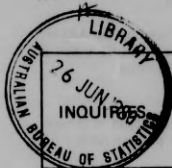


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REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, AUSTRALIA MAY 1980 (PRELIMINARY)



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MAIN FEATURES

On an original basis, registrations of new motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment etc.) during May 1980 (48,496) rose 6.3% when compared with April 1980 (45,615) but fell 13.3% when compared with May 1979 (55,935).

Seasonally adjusted, the May 1980 figure (44,634) is 0.5% lower than April 1980 (44,877) and is 9.4% lower than May 1979 (49,269).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Because of lags in registry processing, statistics of new motor vehicle registrations for periods as short as one month can vary significantly from actual sales of new motor vehicles for the same period. See also paragraph 1 below.

Introduction

In these statistics, 'registrations' mean registrations processed by the motor vehicle registration authorities in the States and Territories during the period. In New South Wales, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory, the figures depart little from actual registrations during the period. In the other States and the Northern Territory, advice of some registrations is often not received by the central motor vehicle registration authority until some time after the actual date of registration; for this reason, a considerable number of registrations processed in a month actually relate to vehicles registered prior to that month.

2. The quarterly publication *Motor Vehicle Registrations* (9303.0) shows quarterly statistics of new motor vehicle registrations by make for cars and station wagons, by make and tare for utilities and panel vans, and by make and gross vehicle mass/gross combination mass for rigid and articulated trucks.

Seasonal adjustment

3. Original and seasonally adjusted registrations of new motor vehicles are shown in Table 1. The two component series 'Motor cars and station wagons' and 'Other vehicles' are each adjusted separately and the adjusted figures for total registrations are obtained by adding together the two component series. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting the component series are shown in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0).

Classification of vehicles

4. Legislation to provide for the compulsory registration of recreation vehicles (e.g. trailbikes, minibikes, sand dune buggies) intended for use in public places came into force in Victoria on 17 September 1973 and in Queensland on 1 January 1977. Particulars of these registrations are regarded as outside the scope of new motor vehicle registration statistics and are accordingly excluded from statistics contained in this statement.

5. Particulars of registrations of new tractors, plant and equipment, and caravans and trailers are shown in Table 5. Many tractors (particularly the agricultural types) and items of plant and equipment are not registered and therefore are not included in this table. The extent to which they are included varies from State to State.

6. The figures in this publication include vehicles with diplomatic and consular plates and Government-owned new vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services.

Classification by area

7. In all States, 'capital city' registrations refer to vehicles for which the address of the registered owner is located within the capital city statistical division. These statistical divisions are re-defined from time to time, usually as the result of information available from periodic censuses of population and housing.

Related publications

8. Users may also wish to refer to the following motor vehicle registration publications which are available on request:

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0)

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9304.0)

9. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Production Bulletin No. 7: Motor Vehicles, Parts and Accessories, Australia (8363.0)

Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars, Australia (Preliminary) (5416.0)

10. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

p preliminary - figure or series subject to revision
r figure or series revised since previous issue
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TABLE 1. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, MONTHLY TOTALS, ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: AUSTRALIA

	Motor cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (a)		Total (a)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1978-79 -						
April	36,192	37,808	8,777	9,354	44,969	47,162
May	45,366	40,061	10,569	9,208	55,935	49,269
June	40,000	39,579	9,795	9,147	49,795	48,726
1979-80 -						
July	44,632	42,430	10,397	9,357	55,029	51,787
August	43,724	39,766	9,702	9,077	53,426	48,843
September	36,319	38,648	8,826	9,580	45,145	48,228
October	39,784	37,709	10,853	10,082	50,637	47,791
November	38,441	38,256	10,046	10,122	48,487	48,378
December	32,180	35,090	7,402	8,043	39,582	43,133
January	33,200	37,990	8,346	10,000	41,546	47,990
February	36,293	38,116	9,698	10,500	45,991	48,716
March	36,988	37,425	9,994	10,014	46,982	47,439
April r	36,271	35,478	9,344	9,399	45,615	44,877
May p	37,695	34,804	10,801	9,830	48,496	44,634

(a) Excludes motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

TABLE 2. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE: AUSTRALIA

	Motor cars	Station wagons	Utilities	Panel vans	Trucks		Other truck type vehicles	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
					Rigid	Articulated				
Year -										
1976-77	365,624	81,478	48,420	39,532	36,051	4,752	2,749	3,205	581,811	50,321
1977-78	359,472	72,967	45,946	40,312	35,034	4,000	2,474	3,712	563,917	38,049
1978-79	381,366	82,087	41,591	32,068	33,756	4,496	1,891	3,171	580,426	37,278
1978-79 -										
April	30,112	6,080	3,389	2,213	2,471	330	115	259	44,969	2,935
May	36,933	8,433	4,097	2,581	3,067	412	123	289	55,935	3,083
June	32,806	7,194	3,456	2,458	3,041	442	147	251	49,795	3,049
1979-80 -										
July	36,991	7,641	3,774	2,671	3,012	436	180	324	55,029	3,954
August	35,372	8,352	3,587	2,466	2,814	414	163	258	53,426	4,133
September	28,970	7,349	3,121	2,450	2,543	364	126	222	45,145	3,455
October	31,595	8,189	4,113	2,949	2,975	434	134	248	50,637	3,765
November	30,610	7,831	3,857	2,637	2,784	378	161	229	48,487	3,756
December	25,724	6,456	2,856	1,763	2,145	282	172	184	39,582	3,277
January	26,788	6,412	3,451	1,913	2,388	307	105	182	41,546	4,451
February	29,585	6,708	3,936	2,342	2,756	303	89	272	45,991	5,608
March	29,793	7,195	3,658	2,603	2,959	359	109	306	46,982	6,210
April r	28,976	7,295	3,439	2,554	2,701	298	105	247	45,615	5,399
May p	29,877	7,818	4,001	2,893	3,132	343	132	300	48,496	5,090

TABLE 3. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year -									
1976-77	195,417	146,345	88,656	56,168	61,725	18,781	4,705	10,014	581,811
1977-78	197,527	143,616	83,949	49,164	57,528	18,054	4,918	9,161	563,917
1978-79	206,830	147,219	91,912	48,199	54,907	17,329	(b)3,945	10,085	580,426
1978-79 -									
April	15,765	11,334	7,708	3,530	4,416	1,278	(b)235	703	44,969
May	19,421	14,829	8,767	4,690	5,259	1,549	(b)289	1,131	55,935
June	17,263	13,265	7,761	4,341	4,579	1,457	(b)266	863	49,795
1979-80 -									
July	19,214	14,743	9,507	4,592	4,264	1,360	(b)433	916	55,029
August	18,728	13,523	9,169	4,047	5,047	1,709	(b)366	837	53,426
September	16,121	11,684	7,147	3,684	4,370	1,150	(b)330	659	45,145
October	18,173	12,738	8,403	4,194	4,666	1,393	(b)414	656	50,637
November	17,249	10,956	8,967	4,117	4,626	1,606	(b)299	667	48,487
December	13,541	9,589	6,405	3,487	3,908	1,829	(b)283	540	39,582
January	15,303	9,465	7,385	3,287	4,307	1,156	(b)292	551	41,546
February	16,636	10,674	7,691	3,855	4,770	1,330	(b)319	716	45,991
March	17,105	11,775	7,309	3,971	4,396	1,281	(b)412	733	46,982
April r	16,762	10,240	8,277	3,527	4,259	1,250	(b)504	796	45,615
May p	17,534	11,775	8,322	3,766	4,527	1,299	(b)518	755	48,496

(a) Excludes motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Changes in the N.T. Motor Vehicle Registry processing system have resulted in substantial problems in separately identifying 'factory new' vehicles registered in the N.T.

TABLE 4. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE: STATES, MAY 1980p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities (b)	Total
Motor cars	10,668	7,978	4,733	2,511	2,535	770	199	483	20,281	29,877
Station wagons	3,027	1,798	1,290	533	762	189	82	137	5,266	7,818
Utilities	1,103	611	1,325	227	398	132	167	38	1,737	4,001
Panel vans	1,295	339	542	203	355	85	33	41	1,992	2,893
Trucks —										
Rigid	1,177	837	313	241	405	94	19	46	1,653	3,132
Articulated	115	69	61	34	32	16	9	7	152	343
Other truck type vehicles	50	54	7	8	12	1	—	—	82	132
Buses	99	89	51	9	28	12	9	3	207	300
Capital cities (b)	11,220	8,642	4,304	2,679	3,236	534	—	755	31,370	31,370
Other areas	6,314	3,133	4,018	1,087	1,291	765	518	—	—	17,126
Total (excl. motor cycles)	17,534	11,775	8,322	3,766	4,527	1,299	518	755	31,370	48,496
Motor cycles	1,845	1,120	1,022	427	457	95	67	57	2,537	5,090

(a) See footnote (b), Table 3. (b) All registrations in the A.C.T. are included in 'capital cities'; all registrations in the Northern Territory are included in 'other areas'.

TABLE 5. NEW TRACTORS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, CARAVANS AND TRAILERS: STATES, MAY 1980p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities (b)	Total
Tractors	33	214	103	4	114	18	7	7	65	500
Plant and equipment	123	78	52	15	54	14	15	2	225	353
Caravans	251	375	124	145	93	30	4	8	625	1,030
Trailers	2,295	1,011	1,438	776	888	235	79	41	3,746	6,763
Capital cities (b)	1,568	794	782	594	780	85	—	58	4,661	4,661
Other areas	1,134	884	935	346	369	212	105	—	—	3,985
Total	2,702	1,678	1,717	940	1,149	297	105	58	4,661	8,646

(a) See footnote (b), Table 3. (b) All registrations in the A.C.T. are included in 'capital cities'; all registrations in the Northern Territory are included in 'other areas'.

TABLE 6. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE: STATES, ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY 1979-80p AND 1978-79

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities (b)	Total
Motor cars	118,890	88,367	52,526	28,949	28,759	9,900	1,488	5,402	224,200	334,281
Station wagons	30,512	18,579	13,718	5,969	8,117	2,402	679	1,270	54,620	81,246
Utilities	10,973	6,040	13,620	2,442	3,820	1,168	1,360	370	17,430	39,793
Panel vans	11,904	3,713	4,797	1,904	3,726	716	222	259	19,243	27,241
Trucks —										
Rigid	11,318	8,407	2,682	2,561	3,895	831	116	399	15,859	30,209
Articulated	1,416	890	614	363	375	143	56	61	1,740	3,918
Other truck type vehicles	444	514	170	146	102	88	7	5	994	1,476
Buses	909	652	455	193	346	115	42	60	1,757	2,772
Capital cities (b)	118,759	92,360	44,823	30,412	35,289	6,374	—	7,826	335,843	335,843
Other areas	67,607	34,802	43,759	12,115	13,851	8,989	3,970	—	—	185,093
Total (excl. motor cycles) —										
1979-80p July-May	186,366	127,162	88,582	42,527	49,140	15,363	3,970	7,826	335,843	520,936
1978-79 July-May	189,567	133,954	84,151	43,858	50,328	15,872	3,679	9,222	340,952	530,631
Motor cycles —										
1979-80p July-May	18,433	9,908	9,248	5,101	4,286	1,014	419	689	24,876	49,098
1978-79 July-May	12,539	6,547	7,451	3,433	2,493	828	412	526	15,918	34,229

(a) See footnote (b), Table 3. (b) All registrations in the A.C.T. are included in 'capital cities'; all registrations in the Northern Territory are included in 'other areas'.