



REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, AUSTRALIA DECEMBER 1984, PRELIMINARY

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MAIN FEATURES

Registrations of new motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment etc.) during December 1984 (50,616) fell 5.6% when compared with November 1984 (53,631) and rose 2.2% when compared with December 1983 (49,540).

Seasonally adjusted, the December 1984 figure (53,882) is 1.3% lower than November 1984 (54,595) and 6.2% higher than December 1983 (50,721).

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 3 below.

Scope and coverage

2. Motor vehicle registration statistics are obtained from data made available by the various State and Territory motor vehicle registration authorities and reflect the information as recorded in registration documents.

3. 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, South Australia, 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.

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

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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, 1982-83 (9304.0).

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

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

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

9. 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

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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
1983-84—						
October	34,214	36,222	10,070	10,765	44,284	46,987
November	38,865	38,081	11,081	11,436	49,946	49,517
December	38,214	38,409	11,326	12,312	49,540	50,721
January	31,601	38,016	10,009	12,327	41,610	50,343
February	37,395	38,489	12,217	12,217	49,612	50,706
March	42,781	40,726	14,386	12,825	57,167	53,551
April	34,698	39,126	11,579	12,466	46,277	51,592
May	46,175	40,971	14,818	13,189	60,993	54,160
June	42,942	40,890	14,610	13,296	57,552	54,186
1984-85—						
July	42,329	40,282	15,274	13,932	57,603	54,214
August	42,459	37,376	14,425	13,293	56,884	50,669
September	37,746	40,736	11,510	12,950	49,256	53,686
October	43,462	42,495	13,308	13,137	56,770	55,632
November	41,159	41,401	12,472	13,194	53,631	54,595
December p	39,363	41,244	11,253	12,638	50,616	53,882

(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(a)	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
	Utilities	Panel vans	Rigid	Articulated				
1983-84—								
October	34,214	3,152	3,240	2,461	183	149	44,284	3,917
November	38,865	3,676	3,357	2,592	209	173	49,946	4,380
December	38,214	3,879	3,323	2,497	193	137	49,540	3,634
January	31,601	3,141	3,313	2,174	198	103	41,610	3,506
February	37,395	3,885	4,102	2,804	156	112	49,612	3,976
March	42,781	4,609	4,506	3,581	239	131	57,167	4,404
April	34,698	3,631	3,583	2,965	200	105	46,277	3,476
May	46,175	5,022	4,643	3,449	272	155	60,993	4,079
June	42,942	4,833	4,775	3,444	308	145	57,552	3,625
1984-85—								
July	42,329	4,836	4,573	4,020	279	165	57,603	3,671
August	42,459	4,623	4,300	3,801	265	188	56,884	3,595
September	37,746	3,578	3,425	3,067	230	114	49,256	3,904
October	43,462	4,340	3,846	3,561	294	158	56,770	4,097
November	41,159	4,066	3,420	3,464	310	161	53,631	4,172
December p	39,363	3,996	2,777	2,952	233	211	50,616	3,421

(a) Non-freight carrying vehicles.

TABLE 3. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES(a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1983-84—									
October	14,238	11,903	6,985	3,595	5,148	1,232	432	751	44,284
November	17,157	13,395	8,176	4,461	4,043	1,300	536	878	49,946
December	15,167	13,216	9,107	4,171	4,412	2,270	449	748	49,540
January	14,734	10,032	7,130	3,499	4,053	1,062	423	677	41,610
February	17,006	11,900	8,796	4,334	4,635	1,420	522	819	49,612
March	20,196	14,058	9,829	4,837	5,166	1,568	582	931	57,167
April	15,834	12,253	7,927	3,790	4,040	1,213	524	696	46,277
May	20,930	15,789	10,534	5,091	5,207	1,631	738	1,073	60,993
June	21,148	13,425	10,062	4,715	5,037	1,530	592	1,043	57,552
1984-85—									
July	19,680	16,171	9,301	4,414	5,052	1,384	710	891	57,603
August	20,218	14,053	9,575	4,689	5,242	1,631	590	886	56,884
September	17,341	12,650	7,729	4,470	4,533	1,260	462	811	49,256
October	19,077	15,128	9,746	5,070	5,324	1,444	558	923	56,770
November	19,121	13,193	8,281	5,092	4,970	1,477	612	885	53,631
December p	16,850	11,798	8,632	4,731	4,832	2,432	484	857	50,616

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