



REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES : AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1972 PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

In this statement vehicles are classified according to information as recorded on registration documents. The figures include diplomatic and consular vehicles and all Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services.

2. Although the position varies from State to State, in these statistics "registrations" generally mean registrations processed by the motor vehicle registration authorities in the States and Territories during the period. In some States, registrations of new motor vehicles are occasionally not recorded in the statistics until some time after registration.

3. Original and seasonally adjusted registrations of new motor vehicles are shown in Table 1. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. 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*, 1972 (Reference No. 1.10) issued on 6 July 1972.

4. Particulars of registrations of new tractors, plant, equipment, etc., trailers and caravans are shown in Table 5. It should be noted that many tractors, mainly agricultural types, and items of plant, equipment, etc., are not registered and, therefore, are not included in the statistics. The extent to which they are included varies from State to State.

5. A revised classification of motor vehicles, which has been used as the basis for a census of motor vehicles on register at 30 September 1971 (some results of which will be published later this year) has been adopted as standard for publication of statistics of new motor vehicle registrations with effect from 1 January 1972. The main features of this classification are the following:

- (a) "Light commercial type vehicles" include those utilities, panel vans and trucks with carrying capacity under 20 cwt, and ambulances and hearses.
- (b) Utilities and panel vans with carrying capacity 20 cwt and over are incorporated in "rigid trucks".
- (c) "Other truck type vehicles" consist of those truck type vehicles which are designed for purposes other than freight carrying, e.g., street flusher, fire engine, tow truck. Previously this category incorporated vehicles such as tankers and concrete agitators which are now classified as "trucks".

6. Because of the absence of details of carrying capacity on the registration records in certain States, it has been necessary to impute carrying capacity by reference to R.A.C. horsepower rating in order to ensure consistent treatment across Australia in these statistics. This affects some vehicles close to the 20 cwt carrying capacity limit separating trucks from light commercial type vehicles.

7. Direct comparisons of data from January 1972 onwards with data for previous periods can be made only for the categories motor cars, station wagons, buses, and motor cycles. Data for the other categories are not strictly comparable as between the revised classification and that which it replaces. However, to provide some degree of continuity, in Table 2 previously published figures for utilities have been repeated under the heading "light commercial type vehicles - open" and those for panel vans, ambulances and hearses under the heading "light commercial type vehicles - closed". Previously published figures for trucks and other truck type vehicles have been repeated under similar headings but attention is drawn to the changes in definition of these categories outlined in paragraph 5 above.

8. The following symbols, where shown in tables, mean:

- p — preliminary
- r — revised
- .. — nil or not applicable
- — break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures).

TABLE 1. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (EXCLUDING MOTOR CYCLES),
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a) : AUSTRALIA

	Motor cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (b)		Total (b)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1971 -						
July	38,732	36,984	7,471	7,020	46,203	44,004
August	40,038	39,313	7,634	7,255	47,672	46,568
September	34,135	34,863	7,349	7,086	41,484	41,949
October	34,004	34,449	7,234	7,147	41,238	41,596
November	35,615	34,352	7,485	7,074	43,100	41,426
December	34,430	33,006	7,270	7,488	41,700	40,494
1972p -						
January	38,585	33,675	5,937	7,642	34,522	41,317
February	30,497	31,713	6,567	6,928	37,064	38,641
March	32,883	31,639	8,000	7,626	40,883	39,265
April	30,925	32,335	7,291	8,003	38,216	40,338
May	38,280	34,109	8,967	7,726	47,247	41,835
June	34,398	34,135	8,012	7,907	42,410	42,042
July	34,000	34,125	7,804	7,688	41,804	41,813
August	35,024	32,275	7,814	7,064	42,838	39,339

(a) See paragraph 3, page 1. (b) Excludes tractors, plant, equipment, etc.

TABLE 2. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE (a) : AUSTRALIA

VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE (a) - AUSTRALIA										
	Motor cars	Station wagons	Light commercial type vehicles		Trucks (carrying capacity 20 cwt and over)		Other truck type vehicles	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
			open	closed	rigid	articulated				
			(b)	(b)			(b)			
Year -										
1967	275,594	59,947	34,726	15,875	24,590	871	1,470	413,073	17,306	
1968	310,267	58,569	34,734	16,711	26,705	970	1,745	449,701	22,887	
1969	343,275	57,604	36,510	17,621	29,700	1,407	2,041	488,158	25,386	
1970	358,181	54,880	35,881	19,701	29,476	1,289	2,190	501,598	32,701	
1971	362,669	54,555	33,822	22,908	26,900	1,263	2,394	504,511	48,786	
1971 -										
July	33,597	5,135	2,741	1,979	2,394	143	214	46,203	3,711	
August	34,723	5,315	2,781	2,197	2,331	113	212	47,672	3,961	
September	30,051	4,084	2,605	2,192	2,206	122	224	41,484	4,995	
October	29,728	4,276	2,693	1,995	2,253	119	174	41,238	4,992	
November	31,046	4,569	2,737	1,900	2,495	106	247	43,100	4,451	
December	29,886	4,544	2,870	2,020	2,137	73	170	41,700	4,296	
1972p -										
January	25,001	3,584	2,586	1,350	1,667	182	26	34,522	4,033	
February	26,668	3,829	2,716	1,490	1,922	208	24	37,064	4,706	
March	29,351	3,532	3,454	1,881	2,201	259	22	40,883	4,915	
April	27,268	3,657	3,123	1,841	1,963	189	25	38,216	3,934	
May	33,155	5,125	3,857	2,178	2,480	243	31	47,247	4,117	
June	29,706	4,692	3,195	1,954	2,429	252	19	42,410	3,367	
July	29,461	4,539	3,066	1,890	2,383	276	22	41,804	3,448	
August	30,271	4,753	3,255	1,851	2,243	262	37	42,838	4,633	

(a) See paragraph 5, page 1. (b) See paragraph 7, page 1.

TABLE 3. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (EXCLUDING MOTOR CYCLES) (a)
STATES AND TERRITORIES

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year -									
1967	152,006	109,872	53,611	36,123	39,777	13,794	2,537	5,353	413,073
1968	163,050	117,365	61,128	40,339	45,154	13,719	2,966	5,980	449,701
1969	181,797	126,957	61,591	45,599	48,823	13,636	3,254	6,501	488,158
1970	188,997	132,032	61,963	45,447	48,351	14,119	3,308	7,381	501,598
1971	191,239	127,283	66,742	43,979	49,391	14,437	3,750	7,690	504,511
1971 -									
July	18,481	11,348	5,847	3,944	4,358	1,222	377	626	46,203
August	18,154	11,535	6,877	3,960	4,771	1,377	311	687	47,672
September	15,159	10,784	5,706	3,894	3,852	1,204	304	581	41,484
October	15,996	10,625	5,020	3,596	3,986	1,186	260	569	41,238
November	15,802	10,735	5,946	4,133	4,342	1,285	252	605	43,100
December	15,034	10,883	5,479	3,544	4,301	1,371	288	800	41,700
1972p -									
January	13,724	7,915	5,370	2,950	3,013	836	274	440	34,522
February	13,941	9,238	5,084	3,241	3,668	1,030	202	660	37,064
March	15,010	10,446	5,888	3,767	3,755	1,135	216	666	40,883
April	14,515	9,763	5,328	3,179	3,364	1,179	234	654	38,216
May	17,567	12,757	6,420	4,000	4,113	1,389	311	690	47,247
June	14,898	11,290	6,338	4,006	3,570	1,239	383	686	42,410
July r	16,910	10,203	5,553	3,544	3,497	1,170	362	565	41,804
August	15,864	11,258	6,224	3,437	3,788	1,280	328	659	42,838

(a) Excludes tractors, plant, equipment, etc.

TABLE 4. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE (a)
STATES AND TERRITORIES, AUGUST 1972p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities (b)	Total
Motor cars	11,425	8,233	4,962	2,511	2,462	977	124	477	20,597	30,271
Station wagons	1,658	1,265	752	371	499	102	46	60	3,290	4,753
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	1,081	633	708	247	395	77	70	44	1,517	3,255
closed	809	454	211	80	207	40	10	40	1,371	1,851
Trucks (carrying capacity										
20 cwt and over) -										
rigid	764	543	434	156	193	55	63	35	1,255	2,243
articulated	68	92	34	35	9	18	6	..	120	262
Other truck type vehicles	8	9	5	7	4	1	2	1	30	37
Buses	51	29	18	30	19	10	7	2	101	166
Capital cities (b)	10,285	8,386	3,116	2,482	2,770	583	..	659	28,281	28,281
Other areas	5,579	2,872	3,108	955	1,018	697	328	..	..	14,557
Total (excl. motor cycles)	15,864	11,258	6,224	3,437	3,788	1,280	328	659	28,281	42,838
Motor cycles	1,773	749	866	664	327	70	115	69	2,369	4,633

(a) See paragraph 5, page 1. (b) Place of residence of owner as shown on registration document. Capital city refers to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart Statistical Divisions as defined for 1971 population census purposes, and the A.C.T.

TABLE 5. - REGISTRATIONS (a) OF NEW TRACTORS, PLANT, EQUIPMENT, ETC.,
TRAILERS AND CARAVANS : STATES AND TERRITORIES, AUGUST 1972p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Tractors	56	174	130	17	30	28	5	..	440
Plant, equipment, etc.	96	61	41	25	41	13	8	3	288
Trailers	1,441	943	958	689	665	274	53	99	5,122
Caravans	681	680	342	270	126	49	28	48	2,224
Capital cities (b)	1,249	988	668	640	608	118	..	150	4,421
Other areas	1,025	870	803	361	254	246	94	..	3,653
Total	2,274	1,858	1,471	1,001	862	364	94	150	8,074

(a) See paragraph 4, page 1. (b) See footnote (b), Table 4.

TABLE 6. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE (a)
STATES AND TERRITORIES, EIGHT MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1972p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities (b)	Total
Motor cars	88,727	60,976	29,879	20,761	19,061	6,913	899	3,665	154,067	230,881
Station wagons	11,929	8,742	5,255	2,766	3,466	777	303	473	22,388	33,711
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	8,498	5,112	5,262	2,093	2,829	704	469	285	10,699	25,252
closed	6,309	3,389	1,787	719	1,571	300	94	266	10,569	14,435
Trucks (carrying capacity										
20 cwt and over) -										
rigid	5,886	3,754	3,591	1,311	1,562	423	471	290	9,724	17,288
articulated	526	577	300	215	115	86	41	11	776	1,871
Other truck type vehicles	40	78	18	36	18	9	6	1	153	206
Buses	514	242	113	223	146	46	27	29	779	1,340
Capital cities (b)	79,040	58,353	21,835	19,912	20,869	4,126	..	5,020	209,155	209,155
Other areas	43,389	24,517	24,370	8,212	7,899	5,132	2,310	..	115,829	115,829
Total (excl. motor cycles)	122,429	82,870	46,205	28,124	28,768	9,258	2,310	5,020	209,155	324,984
Motor cycles	12,254	7,027	5,539	3,707	2,715	620	798	493	17,045	33,153

(a) See paragraph 5, page 1. (b) See footnote (b), Table 4.

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