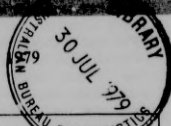


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REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES : JUNE (PRELIMINARY)



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MAIN FEATURES

- On an original basis, registrations of new motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment etc.) during June 1979 (49,653) fell 11.5% when compared with May 1979 (56,106) and fell 3.6% when compared with June 1978 (51,497).
- Seasonally adjusted, the June 1979 figure (48,494) is 2.7% lower than May 1979 (49,828) and 0.5% lower than June 1978 (48,724).

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. From July 1976, a revised motor vehicle classification has been used for new motor vehicle registration statistics. This was also used in the 30 September 1976 Motor Vehicle Census. This classification, which replaced that introduced from 1 January 1972, has as its main features:

- adoption of the principle of accepting vehicle-type data as recorded by the registration authority;
- 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 sub-divided into 'open' or 'closed';
- the inclusion in 'other truck types' of ambulances and hearses (previously classified as 'light commercial, closed') and motorised caravans (but see paragraph 5 below).

5. A change in the registration system in Queensland has meant that, from October 1976, all commercial vehicles and motorised caravans registered with a gross vehicle mass of 4 tonnes or less are recorded as either utilities or panel vans. Thus from October, figures for utilities, panel vans, trucks and other truck types are not comparable with those for earlier periods.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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 June 1979 inclusive is being reprocessed. Revised figures for this period will be published as soon as possible.

Related publications

(a) 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)

(b) 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)

All 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
— break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)
— nil

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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
1977-78 —						
May	40,279	36,094	12,808	11,231	53,087	47,325
June	38,133	36,941	13,364	11,783	51,497	48,724
1978-79 —						
July	38,175	37,698	12,195	11,411	50,370	49,109
August	44,459	40,379	10,947	10,297	55,406	50,676
September	41,587	43,024	9,830	10,327	51,417	53,351
October	38,780	38,990	9,908	9,859	48,688	48,849
November	39,129	37,444	9,864	9,534	48,993	46,978
December	35,199	38,646	8,568	9,369	43,767	48,015
January	30,986	35,131	7,694	8,938	38,680	44,069
February	35,404	38,848	9,368	10,724	44,772	49,572
March	38,935	37,100	9,525	9,346	48,460	46,446
April	36,356	37,297	8,660	9,272	45,016	46,569
May r	45,432	40,320	10,674	9,508	56,106	49,828
June p	39,761	39,629	9,892	8,865	49,653	48,494

(a) See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

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

Year —	Motor cars	Station wagons	Utilities	Panel vans	Trucks		Other truck type vehicles	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
					Rigid	Articulated				
1975-76	380,713	73,924	43,500	38,296	39,574	4,139	474	3,743	584,363	60,017
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 p	382,037	82,166	41,588	32,039	33,830	4,609	1,893	3,166	581,328	37,340
1977-78 —										
May	33,568	6,711	4,287	4,042	3,554	361	230	334	53,087	3,242
June	31,570	6,563	4,288	3,866	4,239	425	200	346	51,497	2,601
1978-79 —										
July	31,590	6,585	3,988	3,460	3,695	508	201	343	50,370	2,776
August	36,969	7,490	3,622	3,199	3,179	443	229	275	55,406	3,153
September	34,507	7,080	3,198	3,031	2,847	348	151	255	51,417	2,937
October	31,242	7,538	3,367	2,844	2,822	376	185	314	48,688	3,083
November	31,617	7,512	3,463	2,781	2,799	417	166	238	48,993	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	3,366	2,197	2,421	313	116	247	45,016	2,974
May r	37,022	8,410	4,102	2,580	3,141	436	120	295	56,106	3,101
June p	32,713	7,048	3,497	2,506	3,047	446	143	253	49,653	3,071

(a) See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 3. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (b)

Year —	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust. (a)
1975-76	198,015	147,159	89,740	58,406	56,201	18,381	5,832	10,629	584,363
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 p	206,830	148,048	91,911	48,204	54,976	17,329	3,945	10,085	581,328
1977-78 —									
May	19,700	13,798	7,240	3,903	5,458	1,601	543	844	53,087
June	18,220	12,932	8,034	4,128	5,231	1,381	688	883	51,497
1978-79 —									
July	18,726	12,731	7,907	3,892	4,518	1,336	363	897	50,370
August	19,864	13,434	8,953	4,731	5,411	1,727	307	979	55,406
September	18,364	13,283	7,853	4,558	4,623	1,377	473	886	51,417
October	16,885	13,530	7,241	4,103	4,429	1,359	314	827	48,688
November	17,598	11,836	7,840	4,175	4,911	1,468	388	769	48,993
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	7,707	3,530	4,416	1,248	(c)235	703	45,016
May r	19,421	15,000	8,767	4,690	5,259	1,579	(c)289	1,131	56,106
June p	17,263	13,053	7,761	4,342	4,648	1,457	(c)266	863	49,653

(a) See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (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, JUNE 1979p

Type of vehicle	Australia (a)									
	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.(b)	A.C.T.	Capital cities (c)	Total
Motor cars	11,247	9,228	4,768	3,009	2,814	920	99	628	21,783	32,713
Station wagons	2,431	1,839	1,027	658	713	225	42	113	4,751	7,048
Utilities	965	629	1,178	192	300	105	95	33	1,462	3,497
Panel vans	1,095	339	376	180	379	75	10	52	1,695	2,506
Trucks -										
rigid	1,226	838	256	206	390	99	6	26	1,617	3,047
articulated	160	81	112	38	23	17	13	2	201	446
Other truck type vehicles	59	41	4	17	9	10	-	3	102	143
Buses	80	58	40	42	20	6	1	6	186	253
Capital cities (c)	10,665	9,178	4,019	3,073	3,391	608	-	863	31,797	31,797
Other areas	6,598	3,875	3,742	1,269	1,257	849	266	-	-	17,856
Total (excl. motor cycles)	17,263	13,053	7,761	4,342	4,648	1,457	266	863	31,797	49,653
Motor cycles	1,167	613	675	266	231	64	19	36	1,411*	3,071

(a) Preliminary estimates. See paragraph 10 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, JUNE 1979p

Type of vehicle	Australia (a)									
	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.(b)	A.C.T.	Capital cities (c)	Total
Tractors	19	235	1,5	12	124	40	4	6	78	555
Plant and equipment	130	77	37	30	39	15	4	1	180	333
Caravans	375	478	159	150	135	24	-	12	786	1,333
Trailers	1,967	1,030	1,348	718	750	236	20	36	3,445	6,105
Capital cities (c)	1,469	902	741	576	640	106	-	55	4,489	4,489
Other areas	1,022	918	918	334	408	209	28	-	-	3,837
Total	2,491	1,820	1,659	910	1,048	315	28	55	4,489	8,326

(a) Preliminary estimates. See paragraph 10 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, TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 1978-79p AND 1977-78

Type of vehicle	Australia (a)									
	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.(b)	A.C.T.	Capital cities (c)	Total
Motor cars	136,497	103,176	56,329	33,287	32,536	11,606	1,531	7,075	255,011	382,037
Station wagons	29,698	20,487	12,695	6,460	8,391	2,322	617	1,496	55,140	82,166
Utilities	11,774	7,071	13,473	2,576	3,875	1,191	1,146	482	18,264	41,588
Panel vans	13,057	4,923	5,248	2,209	4,876	901	325	500	20,501	32,039
Trucks -										
rigid	12,446	10,104	2,834	2,588	4,434	894	213	317	18,640	33,830
articulated	1,693	1,068	733	455	333	155	78	94	2,029	4,609
Other truck type vehicles	659	504	161	224	165	156	3	21	1,231	1,893
Buses	1,006	715	438	405	366	104	32	100	2,071	3,166
Capital cities (c)	128,582	107,172	46,385	34,771	38,852	7,040	-	10,085	372,887	372,887
Other areas	78,248	40,876	45,526	13,433	16,124	10,289	3,945	-	-	208,441
Total (excl. motor cycles) -										
1978-1979p July-June	206,830	148,048	91,911	48,204	54,976	17,329	3,945	10,085	372,887	581,328
1977-1978 July-June	197,527	143,616	83,949	49,164	57,528	18,054	4,918	9,161	361,838	563,917
Motor cycles -										
1978-1979p July-June	13,706	7,200	8,126	3,699	2,724	892	431	562	17,272	37,340
1977-1978 July-June	12,984	6,469	8,729	4,313	3,339	972	646	597	16,873	38,049

(a) Preliminary estimates. See paragraph 10 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'.