue to decline at a pace of nearly 1 percent per month through summer, thanks to improving supply conditions at auction and enticing finance and lease offers on news cars," said Alec Gutierrez, senior market analyst, Kelley Blue Book.


## Fuel Prices Remain Mostly Flat in May and June



- Fuel prices remained mostly flat through May and early June relative to previous years where fuel price declines began in April and May. At the moment, fuel prices are a little more than $\$ 0.10$ per gallon higher than during the same time last year.
"We expect a late seasonal trend to take effect starting mid-June, which will bring fuel prices down slightly going into summer months," said Gutierrez. "With fuel prices expected to retreat, consumers should have no trouble getting a great deal on a used compact this summer."


## Compact Segment - Retained Value



## Consistent Declines in the Compact Segment




- Compact segment values remained at a steady decline throughout May and June, maintaining a segment average value slightly lower than in 2012.
"The average auction value for vehicles within the compact segment comes in at $\$ 11,846$ with 16 vehicles falling within the $\$ 11,000$ to $\$ 13,000$ range," said Gutierrez. "With such a large number of vehicles falling within a $\$ 2,000$ range, it makes the compact segment one of the most competitive segments in the market."
- Values in the compact segment have been negatively impacted by falling fuel prices as well as low lease offers on new vehicles.


## Imports Outperforming Most Full-Size Pickup Trucks in June



- By mid-June, auction values for the Toyota Tundra and Nissan Titan were up 0.5 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively, from mid-May values.
- Interest in used domestic trucks like the GMC Sierra and Chevrolet Silverado may be waning as the redesigned 2014 models begin to show up on dealer lots.
- The Chevrolet Avalanche, discontinued after model-year 2013, was the hardest hit truck in June, dropping 0.8 percent month-over-month.


## Mid-Size Pickup Trucks Trending Higher in 2013 Due to Diminished Supply



- The average auction value for 1- to 3-year-old mid-size pickup trucks rose 0.3 percent in June from May values.
- Compared to June 2012, average auction values for used mid-size trucks in June 2013 are $\$ 596$ or 4.2 percent higher.
"Higher values in 2013 are likely due to the end of production for several models like the Ford Ranger and Ram Dakota, decreasing the overall supply of used mid-size pickup trucks in the market," said Gutierrez. "A decreased supply also greatly affects trucks with higher auction value retention, such as the Toyota Tacoma, by increasing their average market value."


## Minivan Auction Values Drop During Last Four Weeks



- During the last four weeks, auction values of 1- to 3-year-old minivans fell 1.1 percent, which was slightly better than the market average, down 1.3 percent.
- Values for all vehicles in the segment have dropped, with the exception of the Mazda5 ( 0.5 percent increase).
- The volume of Mazda5 at the auction has decreased compared to last month (as well as last year), which may account for the increase in values.
- The Nissan Quest and Volkswagen Routan have had the biggest decreases. The auction values have dropped 2.3 percent and 2.2 percent respectively.
- Minivans have seen market share erode as consumers have opted for compact crossovers rather than minivans due to better available fuel economy.


## SUV/Crossover Segment Declines in June

| Segment | 13-May | 13-Jun | \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Compact Crossover | $\$ 16,378$ | $\$ 15,877$ | $-3.10 \%$ |
| Mid-size SUV/Crossover | $\$ 19,308$ | $\$ 19,190$ | $-0.60 \%$ |
| Full-Size SUV/Crossover | $\$ 24,883$ | $\$ 24,675$ | $-0.80 \%$ |


| Segment | $13-$ May | 13 -Jun | \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Luxury Compact Crossover | $\$ 27,987$ | $\$ 27,419$ | $\mathbf{- 2 . 0 0 \%}$ |
| Luxury Mid-size SUV/Crossover | $\$ 34,486$ | $\$ 34,282$ | $\mathbf{- 0 . 6 0 \%}$ |
| Luxury Full-size SUV | $\$ 35,991$ | $\$ 35,753$ | $\mathbf{- 0 . 7 0 \%}$ |

Source: Kelley Blue Book Automotive Insights

- All SUV/crossover segments are decreasing in June with the biggest change being in compact and luxury compact.
- With so many redesigned and all-new entrants available to consumers such as the Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V, Ford Escape and Mazda CX-5, it is only natural to see values of previous generation models take a hit.
- The biggest changes are the Mazda Tribute (down 8.5 percent), Mercury Mariner (down 7.3 percent), Suzuki Grand Vitara (down 5.7 percent) and Cadillac SRX (down 5.7 percent), which are all in the compact/luxury compact crossover segment.
- As we move into the summer months, Kelley Blue Book expects values to continue to decline.
- Mid-size sedans should end June more than 6 percent below prices paid last year.
- In June, mid-size sedans declined nearly 3 percent, about equal with the industry leading depreciation seen in the small car and alt energy segments.
"Mid-size sedans have seen downward price pressure as consumers have been reluctant to pay top dollar for the current batch of late-model previous generation offerings when the latest generation new alternatives are available with affordable finance rates and low lease offers starting well below $\$ 300$ per month," said Gutierrez.
- Values of late-model used full-size sedan are trending near 5 percent below levels seen at this time last year.
- Used full-size sedans have seen a decline interest as consumers have gravitated towards better equipped and more fuel-efficient mid-size sedans as well as redesigned and significantly improved new full-size offerings such as the Chevrolet Impala, Hyundai Azera and Toyota Avalon.
"Overall, the peak occurred early in April this year and the values have been on a downward slope since then," said Gutierrez. "The early peak and subsequent downturn in segment values can also be attributed to a jump in off-lease inventory hitting auctions in recent months."


## Luxury Values See Small Declines in June

|  | Jun-13 | May-13 | \% Chg |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Entry-level Luxury Car | $\$ 22,075$ | $\$ 22,230$ | $-0.7 \%$ |
| High-end Luxury Car | $\$ 48,845$ | $\$ 49,655$ | $-1.6 \%$ |
| Luxury Car | $\$ 30,522$ | $\$ 30,595$ | $-0.2 \%$ |
| Luxury Compact SUV/Crossover | $\$ 27,419$ | $\$ 27,987$ | $-2.0 \%$ |
| Luxury Full-size SUV/Crossover | $\$ 35,753$ | $\$ 35,991$ | $-0.7 \%$ |
| Luxury Mid-size SUV/Crossover | $\mathbf{\$ 3 4 , 2 8 2}$ | $\$ 34,486$ | $-0.6 \%$ |
| Average | $\mathbf{\$ 2 8 , 4 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 8 , 6 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{- 0 . 8 \%}$ |

- Auction values of 1-to 3-year-old luxury vehicles fell nearly 0.8 percent in June, outperforming the overall market average of 1.3 percent. Declines were at a similar pace as in May 2013.
- No luxury segment appreciated in June, while values of compact luxury SUV/ Crossovers dropped by an average of 2 percent, the most of any luxury segment.

Source: Kelley Blue Book Automotive Insights
"Through the first half of the year, luxury depreciation has been relatively mild," said Gutierrez. "However, we may be due for a correction soon as we head into July. In July 2010, luxury values dropped 1.5 percent, while in July 2011, luxury cars fell 2.7 percent."

- Luxury values tend to fall during the summer months in anticipation of the new model year changeover, which starts in the late summer/early fall timeframe.


## Luxury Utility Vehicles Retaining Strong Values



- Compact and mid-size luxury utility vehicles are leading the industry in terms of retained value of MSRP at 72.4 percent. In fact, four out of six luxury segments have a higher retention than the industry average of 62.5 percent, as overall, the luxury market sits at 65.8 percent.
- Audi has two of the top five luxury models with the best retained value, the Q5 and Q7. It is worthy to note that the top five models are all crossover or sport utility vehicles.

| Model | Retention |
| :--- | ---: |
| Land Rover LR4 | $83.6 \%$ |
| Audi Q7 | $81.2 \%$ |
| Porsche Cayenne | $80.5 \%$ |
| Audi Q5 | $79.3 \%$ |
| BMW X3 | $77.6 \%$ |

* Only models with at least 3 model years included

Source: Kelley Blue Book Automotive Insights

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## Gas Prices and Fuel Efficiency Affect the Market

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

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- The segments with the greatest increase in share are the hybrid car, compact crossover and subcompact car. These are the traditional gas savers in the consumer minds and tend to fluctuate with gas prices.
- Gas prices have been relatively stable, which has lowered the prices on used hybrid cars.
- The 2011 Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, a compact crossover, has received an increase interest shortly after information was released on the redesigned 2014 Outlander.


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