

THE TEN BEST FAMILY CARS FOR 2014

From Budget-Friendly Wheels to Sports-Equipment Haulers, a Car to Fit the Needs of Every Type of Family

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For the seventh year in a row, [Parents](#) magazine and car-shopping site [Edmunds.com](#) are revealing their list of the year's 10 Best Family Cars, a trusted guide for moms and dads who are in the market for a new car. Car experts from both organizations examined hundreds of vehicles and whittled the list to the safest, most family-friendly subcompacts cars, large SUVs and everything in between. All the cars share the features that make daily family journeys easier, such as reliability, impressive mileage and ample cargo capacity.

"Whether they're taking a summer road trip or just making a grocery run, families expect a lot from their vehicles," says Parents Editor-in-Chief Dana Points. "Safety is every parent's top priority, and we're excited by how many manufacturers are now offering blind-spot mirrors and collision-avoidance systems in addition to multiple airbags and government-required electronic stability control."

The list includes choices for everyone, from budget-conscious environmentalists to big families seeking more space. "The 10 Best Family Cars of 2014" appears in the July issue of *Parents* magazine and online at www.Parents.com/best-family-cars.

"Every year we test drive hundreds of cars, crossovers and SUVs," says Edmunds.com Editor in Chief Scott Oldham. "We evaluate each vehicle from top to bottom, from safety and fuel economy to its performance, comfort and cup holders. We do this to save parents time during the car-shopping process and make it easier for them to buy the right vehicle to haul their family and their stuff."

Technology made a big impression on *Parents* and Edmunds.com editors. From lane departure warnings to the Honda Odyssey's popular built-in vacuum, each vehicle offers an affordable technology upgrade for safety or comfort.

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According to *Parents* and Edmunds.com, “The 10 Best Family Cars of 2014” (with starting prices) are:

BUDGET

- Mazda3 (\$17,740)
- Ford Fiesta (\$14,925)

HYBRID

- Toyota Prius (\$25,010)

SEDANS

- Mazda6 (\$21,785)
- Honda Accord (\$22,745)

WAGON

- Subaru Outback (\$24,320)

CROSSOVER

- Nissan Rogue (\$23,650)

SUVs

- Hyundai Santa Fe (\$30,750)
- Chevrolet Traverse (\$31,670)

MINIVAN

- Honda Odyssey (\$29,655)

A few technology package highlights include:

- **Mazda 3-** \$2,600 technology package includes Smart City Brake Support, which slows or stops your car when its front laser sensor detects a possible collision with a vehicle or object.
- **Toyota Prius-**A \$1,500 embedded solar panel roof is an add-on that’s available on most trim levels. It powers a fan to circulate ambient air through the cabin to keep your car cool in the hot sun.
- **Honda Accord-** Honda’s LaneWatch, which is available on the \$25,670 EX trim level, helps you check your right-side blind spot for pedestrians, cars and other objects. When the driver engages the right turn signal, a camera in the passenger side door mirror activates, sending a wide-angle view of the right rear area to your in-vehicle display.

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