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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This bulletin contains particulars of motor vehicles, tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers which were "on register" in the Northern Territory on 30 September 1976. Similar bulletins are being issued for Australia, each State and the Australian Capital Territory.

Background

2. The most recent Motor Vehicle Census prior to 30 September 1976 was taken at 30 September 1971. Since that date the 1971 Census figures have been regularly updated by reference to data relating to first registrations and registration cancellations. While this procedure satisfactorily provides intercensal estimates of the number of vehicles on register, the series so derived are approximate and are subject to revision until the number of vehicles on register is ascertained at the next motor vehicle census.

Scope

3. The statistics contained in this bulletin have been derived from information made available by the motor vehicle registration authority and include vehicles with diplomatic plates and Australian Government owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. It should be noted however that many vehicles, including tractors (particularly the agricultural types), plant and equipment, and motor vehicles used solely on farms, in mines, etc. are not used on public roads and are therefore not required to be registered. These vehicles, together with vehicles which do use public roads but are exempt from normal registration requirements are excluded from these statistics.

Definition

4. For census purposes, vehicles on register at 30 September 1976 are defined as those vehicles for which registration was effective for a period including 30 September 1976, the registration fees being paid either in advance or on that date, or retrospectively. Since the registration authority accepts renewals of registrations some time after the due date, it was necessary to analyse registration transactions occurring after 30 September 1976 for an appropriate period to ensure that all relevant retrospective transactions were taken into account.

Classification

5. Vehicles have generally been classified according to information recorded in registration documents. The

amount of detail that can be published is primarily dependent on the data recorded in those documents. In the Northern Territory this problem of data availability is particularly acute. As a result, certain census details published for the other States and the Australian Capital Territory, such as vehicle type by year of manufacture, could not be shown (e.g. 86% of vehicles registered in the Northern Territory did not have particulars of year of manufacture recorded).

6. As the registration documents used by the various motor vehicle registry systems are not uniform, either in the data variables that are available or in the definition of common variables, care must be taken when making comparisons between data from different systems. It is also possible for identical vehicles to be described differently in different States, e.g. rear end door sedans may be registered either as cars or station wagons.

7. The vehicle type classification used for the 1976 Motor Vehicle Census is the same as that used in all new motor vehicle registration statistics published by the ABS since July 1976. This classification, which replaces that used in the 1971 Motor Vehicle Census has as its main features:

- (a) adoption of the principle of accepting vehicle type data as recorded by the registration authority;
- (b) allocation of commercial vehicles to the categories 'utilities', 'panel vans', or 'rigid' trucks solely on the basis of recorded body-type; under the previous classification system, these commercial vehicles were classified as 'light commercial type' (if having less than 1 tonne carrying capacity) or as 'rigid' (if having a carrying capacity of 1 tonne or more), the light commercial type being then further subdivided into "open" or "closed";
- (c) the inclusion in 'other truck types' of ambulances and hearses (previously classified as 'light commercial, closed') and motorised caravans.

8. The following table shows the vehicle type classifications used by the ABS in the last three Motor Vehicle Censuses.

<i>31 December 1962</i>	<i>30 September 1971</i>	<i>30 September 1976</i>
Motor cars (including ambulances and hearses)	Motor cars	Motor cars
Station wagons	Station wagons	Station wagons
Utilities	Light commercial type vehicles — Open (i.e. utilities and rigid trucks with carrying capacity less than 1 tonne)	Utilities
Panel vans	Light commercial type vehicles — Closed (i.e. ambulances and hearses, panel vans, and rigid trucks with carrying capacity less than 1 tonne)	Panel vans
Trucks	Trucks : rigid articulated	Trucks : rigid articulated
Other truck type vehicles (incl. some freight carrying vehicles e.g. concrete agitators)	Other truck type vehicles (non-freight carrying)	Other truck type vehicles (non-freight carrying and incl. ambulances and hearses)
Buses	Buses	Buses
Motor cycles	Motor cycles	Motor cycles

The format of the table does not imply that the three classifications across a line are directly comparable. However, for comparative purposes, in Table 1, 'open light commercial type vehicles' and 'closed light commercial type vehicles' so classified in the 1971 Census have been assigned to the categories 'Utilities' and 'Panel vans' respectively.

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MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER NORTHERN TERRITORY

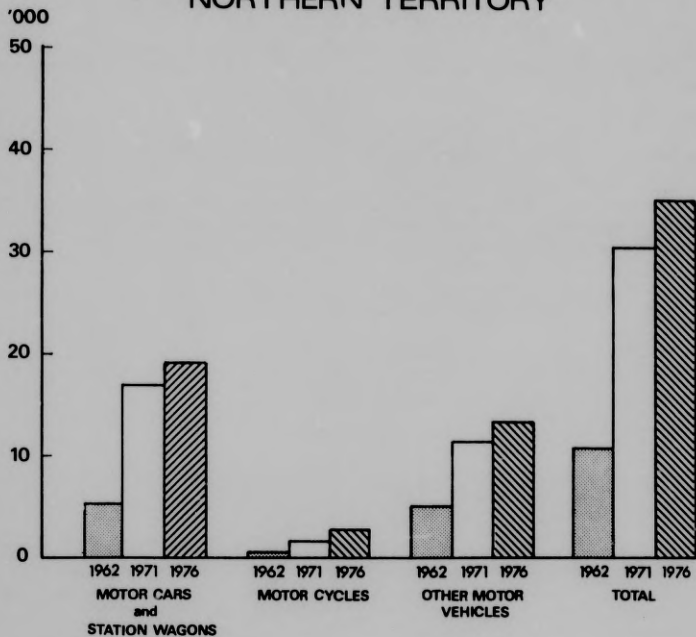


TABLE 1. MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER BY TYPE OF VEHICLE (a),
NORTHERN TERRITORY

Type of vehicle	31 December 1962	30 September 1971	30 September 1976
Motor cars	4,307	12,358	13,838
Station wagons	1,258	5,249	5,480
Utilities	2,806	4,219	8,030
Panel vans	485	933	1,955
Trucks —			
rigid	} 1,326 {	5,116	2,026
articulated		336	293
Other truck type vehicles	73	51	183
Buses	91	219	242
Motor cycles	325	1,854	2,739
Total	10,671	30,335	34,786

(a) See paragraph 7 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER PER 1,000 OF POPULATION
NORTHERN TERRITORY

Type of vehicle	31 December 1962	30 September 1971	30 September 1976
Motor cars and station wagons	119	186	188
Other motor vehicles	102	115	124
Motor cycles	7	20	27
Total	229	321	338

TABLE 3. TRACTORS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, CARAVANS AND TRAILERS ON REGISTER
NORTHERN TERRITORY

Type of vehicle	31 December 1962	30 September 1971	30 September 1976
Tractors	} 294 {	144	272
Plant and equipment		407	333
Caravans	} 1,139 {	651	554
Trailers		3,298	4,419
Total	1,433	4,500	5,578

TABLE 4. MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER BY MAKE AND TYPE OF VEHICLE
NORTHERN TERRITORY
30 SEPTEMBER 1976

Make of vehicle	Type of vehicle									Total
	Motor cars	Station wagons	Utilities	Panel vans	Trucks -		Other truck type vehicles	Buses	Motor cycles	
					Rigid	Articulated				
A.E.C.	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	23	..	24
Atkinson	..	..	..	..	4	3	..	..	..	7
Austin	160	5	18	2	29	..	4	4	..	222
B.M.C.	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
B.M.W.	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	29
Bedford	..	1	4	24	324	3	6	47	..	409
Buick	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Bultaco	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cadillac	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	17
Chevrolet	54	9	19	..	9	..	2	1	..	4
Chrysler	1,172	516	166	2	3	..	..	..	..	94
Citroen	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,859
Commer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
Daihatsu	4	1	38	19	30	..	1	..	..	93
Daimler	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Datsun	1,445	248	484	57	28	..	12	1	..	2,275
Dennis	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	7
Dodge	46	3	295	12	174	11	13	2	..	556
E.R.F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Fiat	100	3	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	107
Foden	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	6
Ford	2,632	1,077	1,282	454	302	18	28	10	..	5,803
Harley Davidson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7
Hillman	110	36	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	148
Hino	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	11
Holden	3,598	1,973	1,447	633	10	..	11	..	..	7,772
Honda	201	6	8	20	..	..	..	..	1,012	1,247
Humber	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
International	1	1	32	12	303	53	20	17	..	439
Jaguar	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Jeep	2	3	29	3	1	..	..	..	..	38
Kawasaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	146	146
Lancia	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Land Rover	57	114	516	54	16	..	11	2	..	770
Leyland	210	113	208	20	37	12	2	9	..	511
Mack	..	..	..	..	29	46	3	..	..	78
M.A.N.	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5
Mazda	662	269	175	94	19	..	1	1	..	1,221
Mercedes-Benz	76	..	2	..	7	33	..	1	..	119
Montesa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	10
Morris	513	17	181	56	2	..	..	..	..	769
Nissan	34	19	338	21	39	5	3	1	..	460
Opel	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Peterbilt	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Peugeot	59	5	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	77
Pontiac	20	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Porsche	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rambler	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Range Rover	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renault	119	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	155
Rolls Royce	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rover	10	11	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Saab	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Subaru	50	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123
Suzuki	39	1	232	20	..	..	..	..	393	685
Thornycroft	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Toyota	1,242	647	2,207	298	510	5	29	83	..	5,021
Triumph	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	63
Vespa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
Volkswagen	586	258	45	95	..	..	4	..	..	988
Volvo	59	12	..	..	8	16	..	..	..	95
Yamaha	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,017	1,017
Not stated	444	113	180	58	132	82	24	25	97	1,155
Total	13,838	5,480	8,030	1,955	2,026	293	183	242	2,739	34,786

TABLE 5. MOTOR CARS ON REGISTER BY MAKE OF VEHICLE AND TARE : NORTHERN TERRITORY,
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Make of vehicle	Tare (kg)						Total
	900 and under	901 to 1,100	1,101 to 1,300	1,301 to 1,500	Greater than 1,500	Not stated	
Austin	16	20	123	..	..	1	160
B.M.W.	2	5	..	2	..	..	9
Buick	..	..	..	1	6	..	7
Cadillac	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
Chevrolet	..	3	4	10	37	..	54
Chrysler	104	41	504	448	40	35	1,172
Citroen	..	1	1	1	..	..	3
Daihatsu	2	..	..	2	..	..	4
Daimler	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
Datsun	785	513	109	29	6	3	1,445
Dodge	..	..	5	8	27	6	46
Fiat	56	34	4	1	2	..	100
Ford	294	246	924	857	154	157	2,632
Hillman	49	60	..	1	..	..	110
Holden	259	530	2,068	536	52	153	3,598
Honda	196	1	..	..	..	4	201
Humber	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
International	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Jaguar	..	..	4	3	15	..	22
Jeep	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
Lancia	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Land Rover	..	1	3	17	36	..	57
Leyland	106	20	73	5	2	4	210
Mazda	352	293	14	..	1	2	662
Mercedes-Benz	..	1	20	35	20	..	76
Morris	468	40	2	1	1	1	513
Nissan	2	..	5	7	20	..	34
Opel	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Peugeot	1	25	32	1	..	..	59
Pontiac	..	..	..	1	18	1	20
Porsche	..	3	1	..	..	..	4
Rambler	..	..	8	9	11	..	28
Renault	66	50	..	..	1	2	119
Rolls Royce	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Rover	..	..	3	5	2	..	10
Saab	..	..	4	..	..	..	4
Subaru	46	4	..	..	..	..	50
Suzuki	39	..	..	..	..	..	39
Toyota	452	313	286	77	96	18	1,242
Triumph	7	9	29	1	..	..	46
Volkswagen	551	29	2	1	..	3	586
Volvo	..	11	35	13	..	..	59
Not stated	76	61	25	30	11	241	444
Total	3,930	2,317	4,288	2,104	564	635	13,838

TABLE 6. STATION WAGONS ON REGISTER BY MAKE OF VEHICLE AND TARE : NORTHERN TERRITORY
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Make of vehicle	Tare (kg)					Not stated	Total
	900 and under	901 to 1,100	1,101 to 1,300	1,301 to 1,500	Greater than 1,500		
Austin	..	1	4	..	..	..	5
Bedford	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Chevrolet	..	..	..	..	9	..	9
Chrysler	9	52	138	245	50	22	516
Citroen	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Daihatsu	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Datsun	144	41	27	31	5	..	248
Dodge	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Fiat	1	..	1	1	..	..	3
Ford	5	27	191	662	74	118	1,077
Hillman	2	34	..	..	..	..	36
Holden	3	40	1,160	633	25	112	1,973
Honda	6	..	..	..	..	..	6
International	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Jeep	..	..	..	1	2	..	3
Land Rover	..	..	4	23	71	16	114
Leyland	1	1	..	..	11	..	13
Mazda	161	82	26	..	..	..	269
Morris	11	6	..	..	..	..	17
Nissan	..	..	3	1	15	..	19
Peugeot	..	2	3	..	..	..	5
Pontiac	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
Rambler	..	..	1	..	4	..	5
Range Rover	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Renault	3	33	..	..	..	..	36
Rover	..	..	..	..	11	..	11
Subaru	31	42	..	..	..	..	73
Suzuki	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Toyota	83	27	62	48	308	119	647
Volkswagen	38	95	93	28	3	1	258
Volvo	..	..	5	7	..	..	12
Not stated	1	2	5	7	18	80	113
Total	502	485	1,725	1,687	611	470	5,480

TABLE 7. UTILITIES ON REGISTER BY MAKE OF VEHICLE AND TARE : NORTHERN TERRITORY
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Make of vehicle	Tare (kg)					Not stated	Total
	900 and under	901 to 1,100	1,101 to 1,300	1,301 to 1,500	Greater than 1,500		
Austin	3	3	10	..	1	1	18
B.M.C.	6	..	..	..	..	..	6
Bedford	1	1	..	1	1	..	4
Chevrolet	..	12	3	..	4	..	19
Chrysler	..	..	109	56	..	..	166
Daihatsu	8	21	..	3	6	..	38
Datsun	107	150	120	38	67	2	484
Dodge	..	3	110	112	68	2	295
Ford	7	52	454	406	324	39	1,282
Hillman	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Holden	4	195	765	387	106	90	1,547
Honda	7	..	..	1	..	..	8
International	..	..	7	..	25	..	32
Jeep	1	13	8	5	2	..	29
Land Rover	1	1	39	210	260	5	516
Leyland	194	..	1	6	4	3	208
Mazda	50	84	39	..	2	..	175
Mercedes-Benz	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
Morris	170	..	..	..	2	9	181
Nissan	1	3	4	23	306	1	338
Peugeot	..	9	4	..	..	..	13
Rover	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Suzuki	225	..	2	..	1	4	232
Toyota	8	132	193	163	1,606	105	2,207
Volkswagen	22	11	11	..	..	1	45
Not stated	32	8	6	5	12	117	180
Total	847	699	1,886	1,416	2,803	379	8,030

TABLE 8. PANEL VANS ON REGISTER BY MAKE OF VEHICLE AND TARE : NORTHERN TERRITORY
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Make of vehicle	Tare (kg)					Not stated	Total
	900 and under	901 to 1,100	1,101 to 1,300	1,301 to 1,500	Greater than 1,500		
Austin	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
Bedford	..	3	6	7	8	..	24
Chrysler	..	..	..	2	..	..	2
Daihatsu	19	..	..	..	..	..	19
Datsun	..	2	32	18	3	2	57
Dodge	..	..	..	..	12	..	12
Fiat	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Ford	47	30	92	235	35	15	454
Holden	..	41	267	294	26	5	633
Honda	19	..	..	..	1	..	20
International	..	..	..	..	12	..	12
Jeep	..	..	1	1	1	..	3
Land Rover	..	1	3	22	28	..	54
Leyland	16	1	..	..	3	..	20
Mazda	89	2	1	1	..	1	94
Morris	51	..	1	2	2	..	56
Nissan	..	..	3	8	10	..	21
Suzuki	19	..	1	..	..	..	20
Toyota	53	7	172	17	43	6	298
Volkswagen	4	48	35	8	..	..	95
Not stated	4	4	9	9	4	28	58
Total	322	140	623	624	189	57	1,955