

In the Slow Lane: ZEV Markets in California, June 2014 to June 2017

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Brief summary of data sources

Pre-2014

- 1990s: BEV, PHEVs: Ride-n-drive clinics, focus groups, surveys
- Early 2000s: FCEVs, HEVs: Interviews, field tests
- Late 2000s: PHEVs, BEVs: Surveys, field tests, interviews

2014-15

- All-CA car-owning households: June; November: Surveys n ~ 1,700 each
- CA and twelve other states new-car buyers: Dec. '14 to March '15: Survey CA n~1,700 (total n ~5,500); Post-survey interviews CA n = 36 (total n ~ 70)

2017

- All-CA car-owning households: February, June: Surveys, n ~ 1,700
- Buyers of ICEV/HEV/PEV variants: Winter '17: Interviews, n = 24
- PEV buyers: Spring '17: Interviews, n = 24

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Have car-owning households in California considered BEVs?

“Battery electric vehicles (BEVs) run only on electricity; they plug-in to charge their batteries. Have you considered buying a BEV for your household?

- I have not—and would not—consider buying a vehicle that runs on electricity
- I have not considered buying a vehicle that runs on electricity—but maybe some day will
- The idea has occurred, but no real steps have been taken to shop for one
- Started to gather some information, but haven’t really gotten serious yet
- Shopped for an electric vehicle, including a visit to at least one dealership to test drive
- I already have, or have had, a vehicle powered by electricity”

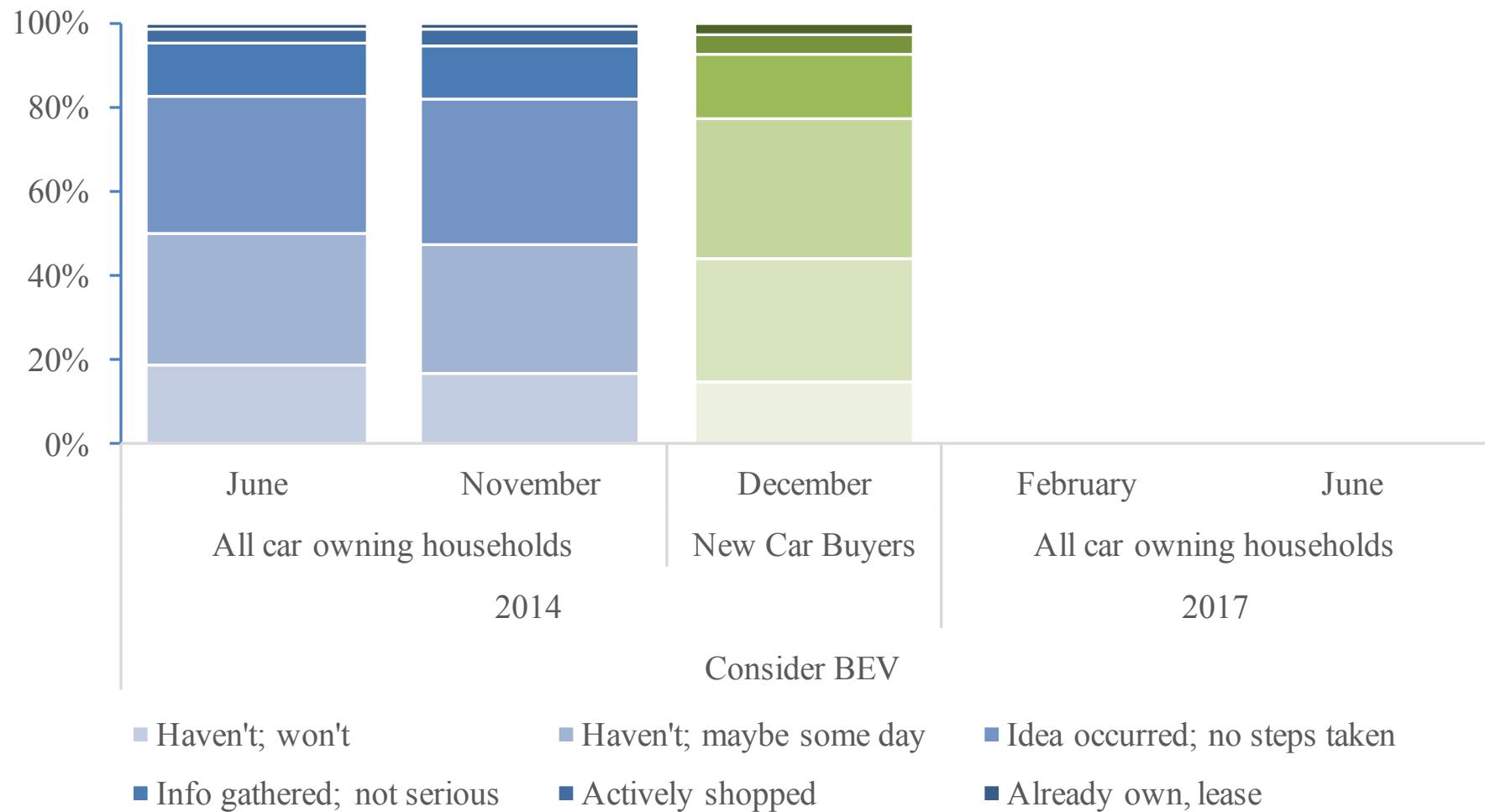
- Starting February 2017 similar questions were added for PHEVs and FCEVs.
- Starting June 2017 the last answer was changed to include the possibility they previously had a PEV or FCEV, but no longer did.

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http://www.pevcollaborative.org/sites/all/themes/pev/files/CPEV_annual_report_web.pdf

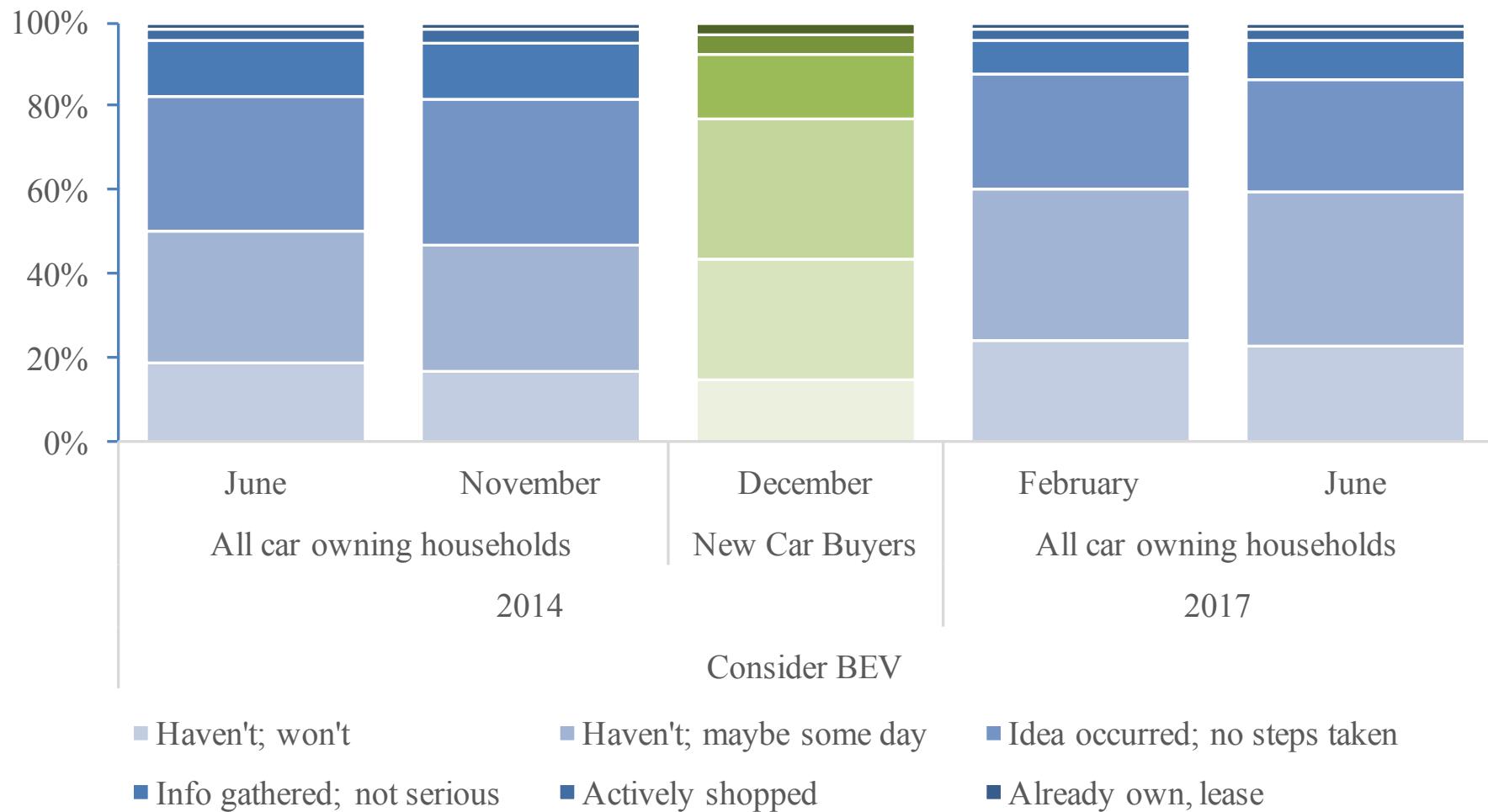
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- December 2016
~ **246,000**
http://www.pevcollaborative.org/sites/all/themes/pev/files/2016_AR_web.pdf
- May 2017
~ **300,000** “ZEVs and PHEVs”
http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/tracking_progress/documents/electric_vehicle.pdf

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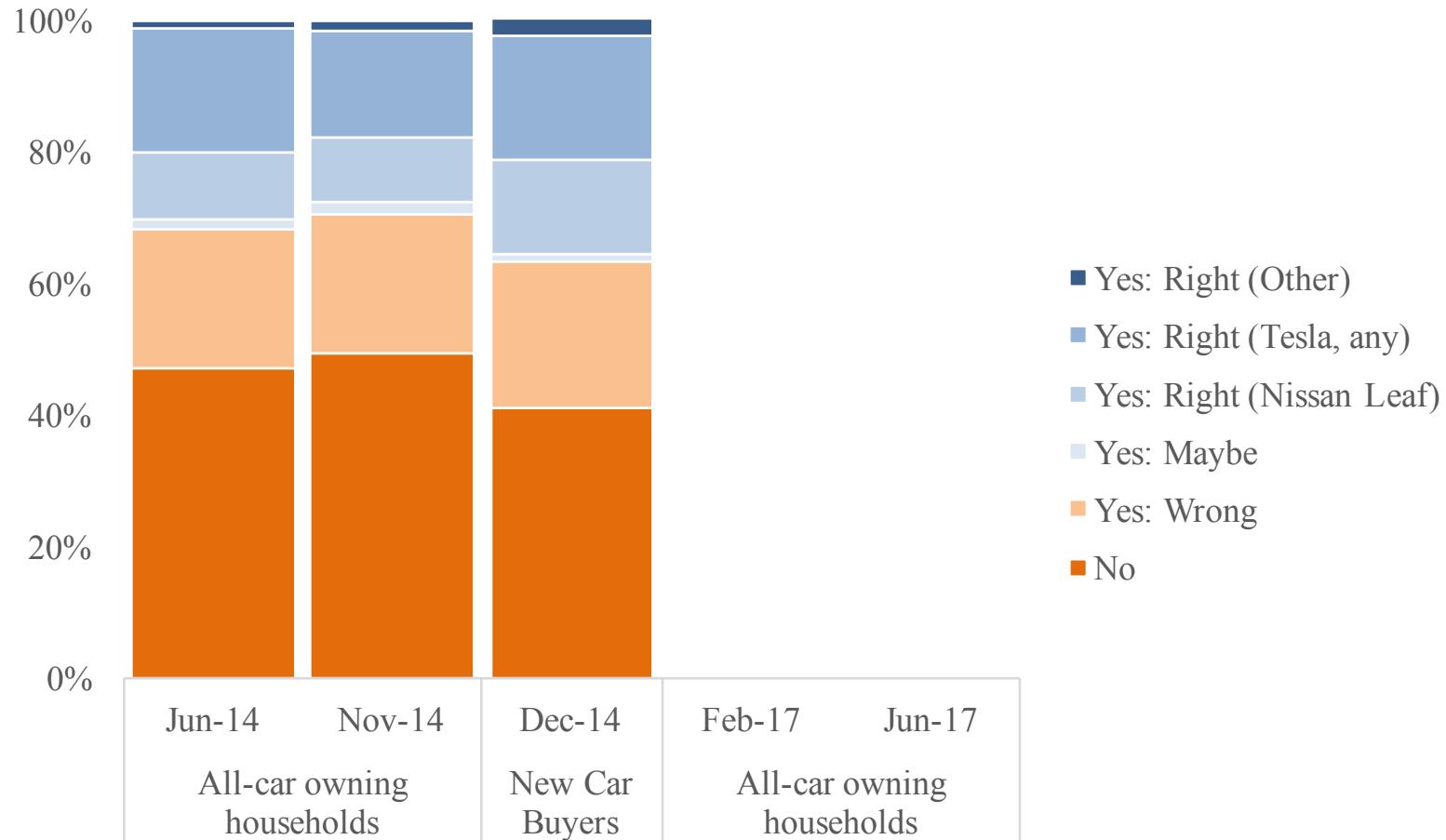
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https://www.driveclean.ca.gov/pev/Plug-in_Electric_Vehicles/Makes_and_Models.php

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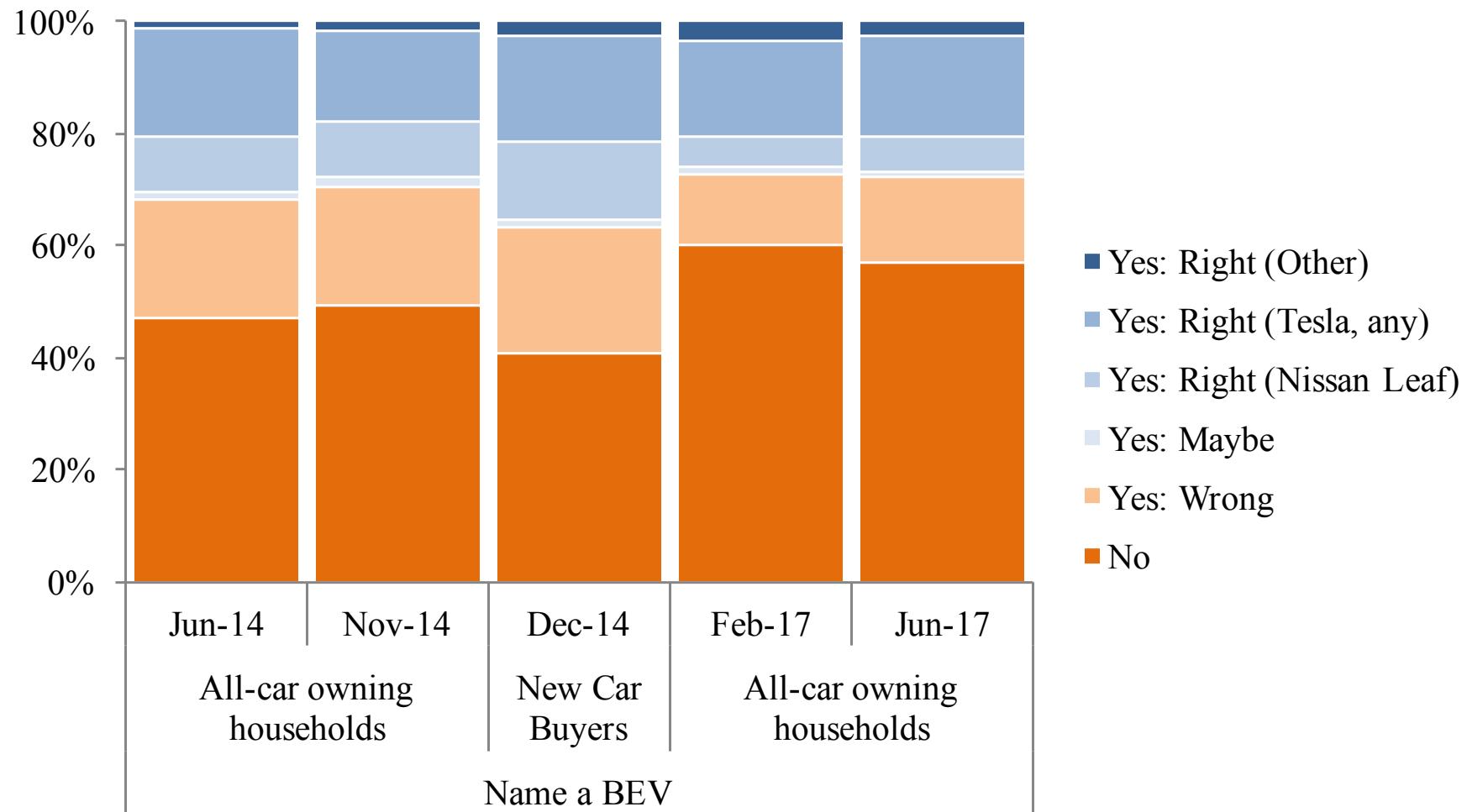
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+ 2015 through 2017: 40

- **12 PHEVs:** Cayenne S E-hybrid, S500e, GLE 550e, XC90 T8, X5 xDrive40e, Sonata PHEV, Audi A3 e-tron, 330e iPerformance, 740e xDrive, Pacifica Hybrid, Optima, CT6,
- **5 BEVs:** Soul EV, e-Golf, Model X, Bolt, Ioniq

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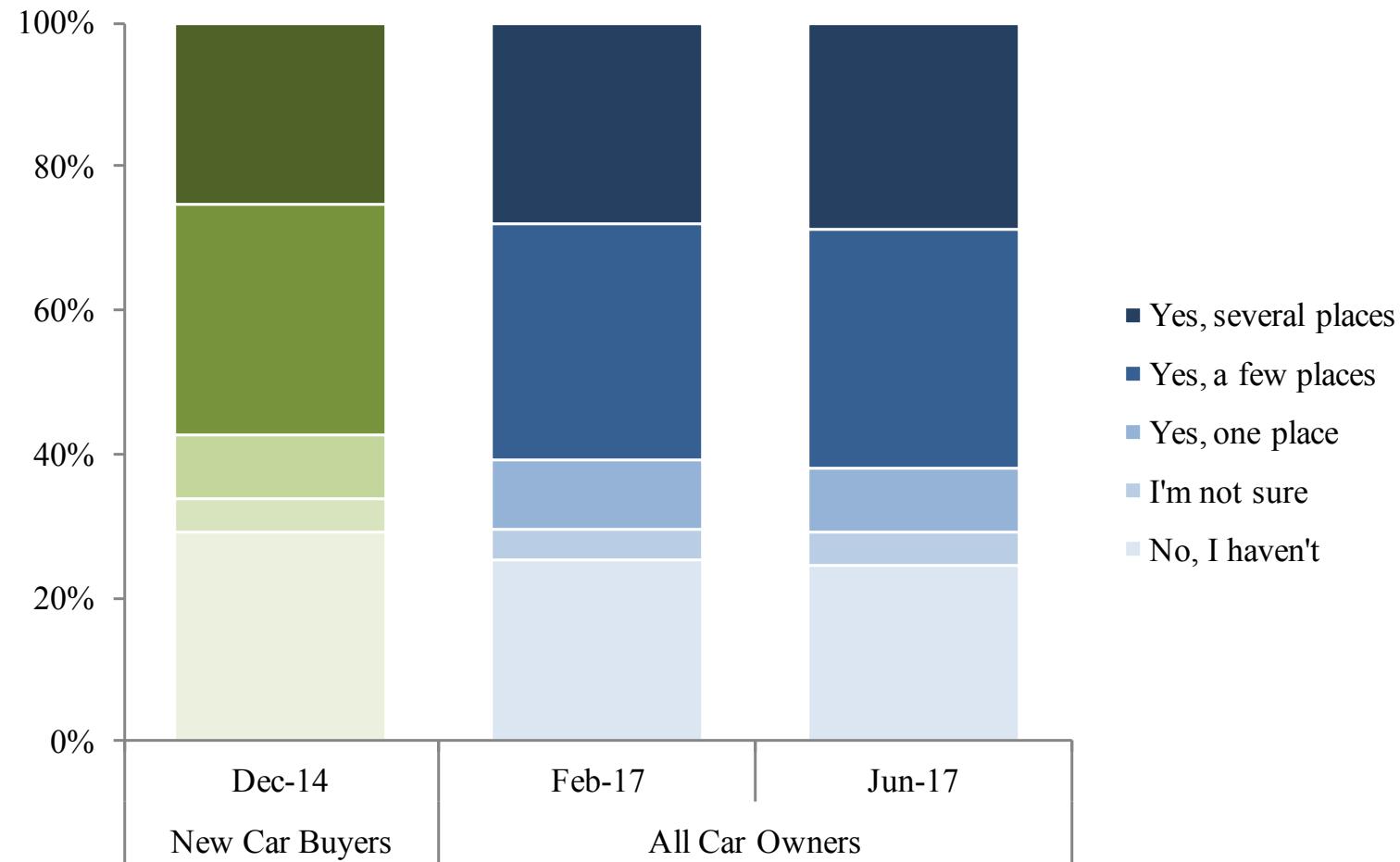
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PEV Charging Infrastructure

- August 2014: **5,700** nonresidential charging stations
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/zev/pev/>
- August 2017: “More than **10,000** Level 2 and **1,500** direct current fast charger (DCFC) connectors”
http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/tracking_progress/documents/electric_vehicle.pdf
- December 2017: **13,846 chargers; 3,967 locations**
 - 567 Level 1; 11,730 Level 2; 1,549 DC Fast<https://www.afdc.energy.gov>

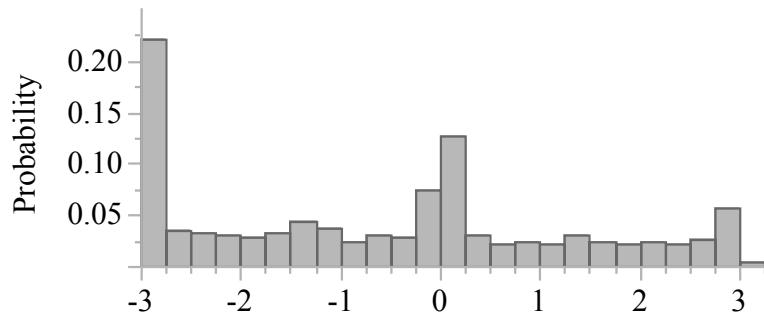
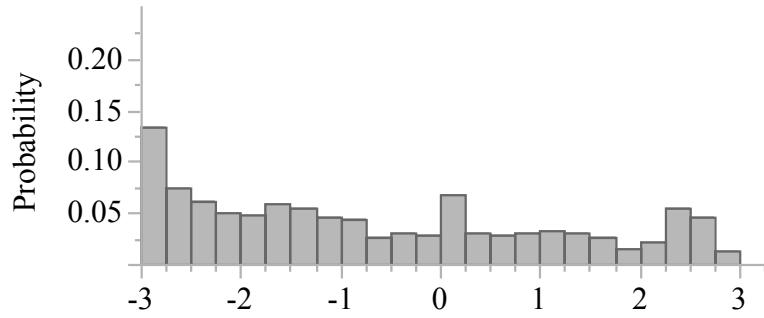
“Have you seen any electric vehicle charging spots in the parking garages and lots you use?”



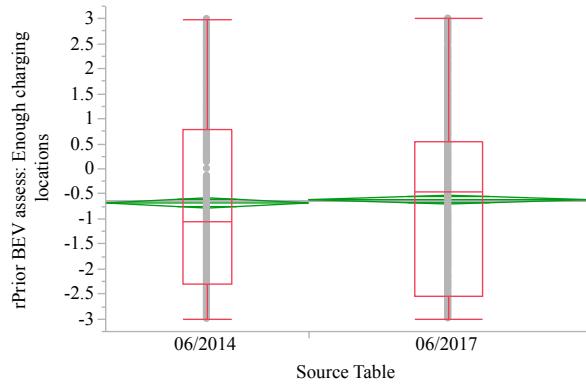
“There are enough places to charge battery electric vehicles.”

Scale: -3 = strongly disagree; 3 = strongly agree

June 2014 (top)
June 2017 (bottom)



No difference in means: slight disagreement there are enough



t Test

06/2017-06/2014

Assuming equal variances

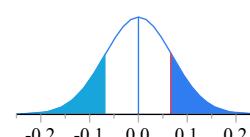
Difference 0.06609 t Ratio 0.959362

Std Err Dif 0.06888 DF 2939

Upper CL Dif 0.20115 Prob > |t| 0.3375

Lower CL Dif -0.06898 Prob > t 0.1687

Confidence 0.95 Prob < t 0.8313



Analysis of Variance

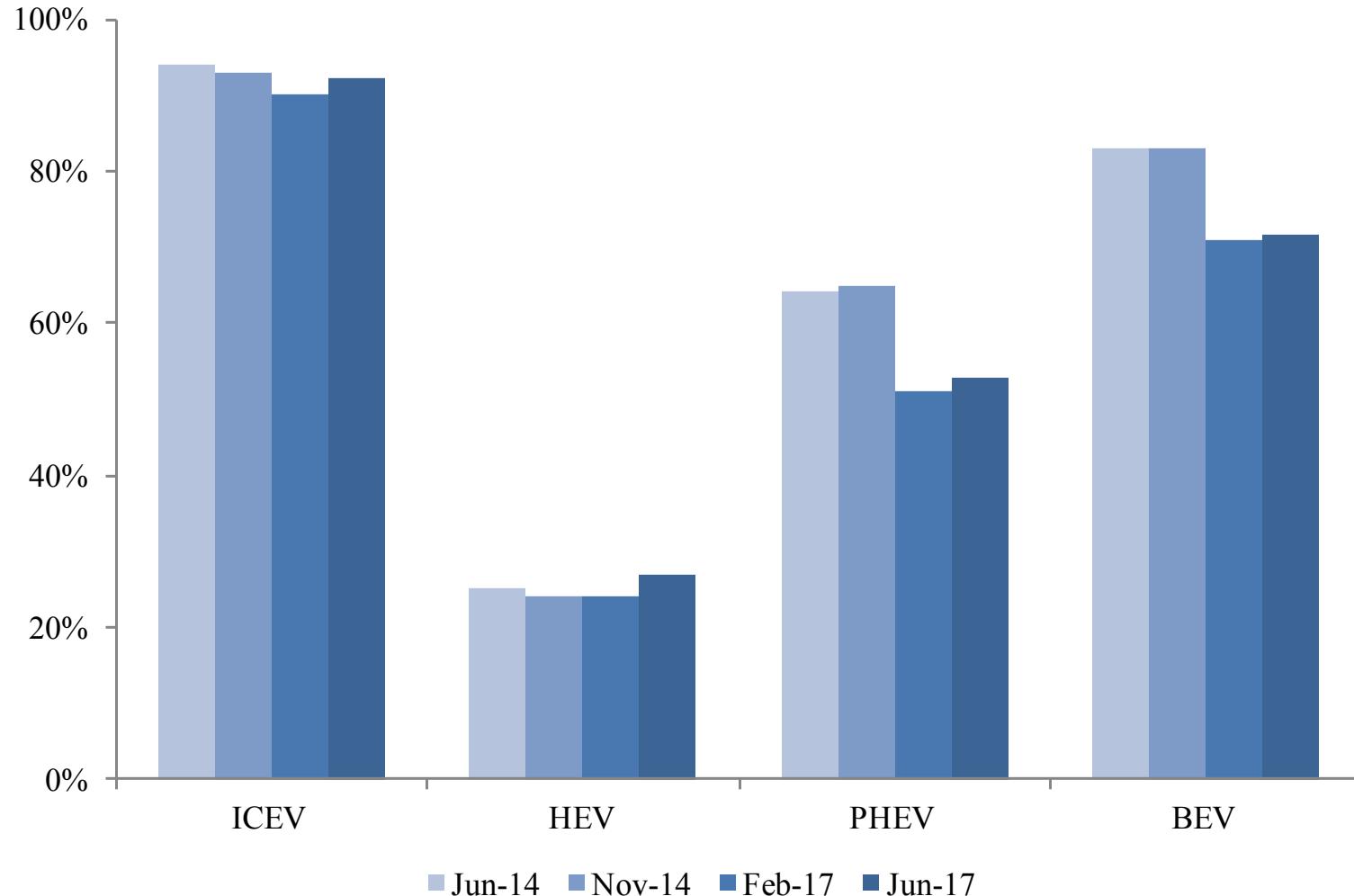
| Source | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Ratio | Prob > F |
|--------------|------|----------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| Source Table | 1 | 3.1294 | 3.12939 | 0.9204 | 0.3375 |
| Error | 2939 | 9992.9560 | 3.40012 | | |
| C. Total | 2940 | 9996.0854 | | | |

Means for Oneway Anova

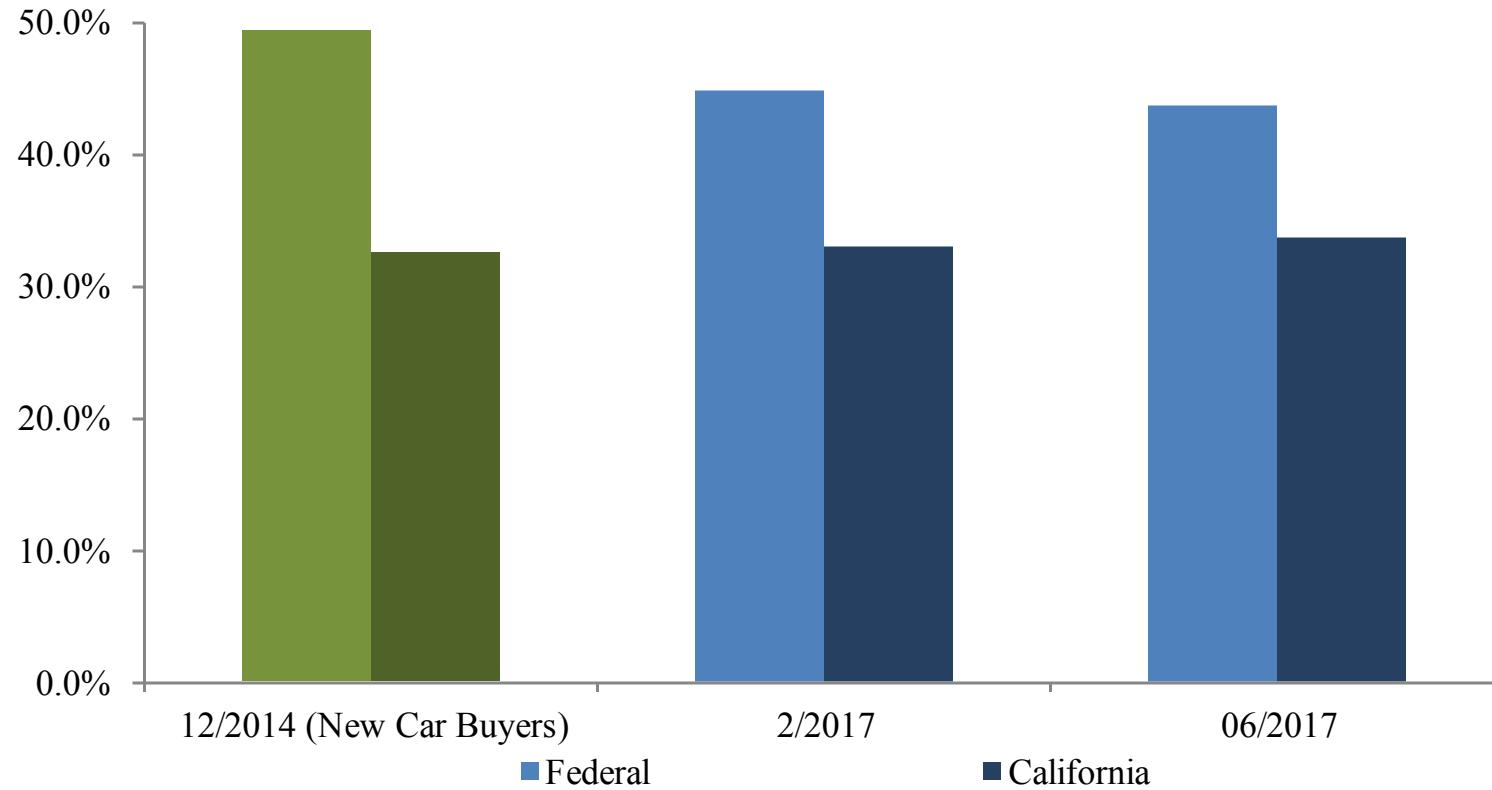
| Level | Number | Mean | Std Err | Lower 95% | Upper 95% |
|---------|--------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 06/2014 | 1236 | -0.68080 | 0.05245 | -0.7836 | -0.5780 |
| 06/2017 | 1705 | -0.61472 | 0.04466 | -0.7023 | -0.5272 |

Std Error uses a pooled estimate of error variance

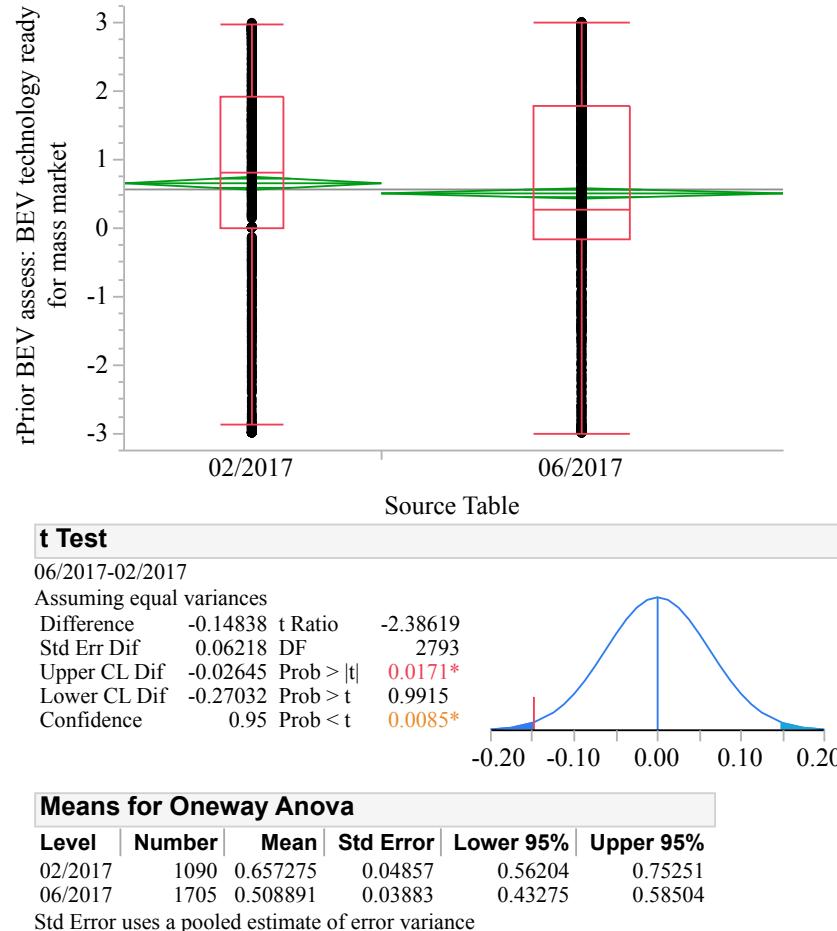
“From what you understand, which of these vehicles are fueled with gasoline and which are plugged in to charge with electricity?” Percent correct.



“As far as you are aware, is each of the following offering incentives to consumers to buy and drive vehicles powered by alternatives to gasoline and diesel?”

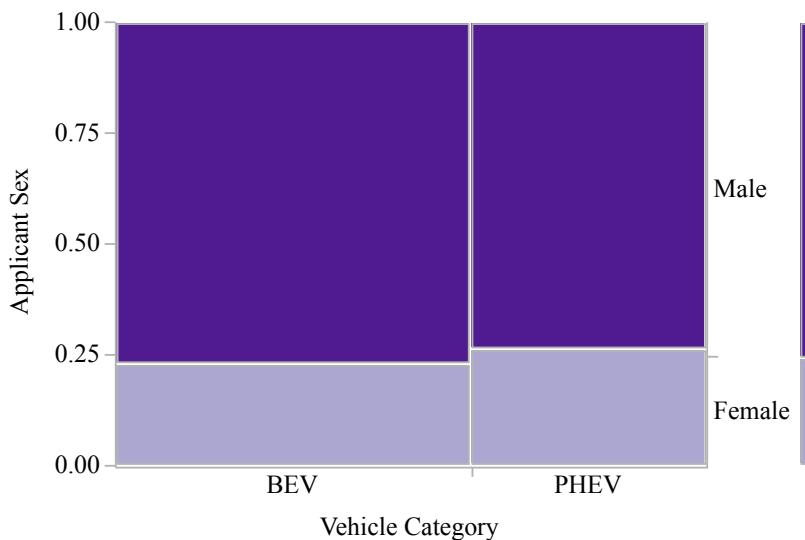


“Battery electric vehicle technology is ready for mass automotive markets.” Scale: -3 = no, 3 = yes.

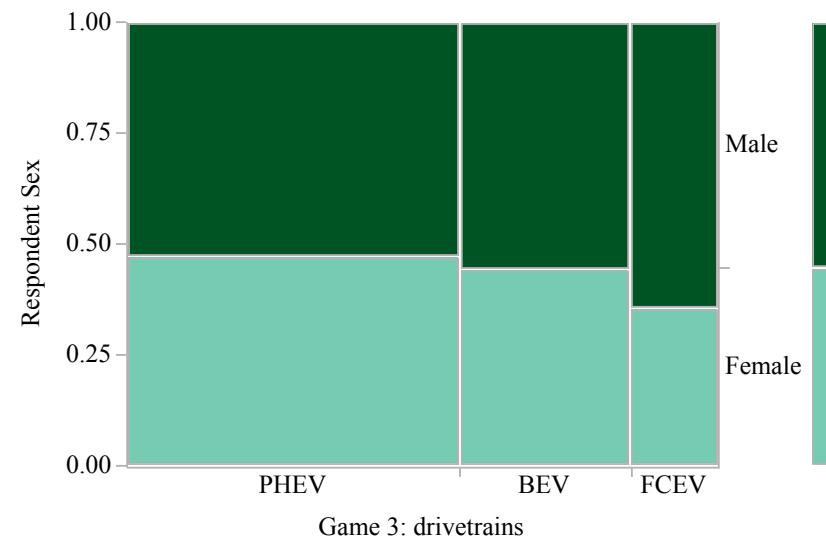


We're hardwiring gender differences in markets for ZEVs

California Clean Vehicle Rebate Applicants, 9/1/12 to 5/31/2015



New-car buyers, CA; 12/2014; “ZEV designers”



Center for Sustainable Energy (2016). California Air Resources Board Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, EV Consumer Survey Dashboard. Retrieved 9/29/2017 from <http://cleanvehicleresbate.org/survey-dashboard/ev>.

What distinguishes consideration to date of PEVs?

All car owners, Feb. 2017

| Variable group | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 4 |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Socio-economic, demographics | Age, sex, income | Age, sex | Age, sex | |
| Context: Residence, Vehicles, Daily Travel | — | Home parking loc. and electricity, new vehicles | Home parking location and electricity | Home parking electricity |
| General attitudes: environment, orientation to time, new technology | — | — | Air Quality; CFCS-I, CFCS-F; EBB, EIS | Air Quality |
| PEV-Specific Awareness, Knowledge, Experience, Assessment | — | — | — | Know PEV owner, Interest in ZEV tech., range, charge duration, seen charging |
| Key | | | | |
| Not included in model | No statistically significant variables | Multiple statistically significant variables, at least some <0.01 | | |
| — | | | | |

New Car Buyers' Prospective Interest in ZEVs, Dec. 2014. Base Model.

| Whole Model Test | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Model | -LogLikelihood | DF | Chi-Square | Prob. > ChiSq |
| Difference | 375.6638 | 112 | 751.3276 | <.0001 |
| Full | 2047.6542 | | | |
| Reduced | 2423.318 | | | |
| Lack of Fit | | | | |
| Source | DF | -LogLikelihood | Chi-Square | |
| Lack of Fit | 6524 | 2047.6542 | 4095.308 | |
| Saturated | 6636 | 0 | Prob. > ChiSq | |
| Fitted | 112 | 2047.6542 | 1.000 | |
| Effect Likelihood Ratio Tests | | | | |
| Source | DF | Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square | Prob. > ChiSq | |
| Replacement: Electricity | 4 | 31.4484106 | <0.0001 | |
| Replacement: Hydrogen | 4 | 10.2745216 | 0.0360 | |
| Highest Home PEV Charging Access | 12 | 32.6172477 | 0.0011 | |
| Home natural gas | 4 | 10.3376525 | 0.0351 | |
| Familiarity Factor1: HEVs, PEVs, FCEVs | 4 | 12.9592756 | 0.0115 | |
| Familiarity Factor2: ICEVs | 4 | 15.7699371 | 0.0033 | |
| Driving Experience Factor1: ZEVs | 4 | 15.0889216 | 0.0045 | |
| Driving Experience Factor2: HEVs | 4 | 18.3296375 | 0.0011 | |
| Prior BEV Evaluation Factor 1: safety, reliability | 4 | 11.5805438 | 0.0208 | |
| Prior BEV Evaluation Factor 2: driving range, charging time | 4 | 13.4185287 | 0.0094 | |
| Prior FCEV Evaluation Factor2: driving range, fueling time | 4 | 12.2441157 | 0.0156 | |
| Prior Consideration of PEV | 12 | 52.076929 | <0.0001 | |
| Prior Consideration of FCEV | 12 | 26.7270647 | 0.0085 | |
| Government offer incentives | 16 | 30.9529399 | 0.0136 | |
| Seen Public EVSEs | 4 | 9.44515586 | 0.0509 | |
| Personal interest in ZEV tech | 12 | 40.0566242 | <0.0001 | |
| Environmental Factor: air pollution regional threat, personal worry | 4 | 22.5081516 | 0.0002 | |

- Highest Home PEV Charging Access; Home natural gas
- Replacement for Gasoline and Diesel: Electricity; Hydrogen
- Environmental Factor: air pollution regional threat, personal worry
- Familiarity Factors: (HEVs, PEVs, FCEVs); ICEVs
- Driving Experience Factors: ZEVs; HEVs
- Prior BEV Evaluation Factors: (safety, reliability); (driving range, charging time)
- Prior FCEV Evaluation Factor: (driving range, fueling time)
- Prior Consideration: PEV; FCEV
- Should government offer incentives
- Seen Public EVSEs
- Personal interest in ZEV tech

Base Model plus Respondent Sex? No.

| | AICc | BIC | DF |
|---|----------------|---------|-----|
| Base model | 4356.18 | 4967.33 | 112 |
| Base + Respondent sex | 4337.96 | 4968.76 | 116 |
| Base + Respondent sex + Respondent sex crossed by the following, one at a time: | | | |
| Prior Consideration of a PEV | | | |
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| Replacement: electricity | 4340.76 | 4991.88 | 120 |
| Personal interest in ZEV tech | 4347.39 | 5039.02 | 128 |
| Environmental factor: air pollution regional threat, personal worry | | | |
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| Driving experience factor 2: HEVs | 4346.48 | 4997.6 | 120 |
| Prior BEV Evaluation Factor 1: safety, reliability | 4340.35 | 4991.47 | 120 |
| Prior BEV Evaluation Factor 2: driving range, charging time | 4343.61 | 4994.74 | 120 |
| Highest Home PEV Charging Access | 4353.67 | 5045.30 | 128 |
| Familiarity Factor 1: HEVs, PEVs, FCEVs | 4344.02 | 4995.14 | 120 |
| Familiarity Factor 2: ICEVs | 4337.71 | 4988.83 | 120 |

Majority of consumers are unaware of and unengaged with ZEVs

- PEV and ICEV/HEV buyers are answering different questions
 - PEV buyers: **“How do I get a PEV?”**
 - ICEV/HEV buyers: **“Why would I buy a PEV?”**
 - They likely have not asked themselves this question until we ask them
- ICEV/HEV buyers:
 1. **Unaware and unengaged:** Don't know PEVs are a possibility: **“What PEVs?”**
 2. **Aware but unengaged:** Have no impetus to solve even their first (imagined) problem with PEVs; no impetus to ask if there are other problems.

Take-away messages

- First barrier to growing ZEV markets continues to be the vast majority of households—even in CA—knows nothing about ZEVs, including:
 - Sales of PEVs started over six years ago;
 - An increasing variety of ZEV makes and models for sale;
 - Falling PEV prices;
 - Increasing BEV driving range;
 - Growing extent of PEV charging infrastructure, and nascent H₂ fueling; and,
 - Incentives.
- Financial incentives and declining PEV prices may be necessary, but are not sufficient conditions
 - In the absence of *engagement* they result only in ZEVs remaining an expensive unknown.
- While we’re contemplating how to grow ZEV markets, solve the riddle of why we are leaving women out

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- ~ 8,500 CA Survey Respondents and 82 Interviewees
- California Energy Commission: Sustainable Transportation Energy Pathways; National Center for Sustainable Energy
 - 2014 and 2017 Surveys of California Car-owning households
- California Air Resources Board
 - 2014-15 Survey and interviews of California New-car buying households
 - 2017 Interviews with PEV owners
- Sustainable Transportation Energy Pathways
 - 2017: Interviews of buyers of ICEV/HEV/PEV variants
- National Center for Sustainable Transportation
 - Gender research: re-analysis of survey and interview data