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REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, AUSTRALIA AUGUST 1982 (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 August 1982 (56,546) rose 9.3% when compared with August 1981 (51,727).

Seasonally adjusted, the August 1982 figure (54,125) is 6.6% higher than August 1981 (50,782).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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 2 below. Care should be exercised in comparing July 1982, June 1982, March 1982 and July 1981 new motor vehicle registrations with those for other months. This is because of the inclusion in figures for these months of several thousand registrations from earlier months which had not previously been processed by the Victorian registration authority.

Scope and coverage

2. 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, South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory the figures shown 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.

3. The statistics include vehicles with diplomatic and consular plates and State and Australian government owned vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services.

4. Recreation vehicles such as trail bikes and sand dune buggies intended for use in public places are required to be registered in Victoria and Queensland. Particulars of these registrations are regarded as outside the scope of new motor vehicle registration statistics.

Seasonal adjustment

5. 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).

Related publications

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

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0)—issued monthly

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia, 1980-81 (9304.0).

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

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

Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars, Australia (Preliminary) (5416.0)—issued monthly.

8. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary figure or series subject to revision

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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
1981-82—						
July	45,102	39,548	14,176	11,913	59,278	51,461
August	39,748	38,423	11,979	12,359	51,727	50,782
September	37,877	37,578	12,529	12,537	50,406	50,115
October	r35,442	r35,603	11,521	11,596	r46,963	r47,199
November	37,526	39,030	11,274	11,825	48,800	50,855
December	40,984	40,016	12,450	13,102	53,434	53,118
January	33,642	41,783	10,205	12,966	43,847	54,749
February	33,440	36,170	11,562	12,408	45,002	48,578
March	44,138	41,313	15,347	13,992	59,485	55,305
April	37,971	39,326	12,140	12,667	50,111	51,993
May	41,225	40,623	12,818	12,327	54,043	52,950
June	44,160	41,104	14,986	12,841	59,146	53,945
1982-83—						
July r	41,940	37,991	13,626	12,072	55,566	50,063
August p	43,788	41,167	12,758	12,958	56,546	54,125

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

TABLE 2. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE : AUSTRALIA

	Motor cars and station wagons	Utilities	Panel vans	Trucks		Other truck type vehicles	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
				Rigid	Articulated				
1981-82—									
July	45,102	5,000	3,876	4,172	371	244	513	59,278	6,145
August	39,748	4,181	3,559	3,276	330	200	433	51,727	5,940
September	37,877	4,157	3,875	3,464	290	202	541	50,406	6,559
October	r35,442	3,781	4,439	3,380	339	215	367	r46,963	6,512
November	37,526	3,807	3,507	3,015	331	177	437	48,800	5,859
December	40,984	4,422	3,784	3,327	286	239	392	53,434	6,085
January	33,642	3,693	3,331	2,525	246	120	290	43,847	5,248
February	33,440	3,874	4,127	2,857	233	130	341	45,002	5,323
March	44,138	5,350	5,142	3,885	325	168	477	59,485	6,924
April	37,971	4,116	4,180	3,031	284	128	401	50,111	5,752
May	41,225	4,357	4,400	3,197	300	175	389	54,043	5,815
June	44,160	5,297	4,789	3,933	330	220	417	59,146	5,529
1982-83—									
July r	41,940	4,722	4,700	3,371	290	200	343	55,566	5,047
August p	43,788	4,200	4,762	3,038	227	171	360	56,546	5,266

TABLE 3. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES(a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1981-82—									
July	20,340	18,013	9,549	3,769	4,816	1,280	609	902	59,278
August	18,603	11,960	9,578	3,901	4,802	1,464	592	827	51,727
September	18,120	12,073	9,091	3,507	4,831	1,149	583	1,052	50,406
October	16,960	10,068	8,959	r3,525	5,005	1,334	556	556	r46,963
November	18,352	9,053	8,828	4,000	4,872	2,499	505	691	48,800
December	19,149	13,107	9,628	4,091	5,189	1,124	417	729	53,434
January	16,229	8,862	8,611	3,326	4,722	961	453	683	43,847
February	16,807	9,695	8,700	3,415	4,281	1,026	405	673	45,002
March	21,178	15,345	10,562	4,428	5,206	1,281	612	873	59,485
April	18,055	11,152	9,732	3,865	4,805	1,201	499	802	50,111
May	19,304	12,868	10,178	4,360	5,093	1,114	350	776	54,043
June	19,141	17,281	10,968	4,331	4,786	1,079	721	939	59,146
1982-83—									
July r	19,011	14,529	10,464	4,367	4,784	1,159	495	757	55,566
August p	19,121	14,600	10,591	4,407	5,029	1,341	544	913	56,546

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