

Reference No. 14.6

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES : AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1973
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The statistics in this preliminary statement are derived from information as recorded on registration documents. The figures include vehicles with diplomatic and consular plates and all Commonwealth-owned new vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services. Although the position varies from State to State, in these statistics "registrations" generally means 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 not recorded in the statistics until some time after registration.

2. The monthly bulletin *Registrations of New Motor Vehicles. Make of Vehicle : Australia* (Reference No. 14.8) containing information on make and horsepower of motor vehicles registered during the month to which this statement refers will be issued at a later date.

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. A revised classification of motor vehicles has been adopted for publication of statistics of new motor vehicle registrations from 1 January 1972. The principal differences between this classification and that which it replaces involve the categories light commercial type vehicles, trucks and other truck type vehicles. Consequently, figures shown from January 1972 for these categories are not strictly comparable with data for previous periods. The new classification has been used as the basis for a census of motor vehicles on register at 30 September 1971, initial results of which were issued on 12 October 1972 in *Census of Motor Vehicles, 30 September 1971* (Reference No. 14.15).

5. The boundary between light commercial type vehicles and trucks has been defined by confining the former to vehicles with a carrying capacity of less than 20 cwt. 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 in the vicinity of 20 cwt carrying capacity.

6. In all States, 'capital city' registrations refer to vehicles whose registered owners' addresses are located within the capital city statistical division as defined for the 1971 Population and Housing Census. All registrations in the Australian Capital Territory are included under 'capital city' while those in the Northern Territory are included under 'other areas'.

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.

Symbols used in this Bulletin

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
1972 -						
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	34,389	35,465	7,815	8,749	42,204	44,214
1973p -						
January	32,518	35,503	7,874	9,249	40,392	44,752
February	32,356	35,418	7,657	8,494	40,013	43,912
March	38,699	37,596	9,455	8,846	48,154	46,442

(a) Excludes tractors, plant and equipment.

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	353,924	51,928	38,545	23,492	26,869	2,913	340	2,047	500,058	54,641
1972 -										
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	3,448
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	3,624	2,599	2,755	257	35	187	48,285	5,821
December	29,754	4,635	2,995	2,209	2,155	242	34	180	42,204	5,158
1973p -										
January	28,270	4,248	3,152	2,122	2,147	248	28	177	40,392	6,058
February	28,333	4,023	2,994	2,080	2,135	230	26	192	40,013	6,136
March	33,811	4,888	3,656	2,692	2,554	318	24	211	48,154	6,580

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	8,003	500,058
1972 -									
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	3,413	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	15,613	8,808	6,961	3,331	3,545	1,118	345	671	40,392
February	14,008	10,293	6,169	3,647	3,714	1,167	281	734	40,013
March	18,617	11,955	6,613	4,259	4,319	1,263	334	794	48,154

(a) Excludes tractors, plant and equipment.

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

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities	Total
Motor cars	13,455	8,630	4,146	3,183	2,786	915	118	578	22,495	33,811
Station wagons	1,772	1,308	756	363	477	85	48	79	3,390	4,888
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	1,186	743	766	337	419	101	65	39	1,559	3,656
closed	1,188	571	390	120	299	54	23	47	1,931	2,692
Trucks (carrying capacity 20 cwt and over) -										
rigid	821	552	498	202	298	81	70	32	1,402	2,554
articulated	100	94	39	36	25	18	4	2	113	318
Other truck type vehicles	8	10	1	2	3	..	..	..	19	24
Buses	87	47	17	16	12	9	6	17	120	211
Capital cities	11,639	8,330	3,706	2,913	3,075	572	..	794	31,029	31,029
Other areas	6,978	3,625	2,907	1,346	1,244	691	334	..	..	17,125
Total (excl. motor cycles)	18,617	11,955	6,613	4,259	4,319	1,263	334	794	31,029	48,154
Motor cycles	2,648	1,201	1,060	905	432	130	139	65	3,321	6,580

TABLE 5. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW TRACTORS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, CARAVANS AND TRAILERS : STATES AND TERRITORIES, MARCH 1973p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Tractors	46	225	121	19	102	27	4	4	548
Plant and equipment	84	79	41	24	43	9	6	7	293
Caravans	604	637	298	229	140	54	16	51	2,029
Trailers	1,741	1,140	920	906	771	351	89	133	6,051
Capital cities	1,371	943	676	755	697	167	..	195	4,804
Other areas	1,104	1,138	704	423	359	274	115	..	4,117
Total	2,475	2,081	1,380	1,178	1,056	441	115	195	8,921

TABLE 6. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE STATES AND TERRITORIES, THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1973p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities	Total
Motor cars	34,795	22,625	12,584	8,385	7,473	2,625	347	1,580	59,161	90,414
Station wagons	4,620	3,361	2,194	985	1,315	283	161	240	8,962	13,159
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	3,123	1,839	2,303	842	1,139	234	212	110	4,098	9,802
closed	2,978	1,450	1,006	330	790	150	63	127	4,895	6,894
Trucks (carrying capacity										
20 cwt and over) -										
rigid	2,231	1,391	1,493	538	738	190	155	100	3,658	6,836
articulated	251	232	102	96	59	35	11	10	281	796
Other truck type vehicles	20	25	3	19	6	3	1	1	57	78
Buses	220	133	58	42	58	28	10	31	311	580
Capital cities	30,203	21,454	9,581	7,824	8,542	1,620	..	2,199	81,423	81,423
Other areas	18,035	9,602	10,162	3,413	3,036	1,928	960	..	..	47,136
Total (excl. motor cycles)	48,238	31,056	19,743	11,237	11,578	3,548	960	2,199	81,423	128,559
Motor cycles	6,986	3,401	3,437	2,759	1,260	385	311	235	9,291	18,774

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