

The above chart shows Montana's new passenger car and light truck registrations by calendar year from 1995 through 2011. Registrations peaked in 2007 at almost 50,000 units and then, because of the "Great Recession", dropped to about 33,000 units in 2009. Registrations have improved in 2010 and 2011, with continued improvement expected, as Montana and the rest of the United States slowly recover from the recession.