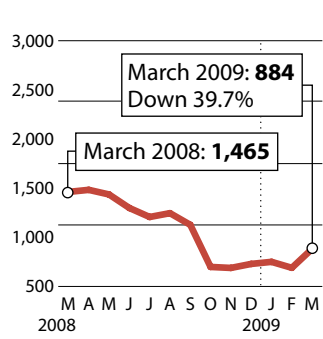


Car dealers still struggling

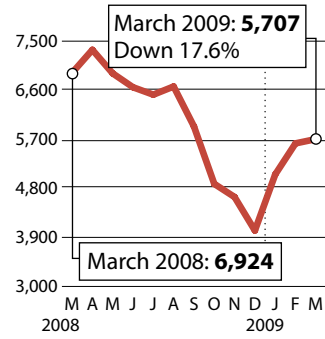
The number of vehicles registered after purchase hit a six-month high in March, but sales are still significantly lower than in 2008. The major losses are in sales of new cars, trucks, SUVs and minivans.

NEW-CAR REGISTRATIONS



Source: Illinois secretary of state's office

TOTAL CAR REGISTRATIONS



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