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# COVID-19 AUTO MARKET UPDATE

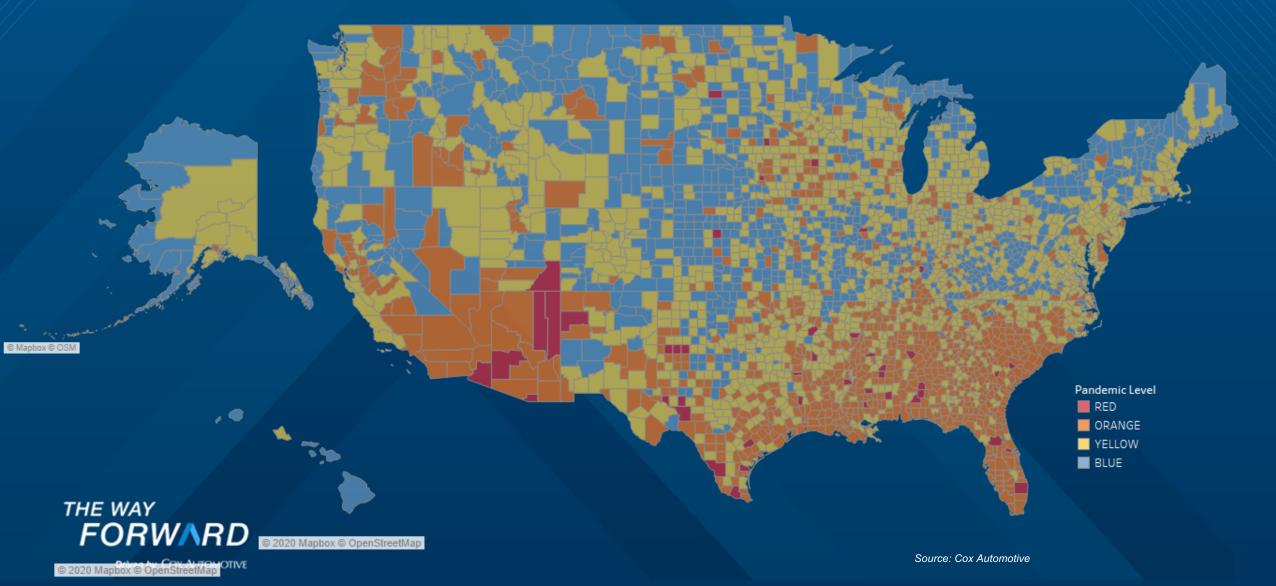


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#### COVID-19 LOCAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT



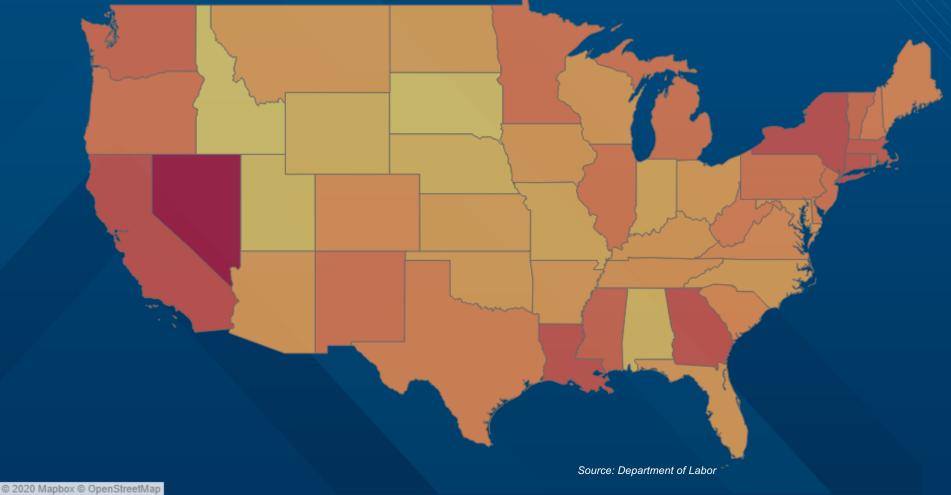
#### CONTINUING CLAIMS AT 16.2 MILLION NATIONALLY



**Continued Claims % of Jobs by State** 

Note: Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 11





#### CONSUMER SENTIMENT DOWN AGAIN LAST WEEK

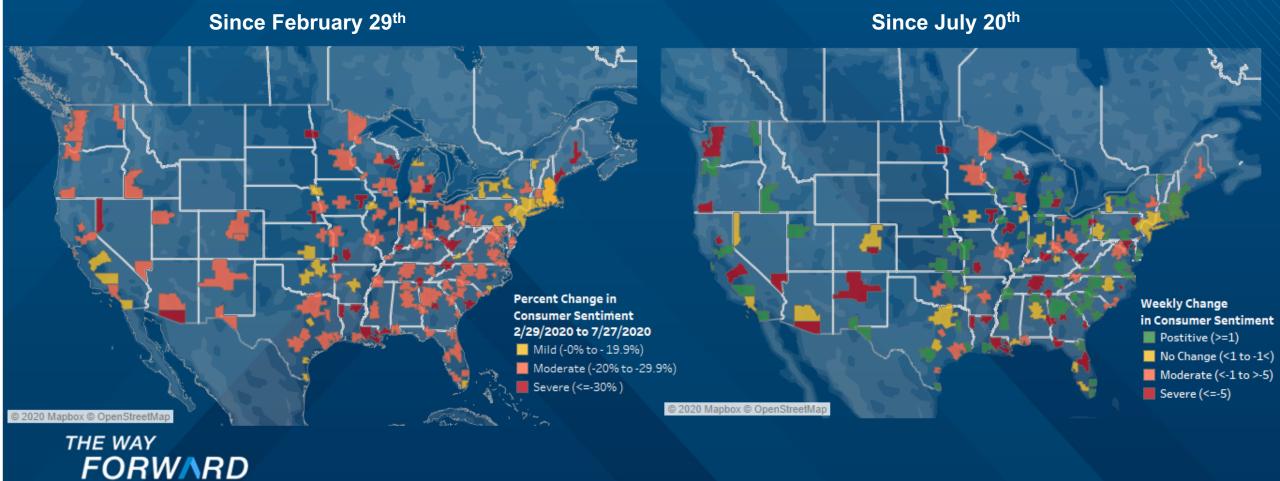
Morning Consult's Index of Consumer Sentiment on Monday was down 24.2% since February 29

ICS Value (7-Day Average)





## CONSUMER SENTIMENT VARIES ACROSS MAJOR MARKETS

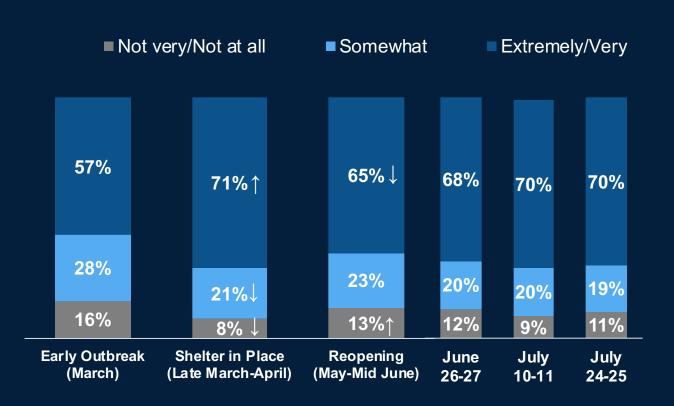


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#### Consumers remain on edge with new challenges popping up every week

#### **Consumer Level of Concern**



43%

of households with children entering virtual learning expect to see it impact their employment

Q9. How concerned are you about the coronavirus overall?

Q27a6. Will having virtual/at-home learning for your child(ren) impact your or your spouse's employment situation?



The number of in-market shoppers has dropped by 1/4 since the start of COVID-19

% OF CONSUMERS IN-MARKET TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE WITHIN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

20%

Early Outbreak (March)

20%

Shelter in Place (Late March - April)

17%1

Reopening (May – Mid June)

15% (July 24-25)

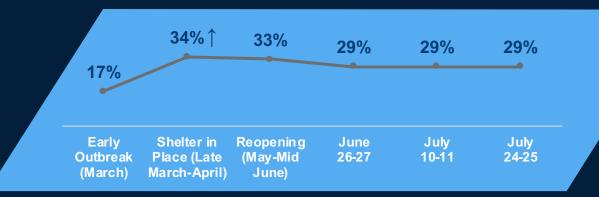
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Q4. Now as of today, when do you think you will be in the market to purchase or lease a vehicle?



#### Uncertainty plagues over half of those delaying their purchase

#### **Delaying Vehicle Purchase/Lease\***





- Spike in COVID-19 cases
- Uncertain financial stability
- Fewer miles traveled
- Civil unrest
- General uncertainty in the market

of those delaying a vehicle purchase can this an "uncertain" vehicle purchase call time to buy a vehicle

of shoppers not delaying a vehicle purchase still call this a "good" time to buy a vehicle

Q10. Have you done, or do you think you will do any of the following because of the coronavirus? \*Note: Added "have done" in Wave 4 Q4aa. How would you complete the following sentence? "Right now is a time to buy a vehicle?" (Options: perfect, smart, scary, stupid, pointless, other)

\*Among 6-month auto intenders

#### RETAIL SALES RECOVERY ESTIMATES

Y/Y % Change in 7-Day Moving Average of Retail Sales

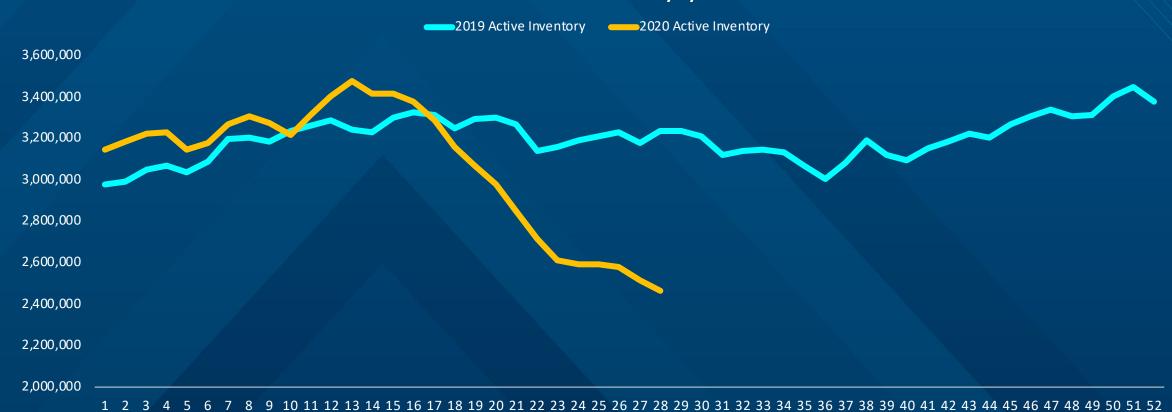


#### ZERO PERCENT FINANCING DECREASES



#### NEW SALES HAMPERED BY SUPPLY





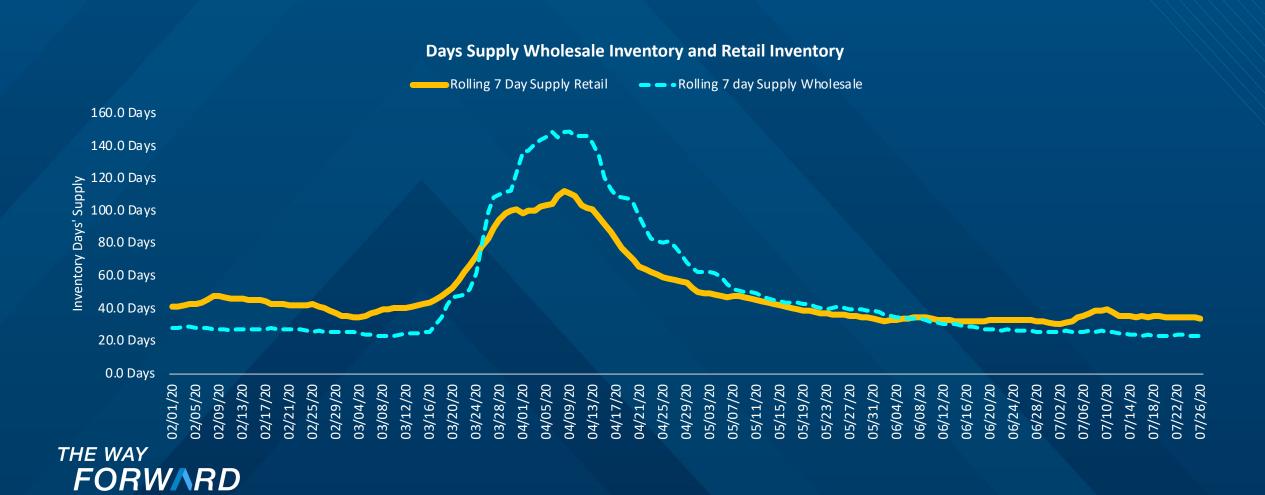
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#### USED INVENTORY DOWN

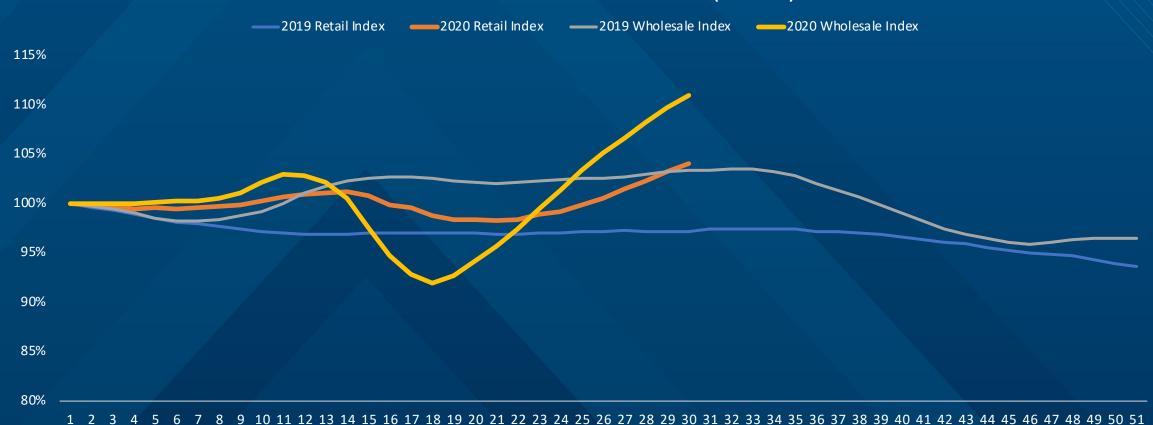
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#### USED PRICES AT NEW HIGH POINTS

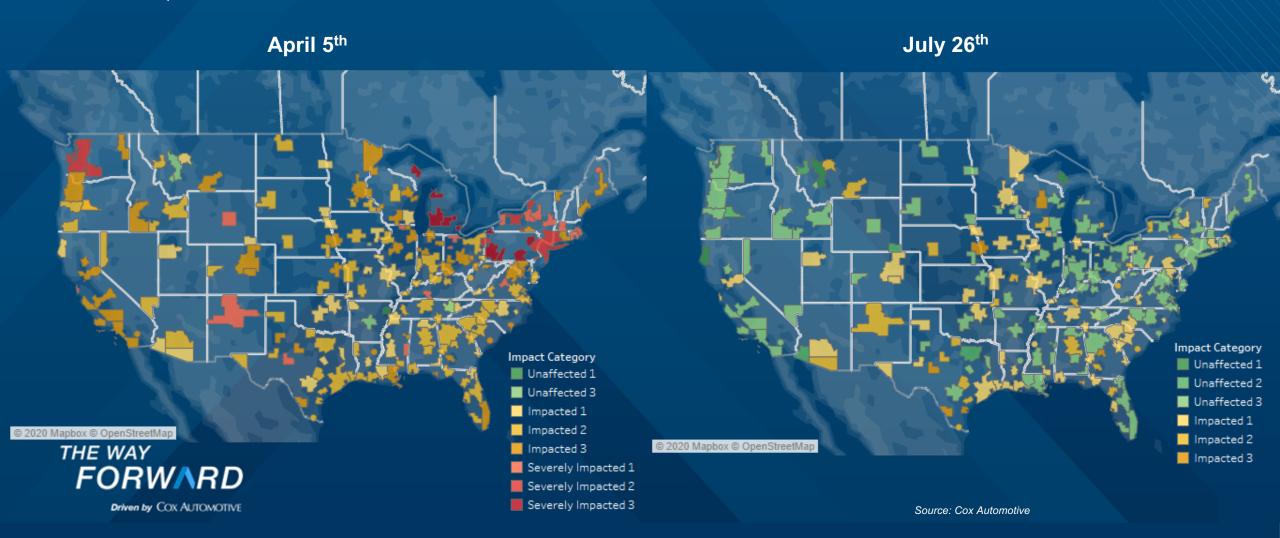
#### MY 2017 Retail and Wholesale Price Indices (wk1=100)



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## SALES IMPACT VARIES BY DMA AS EVIDENCED BY UNIQUE CREDIT APPS



#### COX AUTOMOTIVE LEADING INDICATORS

- Leads on Autotrader were up 52% y/y in July through Saturday and on Kelley Blue Book up 27%; both are strong but losing some momentum
- Dealer.com continues to see both New and Used Vehicle Form Submissions outperform, and used lost momentum over the weekend
- Dealertrack unique credit applications on same-store basis were down 11% y/y last week, which was a declining trend from the prior week
- Xtime saw a 15% decrease y/y last week in consumers having their cars serviced, which was a slight decline from the prior week



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