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COVID-19 AUTO MARKET UPDATE



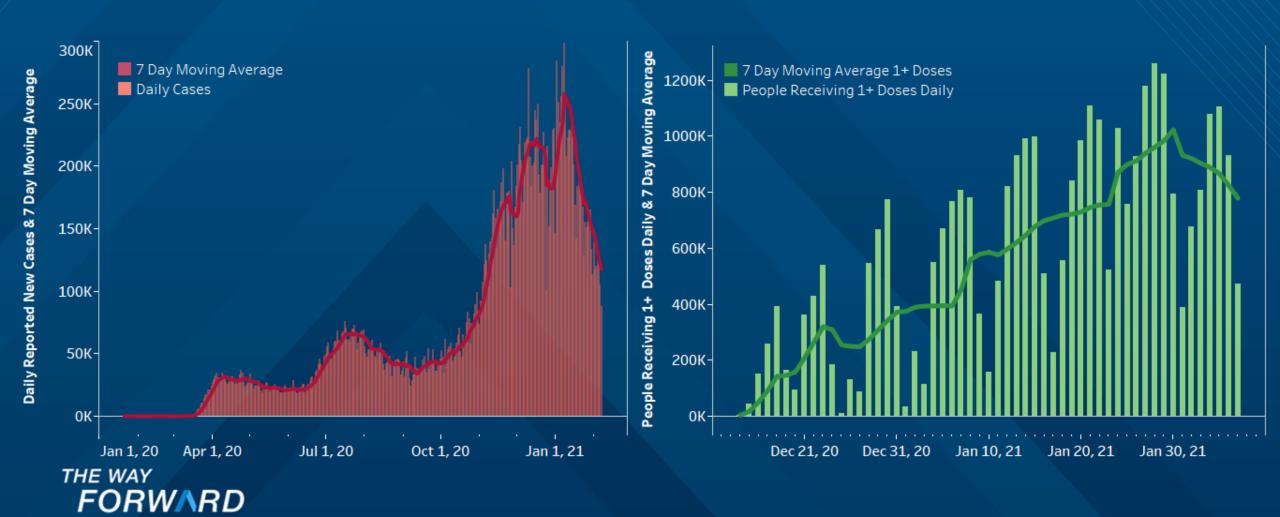
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COVID-19 LOCAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

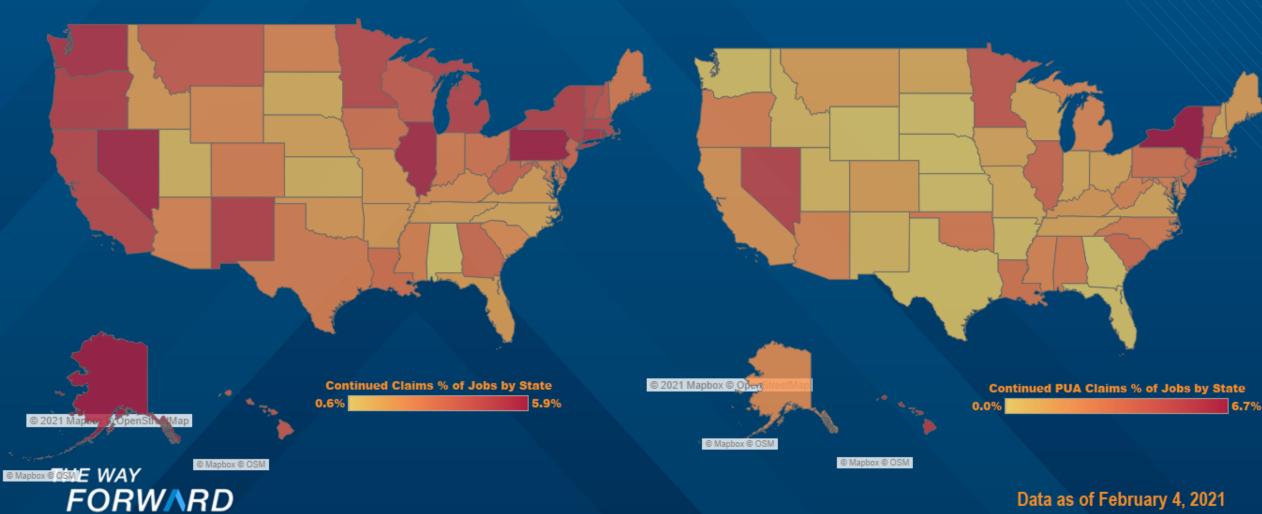
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CONTINUING CLAIMS AT 4.6 MILLION NATIONALLY

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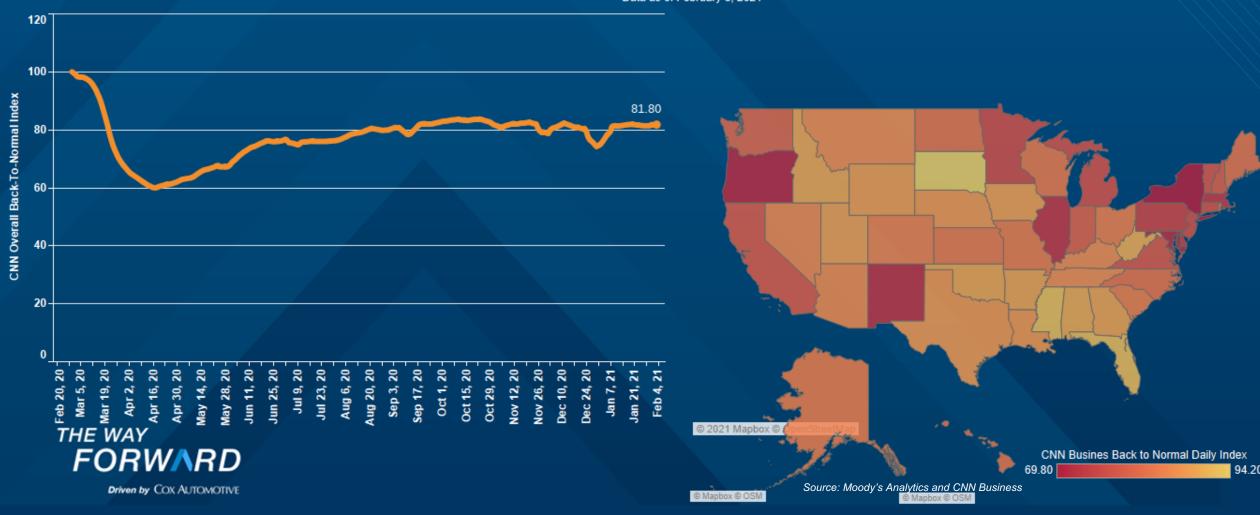


Note: Continued Claims Unemployment Data For Week Ending January 23 Source: Department of Labor Continued PUA Unemployment Data For Week Ending January 16

BUSINESS RECOVERY ESTIMATES UP LAST WEEK

Moody's-CNN Business Back-To-Normal Index (February 29 = 100)

Data as of February 8, 2021



CONSUMER SENTIMENT IMPROVED LAST WEEK

Morning Consult's Index of Consumer Sentiment on Monday was down 20.0% since February 29

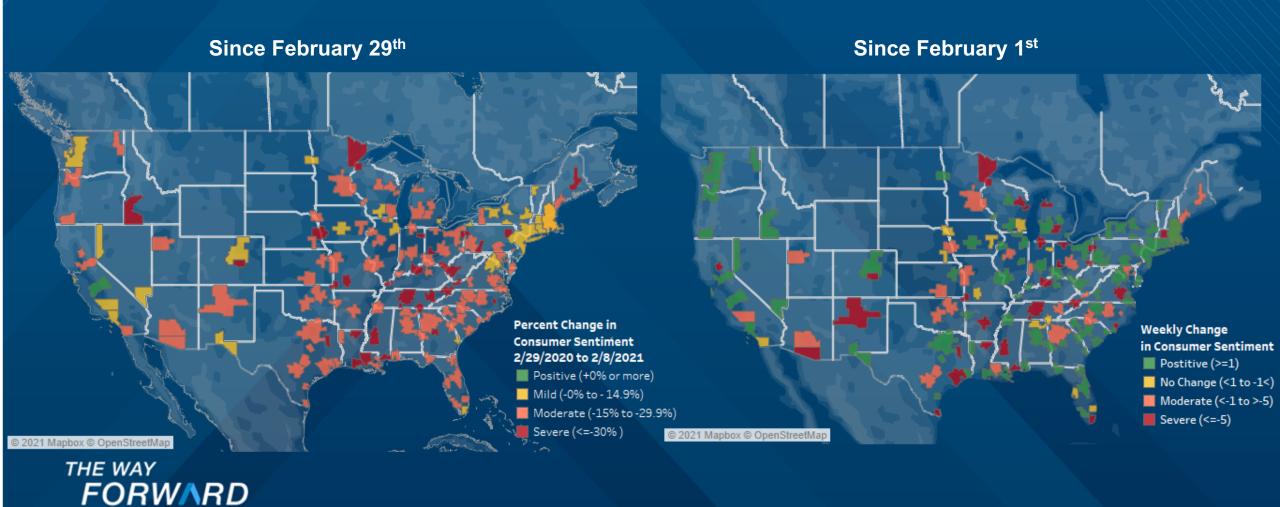
ICS Value (7-Day Average)





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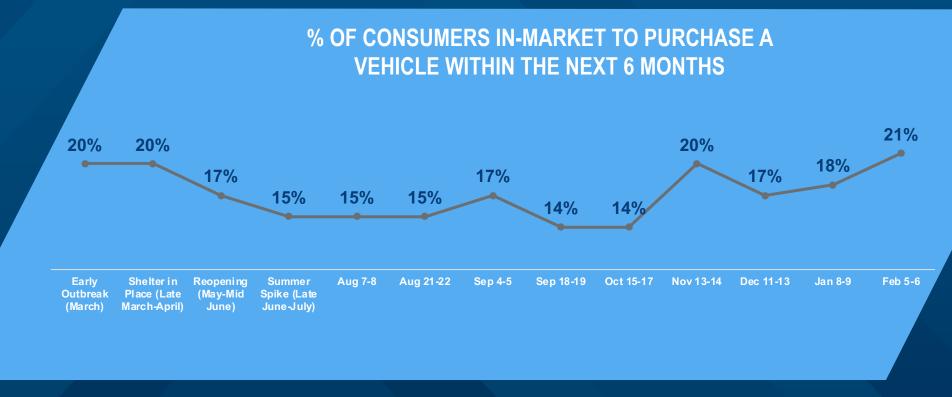
CONSUMER SENTIMENT IMPROVES IN MORE MARKETS



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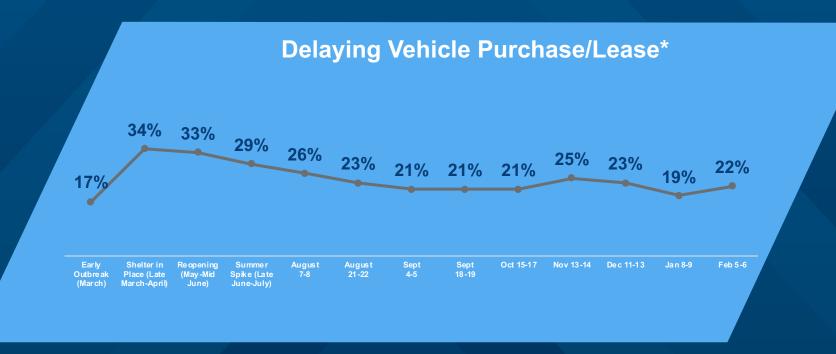
THE NUMBER OF IN-MARKET SHOPPERS CONTINUES TO INCREASE IN FEBRUARY



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



PURCHASE DELAY INCREASES IN FEBRUARY



Top reasons for delaying purchase (top 2)*

Concerned about cost/financial situation

Waiting to see if I can get a better deal or special incentive

Concern about having contact with staff/other people

37%

23%

Prefer to stay home/social distancing 20%

Waiting to see if federal government will provide another stimulus check

Concerns about civil unrest 13%

*Among 6-month auto intenders

20%

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 Q17a3. You said you may delay purchasing/leasing a vehicle due to coronavirus. What are the main reasons? Please select up to 2 of the main reasons. (Question added April 17)



RETAIL SALES ESTIMATES





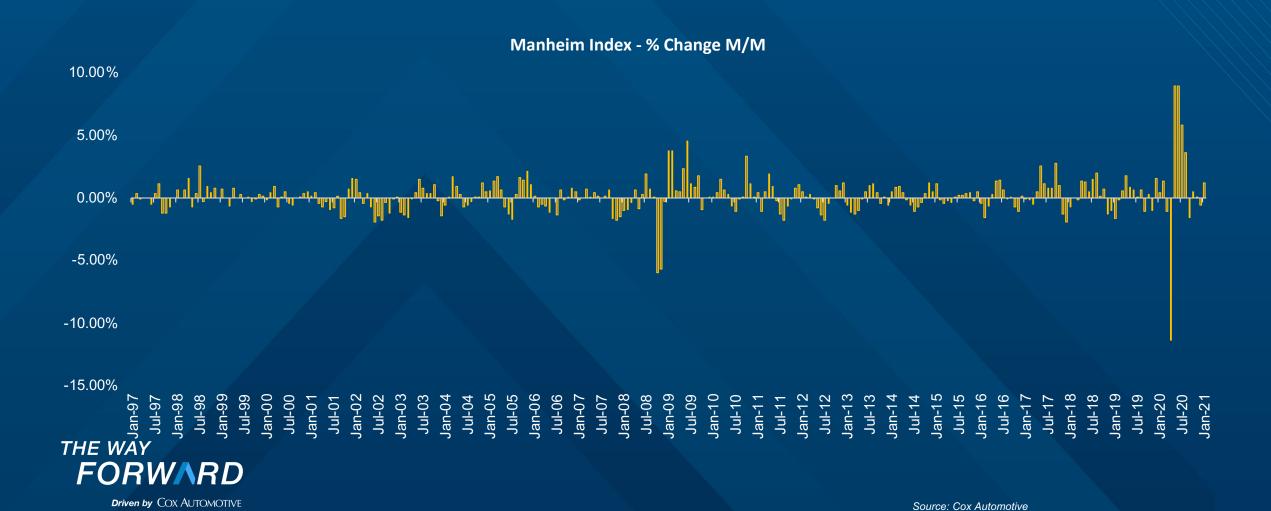


ZERO PERCENT FINANCING UP IN FEBRUARY



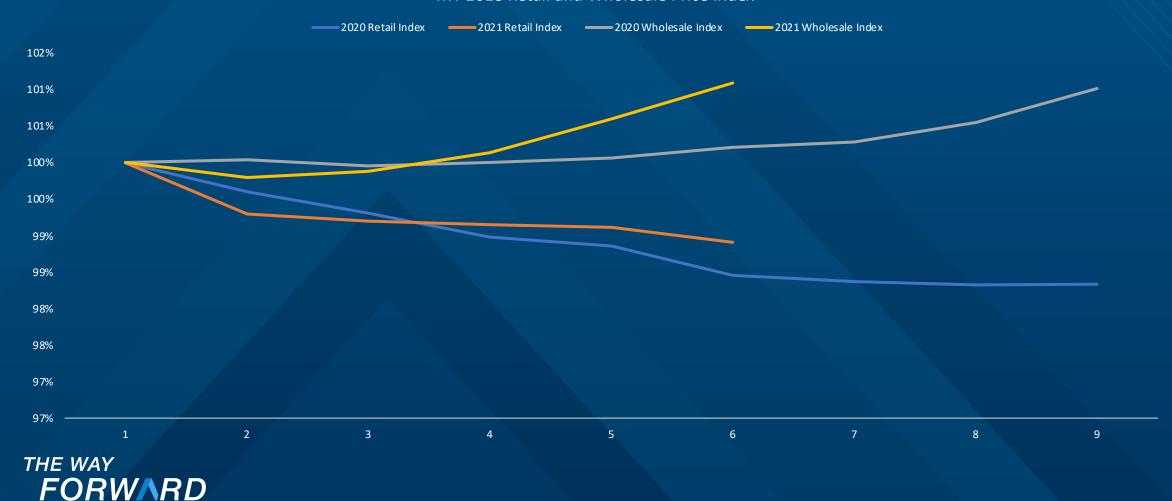
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WHOLESALE PRICES START YEAR STRONG



WHOLESALE USED PRICES UP AGAIN LAST WEEK

MY 2018 Retail and Wholesale Price Index



Source: Cox Automotive

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SALES IMPACT VARIES BY DMA AS EVIDENCED BY UNIQUE CREDIT APPS



COX AUTOMOTIVE LEADING INDICATORS

- Leads month to date on Autotrader were up 10% y/y through February 7 and on Kelley Blue Book up 25%; both trends lost momentum compared to January
- Dealertrack unique credit applications on same-store basis were down 16% y/y last week, which was an improvement from the prior week
- Xtime saw an 14% decline y/y last week in consumers having their cars serviced, which was unchanged from the prior week



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