

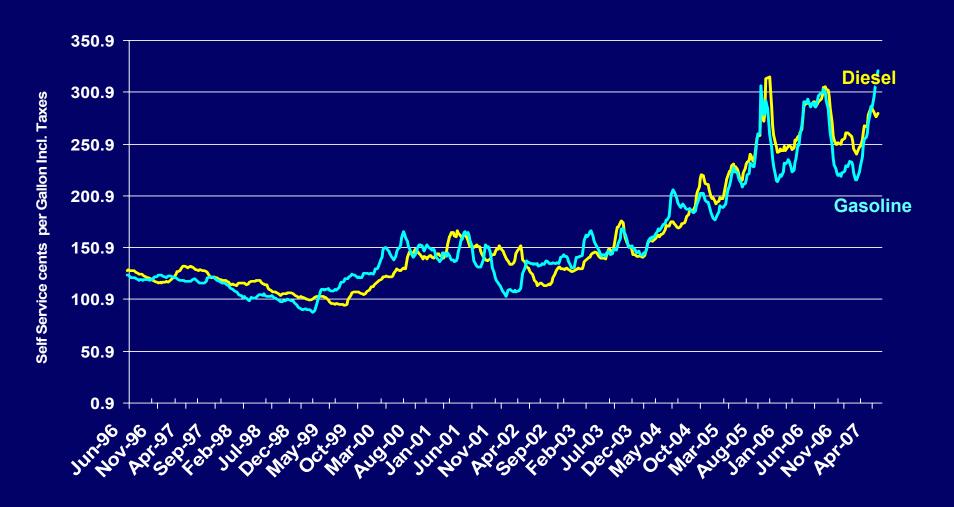


# Outlook for Franchised New Car Dealers

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### Two Challenges/Opportunities facing Dealerships: 1. Rising Average Retail Gasoline/Diesel Price



**Source: Energy Information Administration** 

#### 2. Rising Interest Rates



Source: Federal Reserve, Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Average Home Price Trend vs. Outstanding Home Equity Loans



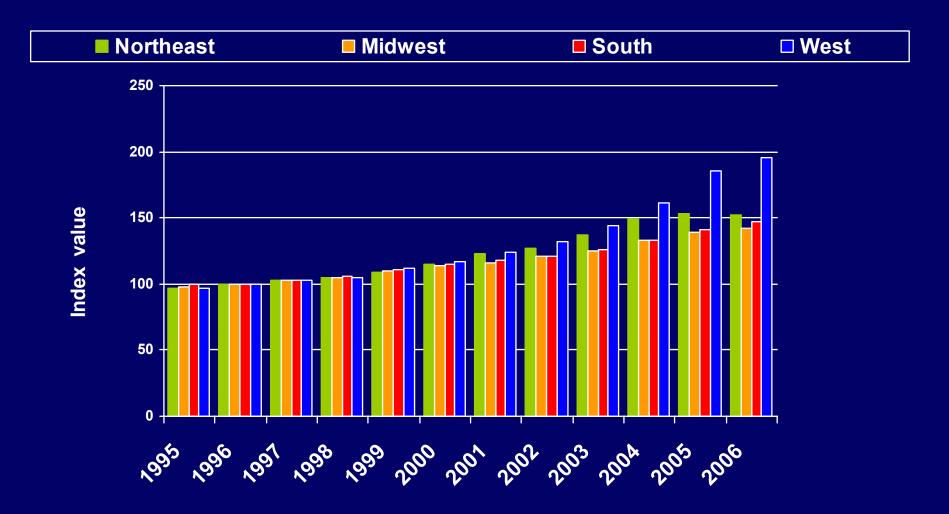
Sources: National Association of Realtors and FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile

## U.S. Households: Potential and Realized Cash from Home Equity Extraction



Source: Federal Reserve Board, Divisions of Research, Statistics & Monetary Affairs

### Price Index of New One-Family Houses Sold Index Value-1996=100 (Includes Lot)



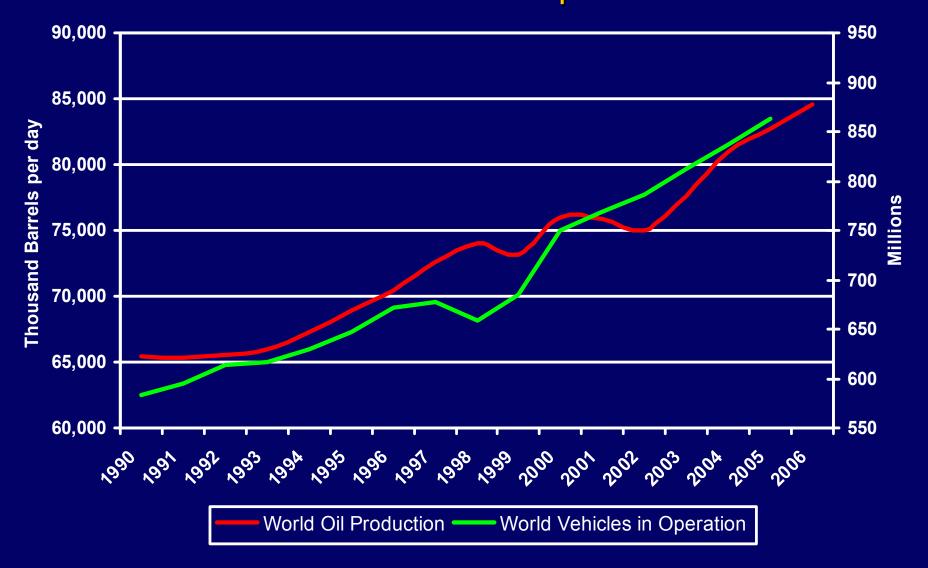
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Total U.S. Licensed Drivers: Rising at a More Modest Rate Recently



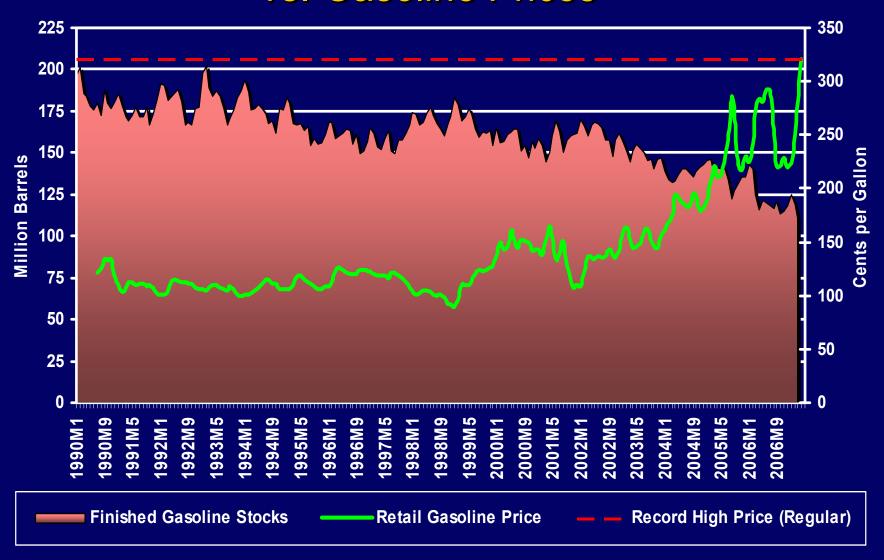
Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

### World Production of Crude Oil, NGPL & Other Liquids vs. World Vehicles in Operation



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Ward's Automotive Group

## U.S. Finished Motor Gasoline Stocks vs. Gasoline Prices



Source: U.S. Department of Energy Monthly Energy Review, EIA

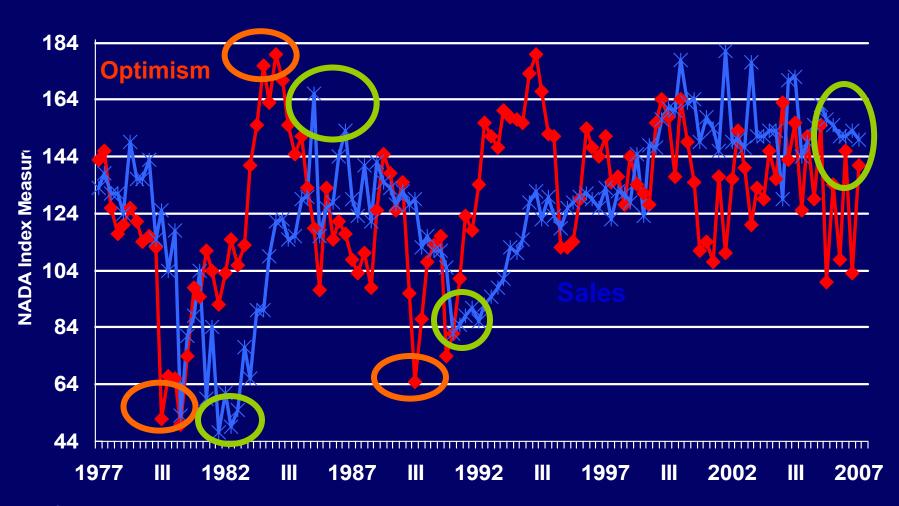
## The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index



Source: Conference Board

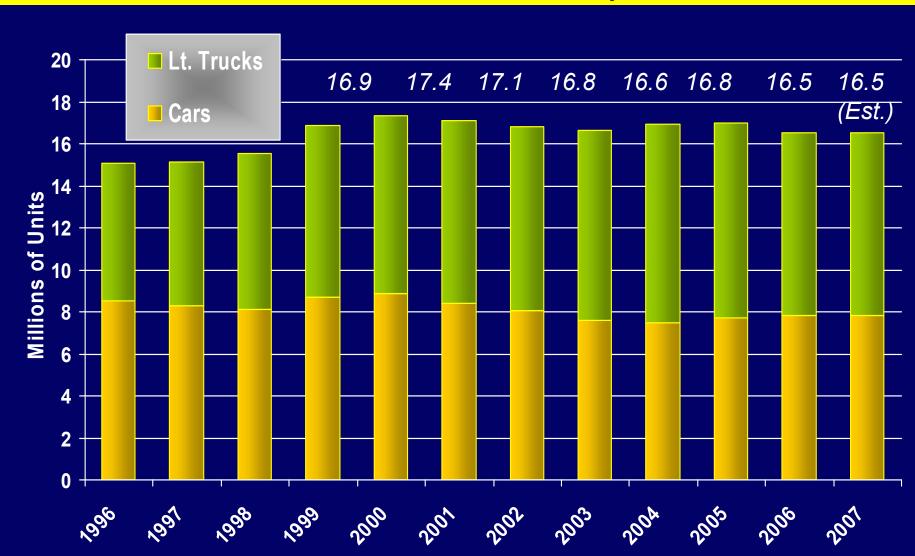
#### **NADA Dealer Optimism Index**

**Leading Indicator of New-Vehicle Sales** 



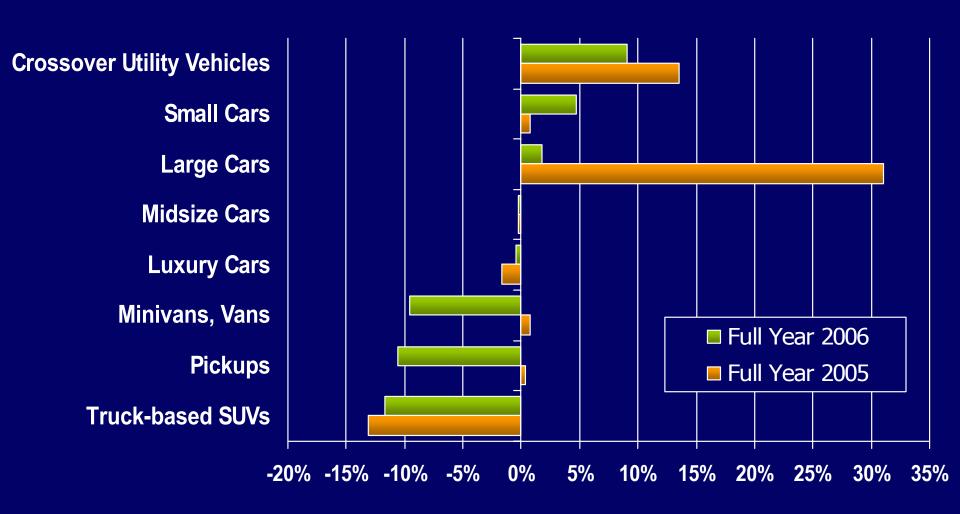
Source: NADA Industry Analysis

## U.S. Light Vehicle Sales: 16.5 Million Units in 2006 and near 16.5 Million Units likely in 2007



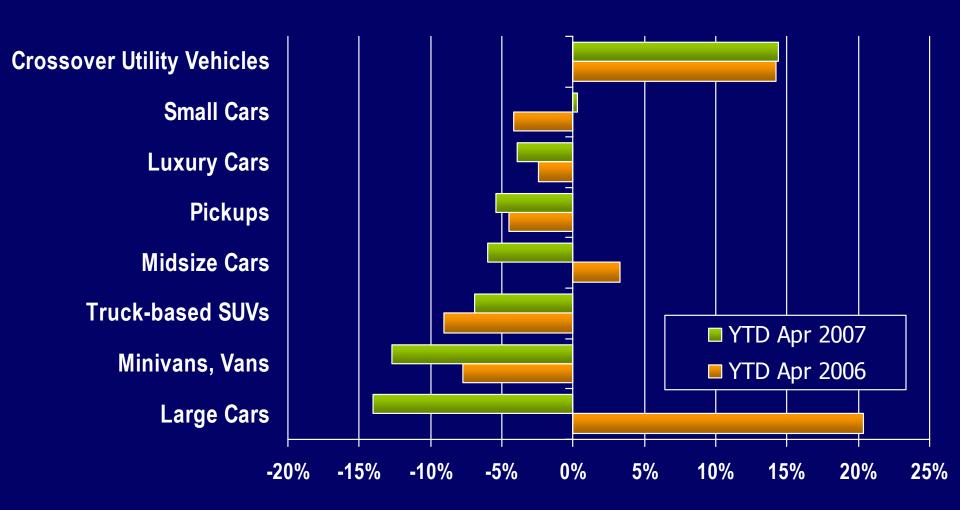
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### Crossovers, Small and Large Cars had Sales Growth Percentage Sales Growth in Full-Year 2006



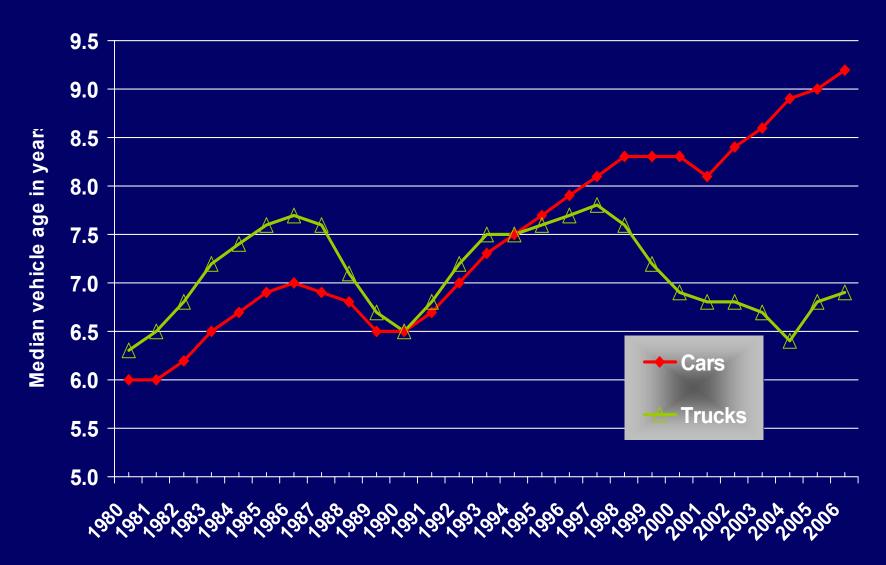
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### Crossovers and Small Cars are the only Categories with Sales Growth, Year-to-Date April 2007



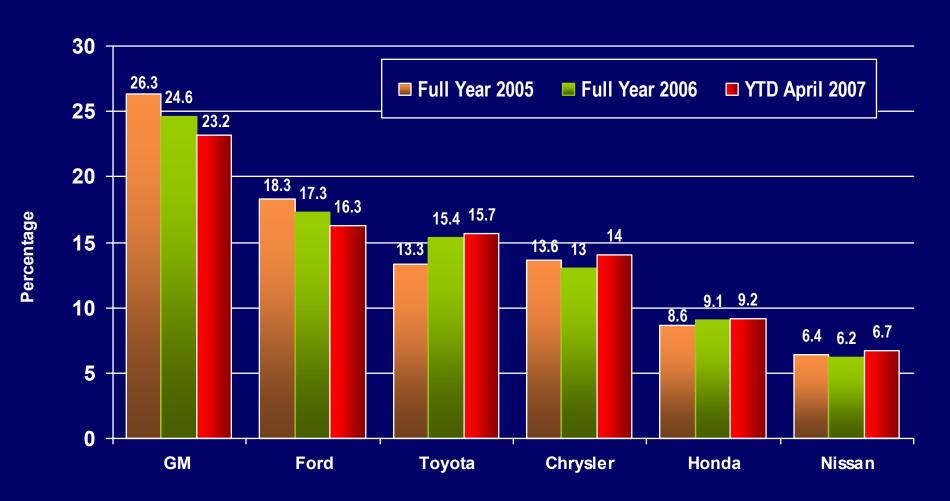
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#### Median Vehicle Age Moving Higher



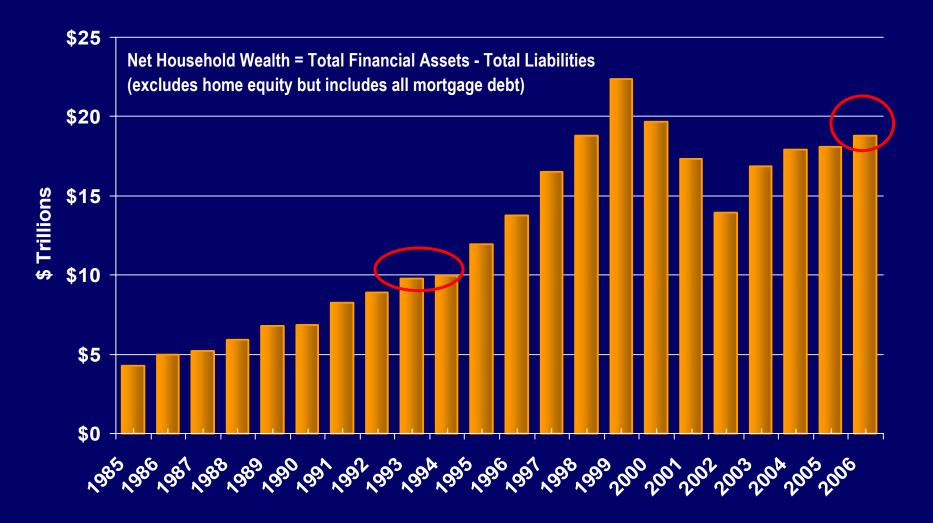
Source: R.L. Polk

# Light Vehicle Market Share Percentages By Major Manufacturer



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#### U.S. Household Net Financial Assets



Source: Federal Reserve Flow of Funds Data, Z.I., Table L.10.

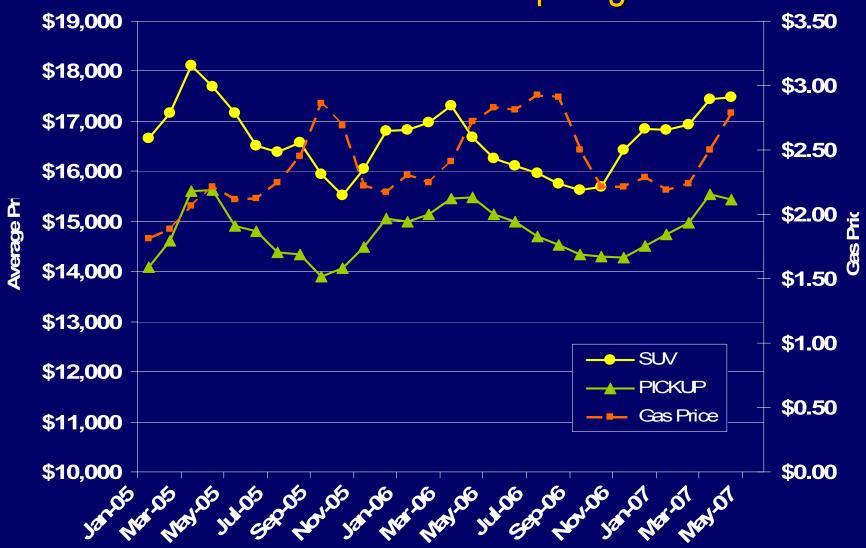
#### Manufacturer Incentives: Lower in 2007 Thus Far, through April

Exception is the Euro-badged Vehicles



Source: Edmunds.com

### AuctionNet Wholesale Used SUV Prices and Gas Prices Ward's SUV and Pickup Segments



## AuctionNet Average Wholesale Used Vehicle Price and Smoothed Trend (Red Line)

What will \$3 Plus Gas and Higher New Car Incentives Do?



Source: N.A.D.A. Analytical Services and NAAA AuctionNet

