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REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY 1982 (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 February 1982 (45,480) rose 3.7% when compared with January 1982 (43,847) but fell 2.4% when compared with February 1981 (46,601).

Seasonally adjusted, the February 1982 figure (49,094) is 10.3% lower than January 1982 (54,749) and 2.6% lower than February 1981 (50,428).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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 2 below. Care should be exercised in comparing July 1981 new motor vehicle registrations with those for other months. This is because of the inclusion in the July figures of several thousand registrations from earlier months which had not previously been processed by the Victorian registration authority.

Scope and coverage

2. In these statistics registrations mean registrations processed by the motor vehicle registration authorities in the States and Territories during the period. In New South Wales, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory the figures shown depart little from actual registrations during the period. In the other States 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.

3. The statistics include vehicles with diplomatic and consular plates and State and Australian government owned vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services.

4. Recreation vehicles such as trail bikes and sand dune buggies intended for use in public places are required to be registered in Victoria and Queensland. Particulars of these registrations are regarded as outside the scope of new motor vehicle registration statistics.

Seasonal adjustment

5. 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, Australia* (1308.0).

Related publications

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

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0)—issued monthly

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia, 1980-81 (9304.0).

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

Production Bulletin No. 7: Motor Vehicles, Parts and Accessories, Australia (8363.0)—issued monthly

Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars, Australia (Preliminary) (5416.0)—issued monthly.

8. 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. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available 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

	Motor cars and station wagons		Other vehicles(a)		Total(a)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1980-81—						
January	31,824	37,838	9,302	11,386	41,126	49,224
February	35,848	38,842	10,753	11,586	46,601	50,428
March	38,674	38,174	12,385	12,082	51,059	50,256
April	37,243	37,614	11,705	11,853	48,948	49,467
May	39,632	39,006	11,876	11,450	51,508	50,456
June	42,758	40,750	13,464	11,841	56,222	52,591
1981-82—						
July	45,102	39,548	14,176	11,913	59,278	51,461
August	39,748	38,423	11,979	12,359	51,727	50,782
September	37,877	37,578	12,529	12,537	50,406	50,115
October	35,441	35,602	11,521	11,596	46,962	47,198
November	37,526	39,030	11,274	11,825	48,800	50,855
December	40,984	40,016	12,450	13,102	53,434	53,118
January r	33,642	41,783	10,205	12,966	43,847	54,749
February p	33,761	36,517	11,719	12,577	45,480	49,094

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

TABLE 2. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE: AUSTRALIA

	Motor cars and station wagons		Trucks		Other truck type vehicles	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
	Utilities	Panel vans	Rigid	Articulated				
1980-81—								
January	31,824	3,428	2,746	2,369	259	163	337	5,370
February	35,848	3,931	3,095	2,948	274	146	359	6,352
March	38,674	4,348	3,759	3,297	359	179	443	7,572
April	37,243	4,353	3,359	3,151	366	126	350	48,948
May	39,632	4,341	3,468	3,093	364	163	447	51,508
June	42,758	4,746	4,134	3,524	385	213	462	56,222
1981-82—								
July	45,102	5,000	3,876	4,172	371	244	513	59,278
August	39,748	4,181	3,559	3,276	330	200	433	51,727
September	37,877	4,157	3,875	3,464	290	202	541	50,406
October	35,441	3,781	3,439	3,380	339	215	367	46,962
November	37,526	3,807	3,507	3,015	331	177	437	48,800
December	40,984	4,422	3,784	3,327	286	239	392	53,434
January r	33,642	3,693	3,331	2,525	246	120	290	43,847
February p	33,761	3,910	4,158	2,917	247	138	349	45,480

TABLE 3. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES(a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1980-81—									
January	14,523	9,516	7,250	3,129	4,428	1,094	484	702	41,126
February	16,893	10,226	8,377	3,602	4,975	1,218	567	743	46,601
March	18,803	11,171	9,433	3,867	5,066	1,374	563	782	51,059
April	18,088	10,385	9,285	3,963	4,586	1,244	624	773	48,948
May	18,960	11,246	9,863	3,833	4,762	1,395	603	846	51,508
June	19,377	13,443	11,042	4,061	5,335	1,389	619	956	56,222
1981-82—									
July	20,340	18,013	9,549	3,769	4,816	1,280	609	902	59,278
August	18,603	11,960	9,578	3,901	4,802	1,464	592	827	51,727
September	18,120	12,073	9,091	3,507	4,831	1,149	583	1,052	50,406
October	16,960	10,068	8,959	3,524	5,005	1,334	556	556	46,962
November	18,352	9,053	8,828	4,000	4,672	2,499	505	691	48,800
December	19,149	13,107	9,628	4,091	5,189	1,124	417	729	53,434
January r	16,229	8,862	8,611	3,326	4,722	961	453	683	43,847
February p	16,807	9,744	8,700	3,828	4,297	1,026	405	673	45,480

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