New Car Transaction Prices in January 2014 Fall Below \$30,000, According to Cars.com

Overall Incentives Are Down 6%

CHICAGO, Jan. 30, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Cars.com, the leading online resource for buying and selling new and used vehicles, estimated today that the average transaction price (ATP) for light vehicles in the U.S. was \$29,882 in January 2014, down \$356 (-1.2 percent) from January 2013; and down \$1,032 (-3.3 percent) from December 2013.

In addition, Cars.com estimated that the average incentive for light vehicles was \$2,383 in January 2014, down \$151 (6.0 percent) from January 2013; and down \$425 (-15.1 percent) from December 2013.

"After what appeared to be an unstoppable run, transaction prices finally experienced a measurable drop in January," said Jesse Toprak, Chief Analyst for Cars.com. "The Dow dropped more than 500 points causing buyers to hesitate in purchasing vehicles with higher price tags while vehicles under \$30,000 carried the industry sales to an essentially flat performance. Even though the incentives dropped this month, the current pace of inventory accumulation at the dealerships has the potential to cause heated incentive battles in competitive segments in the coming months."

Manufacturer	January 2014 Transaction Price	December 2013 Transaction Price	January 2013 Transaction Price	Percent Change January 2013 to January 2014	Percent Change December 2013 to January 2014
Chrysler Group	\$31,064	\$31,749	\$31,201	-0.4%	-2.2%
Ford	\$32,032	\$32,715	\$32,204	-0.5%	-2.1%
GM	\$33,845	\$34,838	\$34,662	-2.4%	-2.9%
Honda	\$26,312	\$26,746	\$26,031	1.1%	-1.6%
Hyundai/Kia	\$22,476	\$22,422	\$21,977	2.3%	0.2%
Nissan	\$25,262	\$26,257	\$25,069	0.8%	-3.8%
Toyota	\$28,502	\$29,601	\$28,105	1.4%	-3.7%
Volkswagen	\$35,442	\$36,433	\$33,479	5.9%	-2.7%
Industry	\$29,882	\$30,914	\$30,238	-1.2%	-3.3%

Manufacturer	January 2014 Incentives	December 2013 Incentives	January 2013 Incentives	Percent Change January 2013 to January 2014	Percent Change December 2013 to January 2014
Chrysler Group	\$2,776	\$2,992	\$3,368	-17.6%	-7.2%
Ford	\$3,264	\$3,625	\$2,833	15.2%	-10.0%
GM	\$2,792	\$3,458	\$3,004	-7.1%	-19.3%
Honda	\$1,661	\$1,706	\$1,116	48.8%	-2.6%
Hyundai/Kia	\$1,945	\$2,042	\$1,803	7.9%	-4.8%
Nissan	\$2,359	\$2,998	\$2,419	-2.5%	-21.3%
Toyota	\$1,920	\$2,174	\$1,874	2.5%	-11.7%
Volkswagen	\$2,098	\$2,319	\$2,114	-0.8%	-9.5%
Industry	\$2,383	\$2,808	\$2,534	-6.0%	-15.1%

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