



REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 1980 (PRELIMINARY)

INQUIRIES

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MAIN FEATURES

On an original basis, registrations of new motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment etc.) during September 1980 (47,571) fell 3.7% when compared with August 1980 (49,383) but rose 5.4% when compared with September 1979 (45,145).

Seasonally adjusted, the September 1980 figure (47,924) is 2.1% lower than August 1980 (48,932) and is 0.6% lower than September 1979 (48,228).

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. 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 I. 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, 1978-79 (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 *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge 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
1979-80—						
August r	43,726	39,768	9,702	9,077	53,428	48,845
September	36,319	38,648	8,826	9,580	45,145	48,228
October r	39,782	37,707	10,853	10,082	50,635	47,789
November	38,441	38,256	10,046	10,122	48,487	48,378
December r	32,180	35,090	7,405	8,046	39,585	43,136
January	33,200	37,990	8,346	10,000	41,546	47,990
February r	36,293	38,116	9,699	10,602	45,992	48,718
March	36,988	37,425	9,994	10,014	46,982	47,439
April	36,261	35,468	9,344	9,399	45,605	44,867
May	37,659	34,771	10,783	9,814	48,442	44,585
June	36,469	36,726	11,079	10,463	47,548	47,189
1980-81—						
July	43,198	38,493	11,878	10,075	55,076	48,568
August r	39,347	38,730	10,036	10,202	49,383	48,932
September p	37,543	37,647	10,028	10,277	47,571	47,924

(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				
1979-80—								
August	43,726	3,587	2,466	2,814	414	163	53,428	4,133
September	36,319	3,121	2,450	2,543	364	126	45,145	4,457
October	39,782	4,113	2,949	2,975	434	134	50,635	3,765
November	38,441	3,857	2,637	2,784	378	161	48,487	3,756
December	32,180	2,859	1,763	2,145	282	172	39,585	3,277
January	33,200	3,451	1,913	2,388	307	105	41,546	4,451
February	36,293	3,937	2,342	2,756	303	89	45,992	5,608
March	36,988	3,658	2,603	2,959	359	109	46,982	6,210
April	36,261	3,439	2,554	2,701	298	105	45,605	5,398
May	37,659	3,988	2,890	3,131	342	132	48,442	5,076
June	36,469	4,042	2,931	3,333	365	135	47,548	4,862
1980-81—								
July	43,198	4,200	3,134	3,595	435	159	55,076	5,350
August r	39,347	3,586	2,546	3,100	395	130	49,383	5,292
September p	37,543	3,568	2,658	3,003	366	146	47,571	5,668

TABLE 3. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1979-80—									
August	18,728	13,523	9,169	4,049	5,047	1,709	366	837	53,428
September	16,121	11,684	7,147	3,684	4,370	1,150	330	659	45,145
October	18,173	12,738	8,403	4,192	4,666	1,393	414	656	50,635
November	17,249	10,956	8,967	4,117	4,626	1,606	299	667	48,487
December	13,541	9,589	6,405	3,487	3,911	1,829	283	540	39,585
January	15,303	9,465	7,385	3,287	4,307	1,156	92	551	41,546
February	16,636	10,674	7,691	3,855	4,771	1,330	319	716	45,992
March	17,105	11,775	7,309	3,971	4,396	1,281	412	733	46,982
April	16,763	10,240	8,277	3,527	4,259	1,250	493	796	45,605
May	17,536	11,772	8,322	3,753	4,488	1,299	517	755	48,442
June	17,023	10,429	8,663	3,854	4,843	1,424	543	769	47,548
1980-81—									
July	19,519	14,493	9,609	4,120	4,581	1,400	517	837	55,076
August r	17,120	13,285	7,862	3,786	4,611	1,412	533	774	49,383
September p	16,991	12,223	7,520	3,917	4,483	1,195	531	711	47,571

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