

Thinking about getting an electric car?

Here are a few tips to get started.

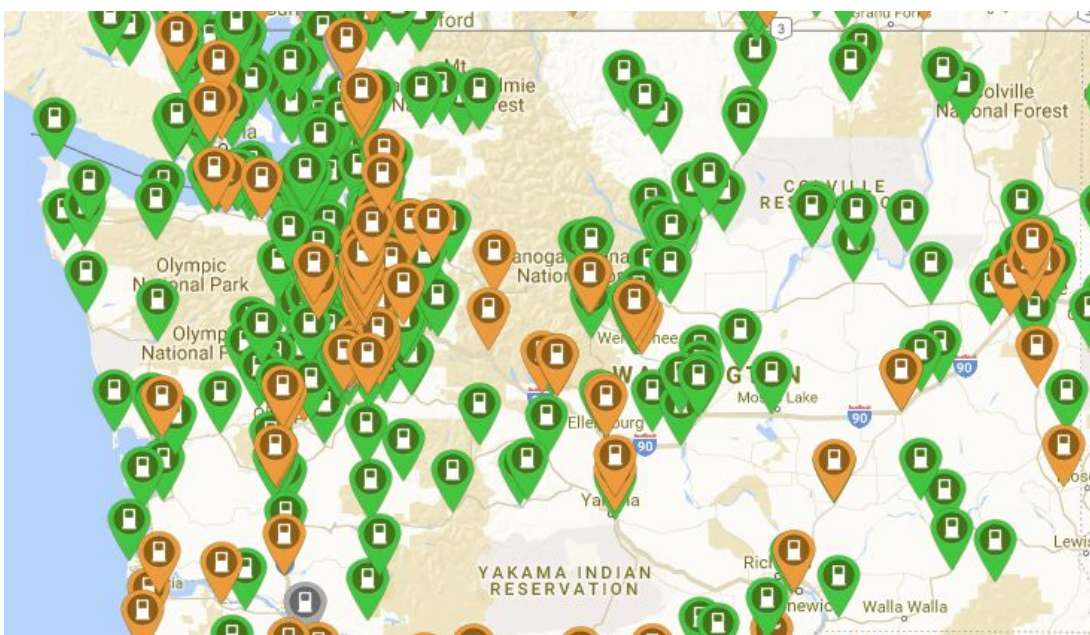
Electric car sales are growing fast. In 2018, over 360,000 EVs sold in the US (up 81% over 2017). This included 43 different makes and models to choose from with many more coming soon. Here are just a few of them...

EV Model	MSRP	Range (miles)
2019 Hyundai Kona EV (coming soon)	\$37,000	258
2019 Chevrolet Bolt	\$36,620	238
2018 Tesla Model 3	\$46,000	220
2018 Nissan Leaf	\$29,990	151
2012 Nissan Leaf (used)	\$7,000	84

If you don't want to buy a new EV, consider leasing one for 2-3 years. This way, you'll be able upgrade to a new EV when prices are even lower, charge times are faster, and range is longer. Today, you can lease a new EV for just a few hundred dollars a month. Or consider buying a used EV. On Craigslist, there are dozens of used Nissan Leafs for well under \$10,000. These are great cars!

Electric cars are better than gas cars in so many ways. In Washington State, where our electricity is clean and inexpensive, they reduce carbon emissions substantially. But they are also fast, well built, more reliable, cheaper to operate, and require almost no maintenance.

Most of the time, you'll charge at home. Many people plug into a standard outlet at night to get all the range they need for daily driving. For longer trips, the charging infrastructure is growing quickly.



Public charging stations in Washington as of January 2019 (source: plugshare.com)