



REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, AUSTRALIA DECEMBER 1983 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

Registrations of new motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment etc.) during December 1983 (49,554) fell 0.8% when compared with November 1983 (49,946) and fell 13.9% when compared with December 1982 (57,567).

Seasonally adjusted, the December 1983 figure (51,688) is 5.2% higher than November 1983 (49,116) but is 9.9% lower than December 1982 (57,378).

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.

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, e.g. from August 1983 in N.S.W. the body type classification applied by the registration authority for small bus type vehicles has changed from panel vans to buses.

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 Australian 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, 1981-82 (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 monthly

Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars, Australia (Preliminary) (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

- p preliminary figure or series subject to revision
- r figures 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
1982-83—						
November	36,245	35,981	10,518	11,073	46,763	47,054
December	47,713	46,762	9,854	10,616	57,567	57,378
January	26,219	32,546	8,705	11,035	34,924	43,581
February	29,678	32,165	10,469	11,259	40,147	43,424
March	43,468	40,063	13,498	11,801	56,966	51,864
April	31,394	34,224	10,822	11,479	42,216	45,703
May	38,040	36,332	11,863	11,233	49,903	47,565
June	39,290	36,200	11,655	9,933	50,945	46,133
1983-84—						
July	35,103	33,675	10,594	9,921	45,697	43,596
August	42,581	37,219	11,687	10,795	54,268	48,014
September	36,449	37,176	10,319	10,648	46,768	47,824
October	34,214	36,238	10,070	10,357	44,284	46,595
November r	38,865	37,723	11,081	11,393	49,946	49,116
December p	38,228	38,773	11,326	12,915	49,554	51,688

(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(b)	Buses(a)	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
	Utilities	Panel vans(a)	Rigid	Articulated				
1982-83—								
November	36,245	3,269	4,151	2,365	183	167	383	46,763
December	47,713	3,175	3,424	2,440	166	178	471	57,567
January	26,219	2,713	3,618	1,750	121	371	371	34,924
February	29,678	3,184	4,503	2,146	146	110	380	40,147
March	43,468	4,145	5,834	2,708	168	152	491	56,966
April	31,394	3,384	4,324	2,441	171	140	362	42,216
May	38,040	3,724	4,556	2,824	213	149	397	49,903
June	39,290	3,821	4,318	2,852	261	114	289	50,945
1983-84—								
July	35,103	3,371	4,013	2,494	245	138	333	45,697
August	42,581	3,475	4,694	2,592	187	144	395	54,268
September	36,449	3,466	3,230	2,344	191	138	330	46,768
October	34,214	3,152	3,240	2,461	183	149	385	44,284
November r	38,865	3,676	3,357	2,592	209	173	1,074	49,946
December p	38,228	3,879	3,325	2,495	193	137	1,297	49,554

(a) See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory notes.

(b) 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
1982-83—									
November	15,967	11,765	7,880	4,264	4,533	1,042	549	763	46,763
December	18,109	14,820	10,111	5,750	5,151	2,209	399	1,018	57,567
January	11,411	8,486	6,806	2,750	3,642	780	402	547	34,924
February	13,669	9,698	7,149	3,210	4,279	935	599	698	40,147
March	19,273	13,724	10,698	4,826	5,242	1,564	655	984	56,966
April	14,965	11,426	6,891	3,071	3,692	1,007	475	689	42,216
May	17,183	13,088	8,981	3,997	3,929	1,324	562	839	49,903
June	17,646	12,254	9,455	4,004	4,620	1,243	464	1,259	50,945
1983-84—									
July	15,809	11,704	7,624	3,756	4,432	1,089	472	811	45,697
August	18,835	13,236	10,047	4,723	4,506	1,520	497	904	54,268
September	15,811	12,301	8,051	4,001	4,257	1,170	469	708	46,768
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 p	15,167	13,216	9,107	4,185	4,412	2,270	449	748	49,554

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