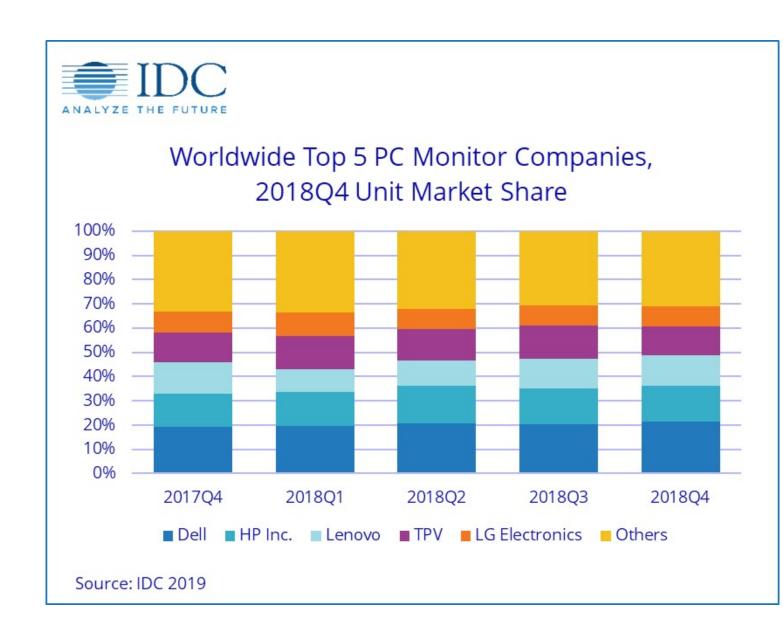
The global PC monitor market sees a -2.1% Y-o-Y decline on shipments reaching 31.4 million units in Q4 2018, IDC reports, marking a change of pace after 4 consecutive quarters of annual growth.

The analyst predicts 2019 shipments will reach 118m, resulting in a Y-o-Y decline of -2.7% on Q4 2019 shipments to 30.5m units. By 2020, shipments should total around 114m units as the adoption of mobile devices at lower price points continues apace.



Curved monitors grow in popularity in Q4 2018, taking over 6.2% market share in Q4 2018 and growing by 27.1% Y-o-Y (or 15.4% Q-o-Q). IDC says the positive trend will continue as more vendors enter the curved space. The most popular monitor sizes are 21.5- and 23.8-inch, with 21.7% and 17.8% market share respectively.

Of the top 10 screen sizes, 23.8- and 27-inch see the most Y-o-Y growth in Q4 2018 at 40.6% and 17.2% respectively. Meanwhile monitors with TV tuners hold 3% Q4 2018 market share, down from 4.8% in Q4 2017. LG and Samsung lead the segment with a combined market share of 99.3%.

In terms of vendors, Dell retains top position in Q4 2018 with 21.6% share on shipments of over 6.7m units. The vendor sees strong growth in CEE (26.7% Y-o-Y) and W. Europe (23.6% Y-o-Y), and sees the most growth in 31.5- and 37.5-inch monitors. HP follows with shipments reaching over 4.5m, a 1.5% Y-o-Y increase resulting in 14.6% Q4 2018 market share.

Lenovo maintains 3rd place with 4.3% Q-o-Q growth on shipments of nearly 4m units. TPV sees both Y-o-Y (-5.6%) and Q-o-Q (-13.2%) declines, even as it makes "noteworthy" gains in W. Europe, with 2.4% Y-o-Y and 33.1% Q-o-Q growth. LG rounds the top 5 with shipments reaching 2.5m units, -8.5% Y-o-Y decline.

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