

IOWA NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Overview. Information on the number of new vehicle registrations (for cars, multipurpose vehicles, and light trucks) in Iowa is provided by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and is derived from tax records collected by the DOT. The DOT collects this information throughout the year and totals it monthly.

Historical Trend. The moving annual total of new vehicle registrations declined significantly from 164,500 vehicles in November 2004 to 98,600 in December 2009. Growth in the annual number of new registrations turned positive in May 2010. While remaining below the previous peak, new vehicle registrations recovered significantly through the end of 2015, with registrations totaling 140,480 that year.

Beginning in March 2016, new vehicle registrations declined for 19 months compared to the prior 12 months. October 2017 was the first month since February 2016 that posted an increase compared to the prior 12-month total. In October, November, and December 2018, new vehicle registrations have declined.

Current Status. In December 2018 new vehicle registrations decreased 2.4% when compared to the 12-month average in December 2017.

More Data. Additional information can be found on the Legislative Services Agency's [Economic Trends webpage](#), which includes links to source sites and the underlying data for each Economic Trends indicator.

