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REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AUSTRALIA
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MAIN FEATURES

On an original basis, registrations of new motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment etc.) during November 1979 (48,547) fell 4.0% when compared with October 1979 (50,555) and fell 0.9% when compared with November 1978 (48,991).

Seasonally adjusted, the November 1979 figure (48,438) is 1.5% higher than October 1979 (47,716) and 1.5% higher than November 1978 (47,699).

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 Victoria, Queensland 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. In other States and the Australian Capital Territory, the figures depart little from actual registrations during the period. A table showing a monthly series of actual and processed registrations has been included in the quarterly publication *Motor Vehicle Registrations* (9303.0).

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* (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.

Future revisions to series for Victoria

8. From January 1979 a new method was used by the ABS to capture details of new motor vehicle registrations processed in Victoria. Subsequent investigation has revealed a number of problems associated with the new method. In particular total registrations for the period January to March 1979 may have been overstated by 2,000 to 3,000. Data for the period January to July 1979 inclusive is being reprocessed. Revised figures for this period will be published as soon as possible.

Related publications

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

Motor Vehicle Registrations (9303.0)

Motor Vehicle Registrations (9304.0)

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

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

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

11. All 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 (a)

	Motor cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (b)		Total (b)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1978-79 -						
October	38,780	38,504	9,908	9,784	48,688	48,288
November	39,127	38,079	9,864	9,620	48,991	47,699
December	35,199	38,379	8,568	9,385	43,767	47,764
January	30,986	35,725	7,694	9,130	38,680	44,855
February	35,404	38,635	9,368	10,667	44,772	49,302
March	38,935	37,673	9,525	9,275	48,460	46,948
April	36,356	37,979	8,661	9,230	45,017	47,209
May	45,432	40,119	10,674	9,300	56,106	49,419
June	40,211	39,788	9,719	9,076	49,930	48,864
1979-80 -						
July	44,164	41,985	10,372	9,334	54,536	51,319
August	43,349	39,425	9,836	9,202	53,185	48,627
September	36,067	38,380	8,892	9,651	44,959	48,031
October r	39,838	37,760	10,717	9,956	50,555	47,716
November p	38,472	38,287	10,075	10,151	48,547	48,438

(a) See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

TABLE 2. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE : AUSTRALIA (a)

	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	382,339	82,311	41,581	31,952	33,778	4,595	1,893	3,153	581,602	37,266
1978-79 -										
October	31,242	7,538	3,367	2,844	2,822	376	185	314	48,688	3,083
November	31,615	7,512	3,463	2,781	2,799	417	166	238	48,991	3,025
December	28,740	6,459	3,049	2,399	2,340	323	245	212	43,767	3,306
January	25,389	5,597	2,809	2,053	2,231	304	112	185	38,680	3,047
February	29,562	5,842	3,594	2,408	2,619	319	119	309	44,772	3,492
March	32,453	6,482	3,533	2,581	2,689	376	106	240	48,460	3,375
April	30,233	6,123	3,367	2,197	2,421	313	116	247	45,017	2,974
May	37,022	8,410	4,102	2,580	3,141	436	120	295	56,106	3,101
June	33,017	7,194	3,490	2,419	2,995	432	143	240	49,930	2,997
1979-80 -										
July	36,534	7,630	3,828	2,708	2,957	395	162	322	54,536	3,906
August	35,119	8,230	3,704	2,491	2,839	392	147	263	53,185	4,007
September	28,819	7,248	3,186	2,518	2,499	340	128	221	44,959	3,332
October r	31,748	8,090	4,095	2,945	2,903	417	130	227	50,555	3,630
November p	30,642	7,830	3,866	2,657	2,778	381	164	229	48,547	3,768

(a) See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 3. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

	N.S.W.	Vic. (b)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust. (b)
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	148,395	91,912	48,199	54,907	17,329	3,945	10,085	581,602
1978-79 -									
October	16,885	13,530	7,241	4,103	4,429	1,359	314	827	48,688
November	17,598	11,836	7,848	4,173	4,911	1,468	388	769	48,991
December	15,215	10,430	7,597	3,482	4,033	2,093	254	663	43,767
January	13,245	10,264	6,160	3,035	3,955	1,050	(c)365	606	38,680
February	16,005	12,493	6,351	3,455	3,980	1,159	(c)526	803	44,772
March	18,479	10,612	7,766	4,211	4,793	1,476	(c)165	958	48,460
April	15,765	11,382	7,708	3,530	4,416	1,278	(c)235	703	45,017
May	19,421	15,000	8,767	4,690	5,259	1,549	(c)289	1,131	56,106
June	17,263	13,400	7,761	4,341	4,579	1,457	(c)266	863	49,930
1979-80 -									
July	19,214	14,250	9,507	4,592	4,264	1,360	(c)433	916	54,536
August	18,728	13,282	9,169	4,047	5,047	1,709	(c)366	837	53,185
September	16,121	11,498	7,147	3,684	4,370	1,150	(c)330	659	44,959
October r	18,173	12,656	8,403	4,194	4,666	1,393	(c)414	656	50,555
November p	17,249	10,968	8,966	4,117	4,669	1,606	(c)299	673	48,547

(a) Excludes motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) 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, NOVEMBER 1979p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T.	Australia (a)	
									Capital cities (c)	Total
Motor cars	10,843	7,478	5,121	2,818	2,675	1,123	108	476	20,322	30,642
Station wagons	2,944	1,621	1,483	595	796	223	52	116	5,317	7,830
Utilities	1,026	515	1,465	230	393	109	99	29	1,737	3,866
Panel vans	1,140	414	476	159	374	52	15	27	1,992	2,657
Trucks -										
rigid	1,031	766	298	230	359	70	12	12	1,491	2,778
articulated	160	70	53	42	32	14	4	6	159	381
Other truck type vehicles	50	43	27	19	17	5	3	-	101	164
Buses	55	61	43	24	23	10	6	7	146	229
Capital cities (c)	11,131	7,863	4,479	3,019	3,334	766	-	673	31,265	31,265
Other areas	6,118	3,105	4,487	1,098	1,335	840	299	-	-	17,282
Total (excl. motor cycles)	17,249	10,968	8,966	4,117	4,669	1,606	299	673	31,265	48,547
Motor cycles	1,404	730	723	450	283	96	24	58	1,818	3,768

(a) Preliminary estimates. See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) See footnote (c), Table 3. (c) 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, NOVEMBER 1979p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T.	Australia (a)	
									Capital cities (c)	Total
Tractors	22	203	85	15	65	28	-	-	78	418
Plant and equipment	83	46	37	20	84	7	1	6	138	284
Caravans	346	377	172	103	93	61	2	19	695	1,173
Trailers	2,858	1,046	1,660	939	1,063	400	34	52	4,695	8,052
Capital cities (c)	1,948	831	973	721	862	194	-	77	5,606	5,606
Other areas	1,361	841	981	356	443	302	37	-	-	4,321
Total	3,309	1,672	1,954	1,077	1,305	496	37	77	5,606	9,927

(a) Preliminary estimates. See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) See footnote (c), Table 3. (c) 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, FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 1979-80p AND 1978-79

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T.	Australia (a)	
									Capital cities (c)	Total
Motor cars	57,611	43,779	25,604	14,266	13,641	4,705	681	2,575	107,470	162,862
Station wagons	14,525	8,859	6,846	2,890	3,841	1,150	315	602	24,155	39,028
Utilities	5,112	2,965	6,563	1,096	1,629	510	640	164	8,185	18,679
Panel vans	5,645	2,063	2,264	922	1,745	355	99	226	9,529	13,319
Trucks -										
rigid	5,230	4,040	1,301	1,100	1,778	364	55	108	7,395	13,976
articulated	741	426	291	173	175	59	27	33	850	1,925
Other truck type vehicles	227	227	106	79	59	27	4	2	460	731
Buses	394	295	217	108	148	48	21	31	783	1,262
Capital cities (c)	57,549	43,039	21,495	15,148	16,632	3,123	-	3,741	160,727	160,727
Other areas	31,936	19,615	21,697	5,486	6,384	4,095	1,842	-	-	91,055
Total (excl. motor cycles) -										
1979-1980p July-Nov.	89,485	62,654	43,192	20,634	23,016	7,218	1,842	3,741	160,727	251,782
1978-1979 July-Nov.	91,437	64,814	39,802	21,455	23,892	7,267	1,845	4,358	165,453	254,870
Motor cycles -										
1979-1980p July-Nov.	7,027	3,337	3,829	2,093	1,558	390	144	265	9,152	18,643
1978-1979 July-Nov.	5,529	2,759	3,292	1,543	1,105	304	221	221	6,948	14,974

(a) Preliminary estimates. See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) See footnote (c), Table 3. (c) All registrations in the A.C.T. are included in 'capital cities'; all registrations in the Northern Territory are included in 'other areas'.