



REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES : AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 1973 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 [initial results of which were published on 12 October 1972 in *Census of Motor Vehicles, Preliminary Statement, 30 September 1971* (Reference No. 14.15)] 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 : AUSTRALIA

	Motor cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (a)		Total (a)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1971 -						
December	34,430	33,006	7,270	7,488	41,700	40,494
1972 -						
January	28,585	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	34,124	7,804	7,688	41,804	41,812
August	35,010	32,263	7,800	7,052	42,810	39,315
September	33,221	35,686	7,587	7,634	40,808	43,320
October	34,836	34,601	8,969	8,522	43,805	43,123
November	38,828	36,437	9,457	8,931	48,285	45,368
December r	34,389	35,465	7,815	8,749	42,204	44,214
1973p -						
January	32,524	35,509	7,860	9,233	40,384	44,742

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

TABLE 2. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE : 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				
Year -										
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
1972 r	353,924	51,928	38,510	23,492	26,903	2,913	341	2,047	500,058	54,644
1971										
December	29,886	4,544	2,870	2,020		2,137	73	170	41,700	4,296
1972 -										
January	25,001	3,584	2,586	1,350	1,667	182	26	126	34,522	4,033
February	26,668	3,829	2,716	1,490	1,922	208	24	207	37,064	4,706
March	29,351	3,532	3,454	1,881	2,201	259	22	183	40,883	4,915
April	27,268	3,657	3,123	1,841	1,963	189	25	150	38,216	3,934
May	33,155	5,125	3,857	2,178	2,480	243	31	178	47,247	4,117
June	29,706	4,692	3,195	1,954	2,429	252	19	163	42,410	3,448
July	29,458	4,542	3,067	1,890	2,384	276	20	167	41,804	3,367
August	30,250	4,760	3,273	1,852	2,215	260	34	166	42,810	4,630
September	28,973	4,248	3,211	1,820	2,113	248	36	159	40,808	5,041
October	30,623	4,213	3,444	2,428	2,585	297	34	181	43,805	5,471
November	33,717	5,111	3,590	2,599	2,789	257	35	187	48,285	5,824
December r	29,754	4,635	2,994	2,209	2,155	242	35	180	42,204	5,158
1973p -										
January	28,258	4,266	3,134	2,115	2,161	245	28	177	40,384	6,059

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 -									
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
1972	187,365	126,523	71,248	44,142	44,651	14,770	3,356	7,803	500,058
1971 -									
December	15,034	10,883	5,479	3,544	4,301	1,371	288	800	41,700
1972 -									
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	16,910	10,203	5,553	3,544	3,497	1,170	362	565	41,804
August	15,862	11,257	6,224	3,413	3,786	1,280	329	659	42,810
September	15,338	9,770	6,216	3,736	3,552	1,243	309	644	40,808
October	16,358	11,190	6,249	3,808	3,926	1,319	255	700	43,805
November	17,614	11,941	7,249	4,604	4,393	1,356	259	869	48,285
December	15,628	10,753	5,329	3,894	4,014	1,594	222	770	42,204
1973p -									
January	15,609	8,795	6,961	3,340	3,545	1,118	345	671	40,384

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

TABLE 4. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE
STATES AND TERRITORIES, JANUARY 1973p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities (a)	Total
Motor cars	11,250	6,378	4,480	2,507	2,242	828	111	462	17,489	28,258
Station wagons	1,555	978	754	296	419	108	67	89	2,680	4,266
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	1,007	524	856	216	347	50	97	37	1,180	3,134
closed	926	394	336	100	260	45	22	32	1,446	2,115
Trucks (carrying capacity										
20 cwt and over)										
rigid	720	408	486	172	235	60	44	36	1,110	2,161
articulated	94	61	28	27	14	14	3	4	81	245
Other truck type vehicles	5	9	-	10	2	2	-	-	18	28
Buses	52	43	21	12	26	11	1	11	87	177
Capital cities (a)	9,675	5,608	2,692	2,313	2,608	524	-	671	24,091	24,091
Other areas	5,934	3,187	4,269	1,027	937	594	345	-	-	16,293
Total (excl. motor cycles)	15,609	8,795	6,961	3,340	3,545	1,118	345	671	24,091	40,384
Motor cycles	2,202	987	1,239	874	441	148	82	86	2,955	6,059

(a) 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 OF NEW TRACTORS, PLANT, EQUIPMENT, ETC.,
TRAILERS AND CARAVANS : STATES AND TERRITORIES, JANUARY 1973p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Tractors	45	86	112	12	35	25	1	3	319
Plant, equipment, etc.	62	60	50	46	43	7	12	13	293
Trailers	1,824	1,654	1,344	869	669	379	29	92	6,860
Caravans	658	1,026	398	137	151	75	28	31	2,504
Capital cities (a)	1,400	1,529	739	674	588	173	..	139	5,242
Other areas	1,189	1,297	1,165	390	310	313	70	..	4,734
Total	2,589	2,826	1,904	1,064	898	486	70	139	9,976

(a) See footnote (a), Table 4.

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