



Average U.S. Car Is 11.4 Years Old

According to [research data released from R.L. Polk](#), the average age of Passenger Cars and Light Trucks on America's roads have reached an all-time high of 11.4 years. The data also shows a trend that this average will continue to climb.

This means there are an increasing amount of services needs and opportunities for service providers. Vehicle owners will have more service events in any calendar year and additional costs to manage. Service repair shops or vehicle owners will have to perform the increasing maintenance volume on these aging vehicles.

Polk's research of over 247-million U.S. car and light truck registrations earlier this year shows the volume of 6 to 11-year-old vehicles has declined in contrast to an over 20 percent increase of the number of vehicles older than 12 years. The forecast for the next five years shows this trend will continue.

Statistics indicate that once every seven years a vehicle will be involved in an accident that involves a physical damage claim. On any given year, vehicles experience at least one mechanical issue and a minimum of four maintenance issues.