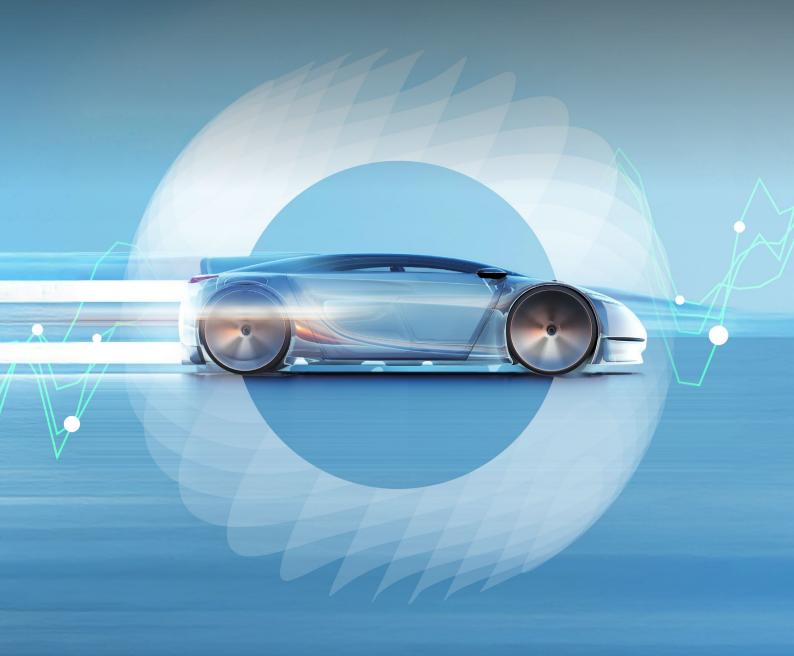
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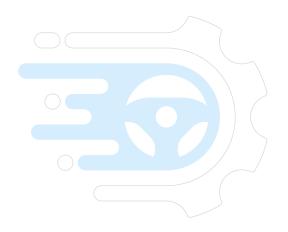
2025 Dealership Benchmarks

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Introduction

To help navigate these changing times, we are delighted to present our 2025 Dealership Benchmarks for the New Zealand car market.



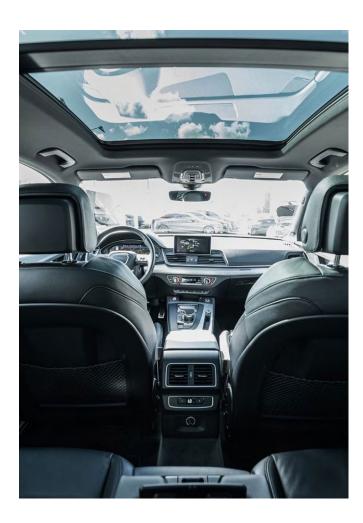
2024 continued to be a challenging market for New Zealand dealers. The overall economy was subdued, although interest rate relief came in the second half of the year. The sudden changes to the clean car standards also left dealer stock imbalance (including some distributor stocks) which led to increased operating expenses and dramatic actions to meet the market and retail these stocks.

A clear trend evolved after the second half with increased focus on the Used car market and seizing the opportunity finance and insurance (F&I) presents whilst maintaining focus on Aftersales.

The starting point for these benchmarks is the data uploaded to the ProfitFocus system by more than 180 dealers in the New Zealand market in the 12 months leading up to the benchmark period. The actual results of the top 30% of dealers in each key department (new, used, parts, service and finance & insurance), as well as the top performers overall, form the reference point.

This ensures that the benchmarks are always tied to actual levels of performance that are achievable in the prevailing market. We then review this raw data in the light of industry trends and long-held best practices to derive a set of benchmarks.

We are always happy to discuss any aspect of these benchmarks, so please feel free to contact a member of the Deloitte team listed at the back of this booklet or at nzprofitfocus@deloitte.co.nz.

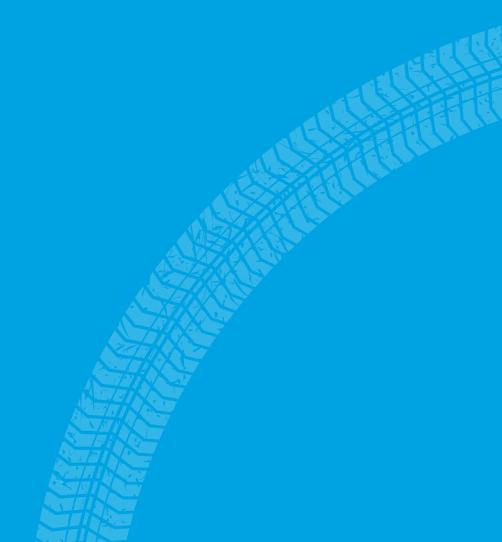


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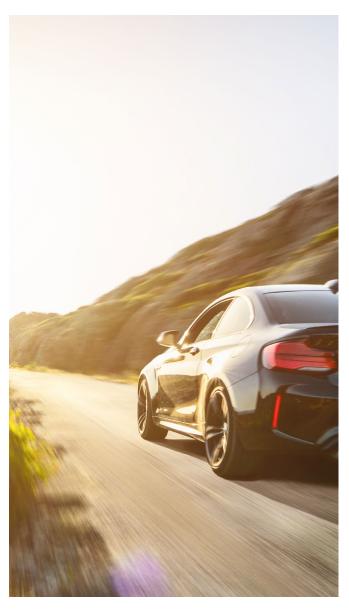
Light Vehicle Market benchmarks

On balance the New car market was subdued comparing headline figures with past years. However, the mix of these retails was quite telling with the market aligning to the new buying habits of hybrid and reduced EV's, and the noted operational cost (one-offs) to align dealer stocks accordingly.

Opportunities in the Used car market remained strong, providing dealers maintained a laser focus on their vehicle ageing to ensure they were buying and selling within the same market. F&I continued to present good opportunity for dealers, however a number of sub-vented programs impacted profitability. Service bookings rebounded in the second half, enabling net profits for the year to remain above pre-covid levels.

For New Zealand dealers, these are the top five benchmark metrics to focus on in 2025:





A note about these benchmarks

Benchmarking is an excellent method of monitoring performance and setting goals. These benchmarks are a measure of better practice drawn from the top 30% of dealers in the ProfitFocus database, which features more than 180 dealers.

This booklet is intended as a guide to dealership performance. Some dealerships, due to certain geographic or demographic circumstances, cannot achieve all the guidelines. For help clarifying and interpreting these benchmarks please contact us at nzprofitfocus@deloitte.co.nz.

Total dealership

Trading summary	
Net profit as % of sales	2.7-3.0%
Days to dealership breakeven*	26

 $[\]star$ Based on a standard month of 30 days

Dealership structure	Orientation	GP %	
New	31%	8-11%	
Used	22%	10-12%	
Parts	17%	26-28%	
Service	31%	60-62%	
	100%	13-15%	
Front end (vehicle operations)	52%		
Back end (fixed operations)	48%		
Finance and insurance income	9% of total gross		
Other income and incentives	5% of total gross		

Orientation = Where does the gross profit come from?

GP% = Gross Profit % Sales. How strong are my gross margins?

Note these orientation benchmarks provide a guide for achieving above average results in the market today. However, businesses that deliver sustainable results over a longer time frame tend to have a slight front-end bias to their operations.

People	
Gross per employee per month	\$11,234
Net profit per employee per month	\$2,018

Vehicle operations

Product	New	Used
Gross profit per unit*	4,000-6,000	3,200-3,400
Used/new ratio (retail)	n/a	0.90
Days supply	50-60	50-60
Stock turns p.a.	6 to 7	6 to 7
Gross ROI**	64%	61%

^{*} Includes holdback, bonuses, aftermarket, and load reversals but excludes F&I.

^{**} Gross as a % of cost of sales x turns p.a.

People	New	Used
Units per sales staff per month*	8-13	8-11
Gross profit per salesperson per month	\$41,945	\$25,722

^{*} The Volume market tends to see 10–13 new units / month, with 8-10 in Luxury. Used units tend to be 10-11 in the Volume market and 8-9 in the Luxury market.

Finance and insurance (F&I)

F&I product	New	Used
Finance penetration**	30-40%	27-30%
Finance income per contract	2,900-3,100	2,000-2,200
Finance per retail unit sold	1,307	574
Insurance per retail unit sold	50	97
F&I selling gross per vehicle retailed (new & used)		\$741
People		
Vehicles retailed per F&I staff per month		25-35
Salaries and commissions as a % of income		23%
F&I income per dept employee per month		25,000

^{**}NV Penetration 30 - 31% for Volume, 35 - 40% for Luxury

Fixed operations

Parts department	Sales mix %	GP %
Retail/counter	10%	26%
Wholesale/trade	28%	23%
Workshop	36%	31%
Warranty	17%	16%
Internal	10%	20%
Total	100%	26-28%
Operational benchmarks		
Days supply		28-35
Stock turns p.a.		11 to 13
Monthly sales per employee		93,098
Monthly gross per employee		24,850
\$ Sales per \$ salary		\$12.8

Service department	Sales mix %	GP %
Labour		
• Retail	72%	70%
• Warranty	9%	50%
• Internal	19%	64%
Total labour sales	100%	64%
Sublet sales		14%
Total gross profit (% sales)		60-62%
Operational benchmarks		
Performance index (productivity x efficiency)		95-105%
Monthly labour sales per technician		\$18,500
Monthly labour gross per technician		\$11,793
Parts/labour ratio		0.76
Ratio of chargeable to non-chargeable		1.4-1.6
Parts and service absorption		54-56%
Retention—relative service size**		\$4,491

^{**} Labour sales per new retail unit sold per month.

This tends to be \$2500 - \$3500 in Volume and \$3500 - \$4500 in Luxury

Department profitability

		New		Used
Vehicle operations	% Gross	\$/Unit	% Gross	\$/Unit
Gross Profit*	100%	4,000-6,000	100%	3,200-3,400
Sales staff salaries and comms	22.0%	1,086	17.3%	602
Manager salaries and comms	4.8%	240	5.5%	190
Aftermarket salaries and comms	0.2%	10	0.0%	0
Other salaries	3.7%	181	1.0%	33
Pre-delivery costs	3.5%	175	-	-
Free service/policy	0.9%	47	-	-
Used warranty	-	-	1.7%	60
Advertising	9.2%	456	3.9%	137
Training	0.1%	5	0.1%	5
Floorplan	8.6%	423	2.6%	92
Demonstrator expenses	1.1%	53	3.1%	106
Selling gross profit	46.0%	2,271	64.7%	1,981
Selling gross profit per salesperson		\$19,588		\$18,275
Selling gross profit per employee		\$10,802		\$9,486

^{*} Includes holdback, bonuses, aftermarket and load reversals but excludes F&I

Fixed operations	Parts % gross	Service % gross
Salaries (non-chargeable)	24.2%	23.8%
Advertising and promotion	0.3%	0.9%
Training	0.1%	0.8%
Policy/freight	0.9%	0.3%
Tools and supplies	0.1%	1.4%
Equipment and vehicle maintenance	0.9%	3.2%
Sick/holiday - technicians	_	5.1%
Selling gross profit	73.5%	64.5%
Selling gross profit per technician	_	\$10,002
Selling gross profit per employee	\$18,300	\$6,061

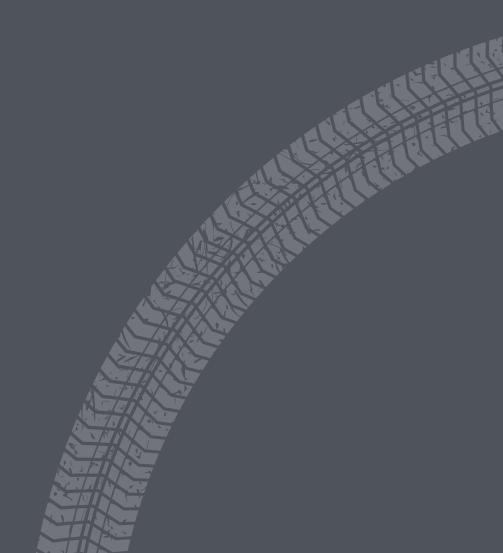
Dealership overheads

	% Gross
Administration and salaries	7.1%
Training	0.1%
FBT (net of contributions)	0.8%
Payroll tax	0.0%
Superannuation	1.0%
Long service leave	0.0%
Rent (or mortgage interest)	12.3%
Rates and taxes	1.3%
Property maintenance/outside services	2.2%
Telephone	0.5%
Insurance (including workers compensation)	2.2%
Office supplies/stationery	0.6%
Professional fees	1.3%
Data processing	1.8%
Bank charges and taxes	0.4%
Interest (overdraft/working capital)	2.1%
Bad debts	0.1%
Depreciation	2.8%
Electricity	1.0%
Travel and entertainment	0.6%
Management fees	0.8%
Miscellaneous	3.2%
Total fixed expenses	42.2%

Overheads are shown as a percentage of total dealership gross profit. This includes gross profit from the New, Used, Parts and Service departments, but excludes net F&I income which is brought into dealership profit at a selling gross level.

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