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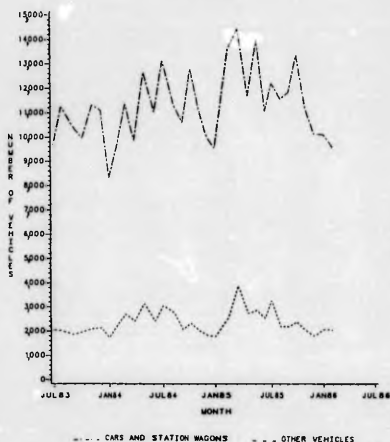
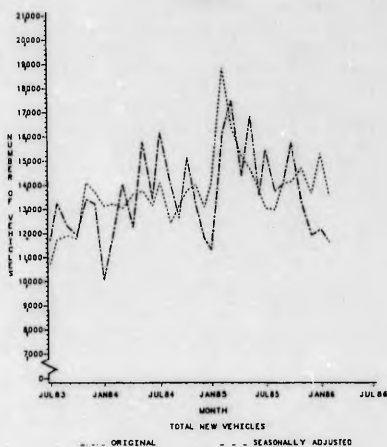
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**MAIN FEATURES**

The 11,622 new motor vehicles registered in Victoria in February 1986 reverses a trend in registrations. Historically, the number of new motor vehicles registered in Victoria in the month of February has been higher than that for the months of January. The February 1986 registrations now represent a decrease of 5 per cent on the January 1986 figure of 12,182 and a decrease of 28 per cent on the February 1985 figure of 16,209.

For the 8 months July 1985 to February 1986, 107,996 new vehicles were registered, a 2 per cent decrease on the 110,513 for the same period in 1984-85.

In seasonally adjusted terms, new motor vehicles registered in January 1986 (13,550) represents a decrease of 11 per cent on the January 1986 figure of 15,305 and a decrease of 28 per cent on the number registered in February 1985 (18,833).

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS****Diagram 1****ORIGINAL SERIES,  
VICTORIA****Diagram 2****ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED,  
VICTORIA**

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Introduction

This publication contains detailed information regarding registrations of new motor vehicles and includes particulars of motor cars and station wagons, utilities, and panel vans classified by make and tare, and rigid and articulated trucks by make and gross vehicle mass/gross combination mass. Details of registrations of new tractors, trailers, caravans, and plant and equipment are also included, as are particulars of motor vehicles on register.

## Source

2. Motor vehicle registration statistics are obtained from data made available by the Victorian Road Traffic Authority and reflect the information as recorded in registration documents. In Victoria, advice of some registrations is often not received by the Road Traffic Authority until some time after the actual date of registration; for this reason, a considerable number of registrations processed in a given month actually relate to vehicles registered prior to that month.

## Seasonal adjustment

3. Original and seasonally adjusted registrations of new motor vehicles are shown in Table 2. 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.

## Classification of vehicles

4. Other truck type vehicles include non-freight carrying trucks, ambulances, hearses, and motorised caravans.

5. Although registration of recreation vehicles intended for use in public places other than roads is compulsory, particulars of such vehicles are excluded from statistics contained in this publication.

6. Particulars are included in this publication of vehicles with diplomatic and consular plates and government-owned new vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services.

7. As the registration documents used by the various State motor vehicle registry systems are not uniform, either in the data that are available or in the definition of common data items, care must be taken when making

comparisons between data from different systems. It is possible for identical vehicles to be described differently in different States or Territories, e.g. rear end door sedans may be registered either as cars or station wagons. Consequently, cars and station wagons have been amalgamated to avoid any confusion. In addition, in a relatively small number of cases the characteristics used to classify vehicles for the purposes of this publication may be inconsistently recorded within a particular registration system.

## Motor vehicles on register

8. Censuses of motor vehicles on register have been conducted in respect of 31 December 1955 and 1962, and 30 September 1971, 1976, 1979, and 1982. From December 1976, details of Commonwealth Government-owned vehicles on register are only available at 31 December each year. For 30 June estimates, the previous 31 December figures for Commonwealth Government-owned vehicles are used. Motor vehicles on register at a given date are vehicles for which either fees were paid in advance, on that date, or retrospectively. Figures for motor vehicles on register prior to June 1982 were derived from estimates of the previous Census of Motor Vehicles. From June 1982 onwards, motor vehicles on register figures have been collected from the Road Traffic Authority.

## Unpublished tables

9. Various tabulations of a more detailed nature than those contained in this publication are available in the form of computer printouts for inspection in this Office. It is recommended that inquiries regarding the availability of unpublished statistics be made by telephoning in the first instance. In general a charge is made for supply of such tabulations.

## Related publications

10. Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS publications which are available on request:

- Registrations of New Motor Vehicles, Australia, Preliminary (9301.0) (monthly)
- Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0) (monthly)
- Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9304.0) (annual)
- Motor Vehicle Census, Victoria (9309.2) (irregular)

11. 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. These are available from any ABS Office.

**Symbols and other usages**

- nil or rounded down to zero  
M.S.D. Melbourne Statistical Division

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA

Period	Motor cars and station wagons	Utilities	Trucks			Other truck types		Total	Motor cycles
			Panel vans	Rigid	Articulated	Buses			
1979-80	115,567	6,550	4,007	9,245	956	555	708	137,588	10,884
1980-81	114,699	7,126	3,845	10,463	933	531	1,023	138,620	14,450
1981-82	121,960	8,382	3,296	12,992	953	693	1,201	149,477	15,731
1982-83	123,834	8,063	3,631	12,797	640	556	999	150,520	13,153
1983-84	126,652	8,577	2,374	13,454	653	561	1,031	153,302	10,067
1984-85	143,279	7,487	1,767	17,884	843	551	1,030	172,841	9,878
1984-85 -									
December	9,978	498	92	1,064	45	47	74	11,798	647
January	9,543	444	88	1,079	52	41	64	11,311	735
February	13,621	672	175	1,513	92	46	90	16,209	1,181
March	14,425	785	284	1,740	89	60	119	17,502	975
April	11,670	643	193	1,624	88	54	119	14,391	871
May	13,989	685	150	1,820	80	48	75	16,847	895
June	11,068	691	79	1,562	78	46	64	13,588	689
1985-86 -									
July	12,210	757	117	2,125	103	46	117	15,475	826
August	11,571	554	81	1,320	90	42	93	13,751	659
September	11,847	540	71	1,368	98	54	61	14,039	565
October	13,393	606	80	1,448	102	38	99	15,766	887
November	11,205	454	90	1,282	117	39	49	13,236	718
December	10,134	456	57	1,081	83	40	74	11,925	559
January	10,112	521	73	1,206	92	97	81	12,182	698
February	9,585	529	115	1,200	77	33	83	11,622	726
1984-85 -									
July-February	92,127	4,683	1,061	11,138	508	343	653	110,513	6,448
1985-86									
July-February	90,057	4,417	684	11,030	762	389	657	107,996	5,638

TABLE 2. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	Motor cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (a)		Total (a)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION						
1984-85 -						
December	7,601	8,171	1,196	1,334	8,797	9,505
January	7,341	9,147	1,217	1,631	8,558	10,778
February	9,840	11,658	1,596	1,795	11,436	13,453
March	10,810	10,473	2,086	1,977	12,896	12,450
April	8,541	9,172	1,814	1,756	10,355	10,928
May	10,485	9,462	1,939	1,604	12,424	11,066
June	8,407	8,541	1,658	1,676	10,065	10,217
1985-86 -						
July	8,878	7,576	2,127	1,746	11,005	9,322
August	8,776	7,962	1,534	1,476	10,310	9,438
September	8,908	9,186	1,524	1,609	10,432	10,795
October	9,737	8,468	1,604	1,561	11,341	10,029
November	8,489	8,945	1,438	1,590	9,927	10,535
December	7,485	7,777	1,183	1,267	8,668	9,044
January	7,315	9,285	1,374	1,840	8,689	11,125
February	7,159	8,259	1,421	1,563	8,580	9,822
1984-85 -						
July-February	68,764	70,323	12,189	12,834	80,953	83,157
1985-86						
July-February	66,747	67,458	12,205	12,652	78,952	80,110
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1984-85 -						
December	9,978	10,965	1,820	2,129	11,798	13,094
January	9,543	11,744	1,768	2,322	11,311	14,066
February	13,621	15,928	2,588	2,905	16,209	18,833
March	14,425	13,565	3,077	2,833	17,502	16,398
April	11,670	12,508	2,721	2,689	14,391	15,197
May	13,989	12,269	2,858	2,364	16,847	14,633
June	11,068	11,268	2,520	2,507	13,588	13,775
1985-86 -						
July	12,210	10,495	3,265	2,542	15,475	13,037
August	11,571	10,885	2,180	2,105	13,751	12,990
September	11,847	11,733	2,192	2,331	14,039	14,064
October	13,393	11,849	2,373	2,304	15,766	14,153
November	11,205	12,309	2,031	2,398	13,236	14,707
December	10,134	10,905	1,791	2,732	11,925	13,637
January	10,112	12,595	2,070	2,710	12,182	15,305
February	9,585	11,264	2,037	2,286	11,622	13,550
1984-85 -						
July-February	92,127	94,765	18,386	19,188	110,513	113,953
1985-86						
July-February	90,057	92,035	17,939	19,408	107,996	111,443

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

TABLE 3. MAKES OF NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED, VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1986

Make (a)	Vehicle tare weight (kilograms)					Not stated	Total	Per cent	M.S.D.
	Up to 900	901 to 1,100	1,101 to 1,300	1,301 to 1,500	Over 1,500				
Ford	628	462	922	798	6	4	2,820	29.4	2,099
Holden	583	384	852	90	13	2	1,924	20.1	1,439
Mazda	22	363	128	9	-	-	522	5.4	399
Mitsubishi	102	92	783	8	54	-	1,039	10.8	778
Nissan	279	206	121	108	70	-	784	8.2	564
Toyota	55	943	162	245	118	1	1,524	15.9	1,088
Other makes	275	255	208	143	90	1	972	10.1	792
Total	1,944	2,705	3,176	1,401	351	8	9,585	100.0	7,159

(a) Only those makes which account for at least 5 per cent of the total new registrations for cars and station wagons are shown.

TABLE 4. MAKES OF NEW UTILITIES REGISTERED, VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1986

Make (a)	Vehicle tare weight (kilograms)					Not stated	Total	Per cent	M.S.D.
	Up to 900	901 to 1,100	1,101 to 1,300	1,301 to 1,500	Over 1,500				
Ford	-	-	112	22	10	1	145	27.4	104
Holden	14	1	30	5	-	-	50	9.5	24
Nissan	6	-	44	13	23	1	87	16.4	50
Suzuki	41	-	-	-	-	-	41	7.8	24
Toyota	-	23	49	46	21	1	140	26.5	77
Other makes	6	24	28	7	1	-	66	12.5	28
Total	67	48	263	93	55	3	529	100.0	307

(a) Only those makes which account for at least 5 per cent of the total new registrations of utilities are shown.

TABLE 5. MAKES OF NEW PANEL VANS REGISTERED, VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1986

Make (a)	Vehicle tare weight (kilograms)					Not stated	Total	Per cent	M.S.D.
	Up to 900	901 to 1,100	1,101 to 1,300	1,301 to 1,500	Over 1,500				
Ford	-	-	1	53	-	-	54	47.0	51
Mazda	13	-	-	1	35	-	49	42.6	48
Other makes	7	-	2	3	-	-	12	10.4	11
Total	20	-	3	57	35	-	115	100.0	110

(a) Only those makes which account for at least 3 per cent of the total new registrations of panel vans are shown.

TABLE 6. MAKES OF NEW RIGID TRUCKS REGISTERED, VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1986

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Make (b)	Gross vehicle mass (tonnes) (a)							Not stated	Total	Per cent	M.S.D.
	4 and under	Over 4 to 8	Over 8 to 12	Over 12 to 16	Over 16 to 20	Over 20 to 30	Over 30				
Ford	134	46	1	1	-	4	-	-	186	15.5	138
Isuzu	-	32	21	8	-	1	-	1	63	5.2	48
Mazda	149	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	173	14.4	144
Mitsubishi	89	9	10	6	-	1	-	1	116	9.7	91
Nissan	89	7	2	1	-	-	-	-	99	8.2	68
Toyota	349	26	-	-	-	-	1	-	376	31.3	275
Other makes	111	8	23	17	1	24	2	1	187	15.6	135
Total	921	152	57	33	1	30	3	3	1,200	100.0	899

(a) Gross vehicle mass is the maximum permissible weight of the loaded vehicle. (b) Only those makes which account for at least 5 per cent of the total are shown.

TABLE 7. MAKES OF NEW ARTICULATED TRUCKS REGISTERED, VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1986

Make (b)	Gross combination mass (tonnes) (a)							Not stated	Total	Per cent	M.S.D.
	16 and under	Over 16 to 20	Over 20 to 24	Over 24 to 30	Over 30 to 34	Over 34 to 40	Over 40				
Ford	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	8	10.4	1
International	2	-	-	1	1	9	-	-	13	16.9	3
Kenworth	1	-	-	-	-	11	-	1	13	16.9	1
Mercedes-Benz	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	-	8	10.4	6
Scania	5	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	15	19.5	11
Other makes	2	-	1	1	1	12	-	3	20	26.0	10
Total	10	-	1	5	3	54	-	4	77	100.0	32

(a) Gross combination mass is the maximum permissible weight of the prime mover plus attached loaded trailer. (b) Makes shown are those with 10 per cent or more of total new articulated trucks registered.

TABLE 8. MAKES OF NEW OTHER TRUCK TYPES AND BUSES REGISTERED, VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1986

Make (a)	Other truck types				Buses			
	M.S.D.	Rest of Victoria	Total	Per cent	M.S.D.	Rest of Victoria	Total	Per cent
Ford	2	3	5	15.2	-	-	-	-
Hino	10	1	11	33.3	-	5	5	6.0
Holden	-	-	-	-	9	1	10	12.0
Mercedes-Benz	-	-	-	-	4	5	9	10.8
Nissan	3	2	5	15.2	3	4	7	8.4
Toyota	3	2	5	15.2	22	11	33	39.8
Other makes	7	-	7	21.2	10	9	19	22.9
Total	25	8	33	100.0	48	35	83	100.0

(a) Only those makes which account for at least 10 per cent of total new other truck types or buses are shown.

TABLE 9. NEW MOTOR CYCLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1986

Make (a)	Cubic capacity of engine (cc)						Over 750	Not stated	Total	Per cent	M.S.O.
	Up to 50	51 to 150	150 to 250	250 to 500	500 to 750						
Honda	4	30	114	30	40	33	-	251	34.6	116	
Kawasaki	-	4	40	1	33	21	-	99	13.6	37	
Suzuki	-	8	61	8	20	7	-	104	14.3	38	
Yamaha	1	8	120	28	24	32	-	213	29.3	105	
Other makes	-	1	6	5	12	35	-	59	8.1	40	
Total	5	51	341	72	129	128	-	726	100.0	336	

(a) Only those makes which account for at least 5 per cent of total new motor cycles registered are shown.

TABLE 10. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED BY FUEL TYPE AND NUMBER OF CYLINDERS, VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1986

Fuel and cylinders	Motor cars and station wagons	Util-ities	Panel vans	Trucks		Other truck types	Buses	Total	Per cent
				Rigid	Artic-ulated				
Fuel -									
Petrol	9,314	406	113	715	-	14	30	10,592	91.1
Diesel	261	121	2	483	77	19	53	1,016	8.7
Gas	5	2	-	2	-	-	-	9	0.1
Other (incl. dual fuel)	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Total	9,585	529	115	1,200	77	33	83	11,622	100.0
Cylinders -									
Four	6,264	350	75	937	-	13	51	7,690	66.2
Six	2,979	132	36	205	57	17	31	3,457	29.7
Eight	189	12	-	19	19	3	1	243	2.1
Other	144	35	4	39	-	-	-	222	1.9
Not stated	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	10	0.1
Total	9,585	529	115	1,200	77	33	83	11,622	100.0

TABLE 11. NEW TRACTORS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, CARAVANS, AND TRAILERS REGISTERED FEBRUARY 1986

Type	M.S.O.	Rest of Victoria	Total
Tractors	14	72	86
Mobile plant, equipment, etc	38	24	62
Caravans	152	108	260
Trailers	622	511	1,133
Total	826	715	1,541

TABLE 12. MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER, VICTORIA ('000)

At end of June -	Motor cars and station wagons	Util-ities	Panel vans	Trucks		Other truck types	Buses	Total	Motor cycles
				Rigid	Artic-ulated				
1980	1,580.1	110.6	55.4	130.5	10.5	10.1	9.1	1,906.2	54.0
1981	1,632.5	113.9	57.0	136.8	11.1	10.5	9.9	1,971.7	64.2
1982	1,731.2	122.0	59.4	149.5	12.2	11.7	11.5	2,097.5	74.3
1983	1,796.5	127.0	60.1	157.5	12.2	12.5	12.2	2,178.1	79.6
1984	1,859.7	133.4	60.4	168.5	12.5	12.6	12.9	2,260.1	81.7
1985	1,936.8	137.8	59.0	181.1	13.0	13.0	13.5	2,354.3	83.4