

Reference No. 14.6

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES: AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1974
(PRELIMINARY)

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 Australian Government-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, 1973* (Reference No. 1.10).

4. 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 1 tonne. 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 1 tonne carrying capacity.

5. 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'.

6. 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.

7. Legislation to provide for the compulsory registration of recreation vehicles (e.g. trail-bikes, mini-bikes, sand dune buggies) intended for use in public places came into force in Victoria on 17 September 1973. Particulars of these registrations are regarded as outside the scope of new motor vehicle registration statistics and are accordingly excluded from statistics contained in this statement.

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
1973 -						
February	32,356	36,218	7,657	8,721	40,013	44,939
March	38,615	37,183	9,478	8,883	48,093	46,066
April	33,436	36,564	8,504	9,098	41,940	45,662
May	44,747	39,251	11,475	9,863	56,222	49,114
June r	37,783	38,604	9,980	10,206	47,763	48,810
July r	39,070	37,277	9,942	9,486	49,012	46,763
August r	43,796	41,644	10,362	9,558	54,158	51,202
September r	37,704	40,176	9,053	9,817	46,757	49,993
October r	46,086	44,136	11,190	10,088	57,276	54,224
November r	42,167	39,422	9,886	9,424	52,053	48,846
December r	31,647	32,281	6,532	7,211	38,179	39,492
1974 -						
January	35,397	38,113	7,597	8,701	42,994	46,814
February r	33,047	37,076	7,272	8,304	40,319	45,380
March p	35,125	36,227	8,389	8,210	43,514	44,437

(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 1 tonne and over)		Other truck type vehicles	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
			open	closed	rigid	articulated				
Year -										
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	38,526	23,513	26,869	2,913	340	500,060	54,641	
1973 r	402,123	57,802	43,118	30,879	31,242	3,878	375	571,858	77,222	
1973 -										
February	28,333	4,023	2,993	2,081	2,135	230	26	40,013	6,136	
March	33,720	4,895	3,697	2,717	2,507	324	20	48,093	6,593	
April	29,055	4,381	3,285	2,368	2,330	311	24	41,940	5,331	
May	38,762	5,985	4,485	3,313	3,066	363	34	56,222	6,623	
June r	32,961	4,822	3,922	2,733	2,784	308	40	47,763	5,241	
July	r34,360	4,710	3,754	2,780	2,815	327	26	r49,012	5,501	
August	r38,534	5,262	3,824	2,733	3,144	401	30	r54,158	6,997	
September	r33,080	4,624	3,523	2,564	2,437	323	17	r46,757	6,326	
October	r39,996	6,090	r4,272	3,221	r3,046	422	37	r57,276	8,140	
November	r36,973	5,194	3,730	2,586	2,909	366	49	r52,053	r8,108	
December	28,079	r3,568	r2,485	r1,657	1,922	255	44	r38,179	r6,168	
1974 -										
January	31,863	3,534	2,999	1,831	2,277	292	39	42,994	8,239	
February r	28,767	4,280	2,995	1,790	2,032	254	31	40,319	8,777	
March p	30,157	4,968	3,291	2,428	2,162	263	34	43,514	8,089	

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									
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	126,525	71,248	44,142	44,651	14,770	3,356	8,003	500,060
1973	211,580	142,495	83,289	51,865	52,511	16,661	3,954	9,503	571,858
1973 -									
February	14,008	10,293	6,169	3,647	3,714	1,167	281	734	40,013
March	18,616	11,955	6,613	4,332	4,186	1,263	334	794	48,093
April	15,587	10,450	6,112	3,760	3,812	1,162	367	690	41,940
May	20,538	14,245	8,251	4,928	5,382	1,589	414	875	56,222
June	17,461	11,549	7,001	4,690	4,522	1,522	303	715	47,763
July	18,343	12,709	6,835	4,300	4,512	1,242	288	783	49,012
August	20,598	12,897	7,813	5,051	5,025	1,366	400	1,008	54,158
September	17,350	11,726	6,618	4,551	3,959	1,435	276	842	46,757
October	21,068	14,911	7,992	4,882	5,410	1,659	431	923	57,276
November	19,251	13,161	8,179	4,487	4,403	1,511	254	807	52,053
December	13,147	9,791	4,745	3,906	4,041	1,627	261	661	38,179
1974 -									
January	17,733	9,755	6,692	2,984	3,680	1,201	342	607	42,994
February	14,404	10,918	6,252	3,393	3,450	1,010	218	674	40,319
March p	16,133	11,242	5,776	4,017	4,257	1,147	217	725	43,514

(a) Excludes tractors, plant and equipment.

TABLE 4. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE
STATES AND TERRITORIES, MARCH 1974 p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities	Total
Motor cars	11,224	8,145	3,664	2,982	2,721	818	92	511	19,981	30,157
Station wagons	1,811	1,246	744	376	546	124	37	84	3,410	4,968
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	1,182	631	616	303	418	85	23	33	1,543	3,291
closed	947	621	270	173	297	44	9	67	1,762	2,428
Trucks (carrying capacity										
1 tonne and over) -										
rigid	756	472	430	130	245	54	51	24	1,093	2,162
articulated	88	71	38	36	12	15	2	1	101	263
Other truck type vehicles	16	13	1	2	..	..	..	..	21	34
Buses	109	43	13	15	16	7	3	5	129	211
Capital cities	9,672	8,035	3,327	2,761	3,002	518	..	725	28,040	28,040
Other areas	6,461	3,207	2,449	1,256	1,255	629	..	..	..	15,474
Total (excl. motor cycles)	16,133	11,242	5,776	4,017	4,257	1,147	..17	725	28,040	43,514
Motor cycles	3,334	950	1,475	1,205	651	263	118	93	3,594	8,089

TABLE 5. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW TRACTORS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, CARAVANS AND TRAILERS : STATES AND TERRITORIES, MARCH 1974 p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Tractors	40	175	67	29	112	37	7	1	468
Plant and equipment	93	68	57	35	50	14	5	2	324
Caravans	696	869	306	294	106	58	15	61	2,405
Trailers	2,276	1,469	1,039	1,004	728	313	81	141	7,051
Capital cities	1,596	1,389	777	928	636	141	..	205	5,672
Other areas	1,509	1,192	692	434	360	281	108	..	4,576
Total	3,105	2,581	1,469	1,362	996	422	108	205	10,248

TABLE 6. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE
STATES AND TERRITORIES, THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1974 p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities	Total
Motor cars	34,902	23,842	12,455	7,778	7,491	2,499	373	1,447	58,035	90,787
Station wagons	4,726	3,135	2,049	965	1,253	294	118	242	8,592	12,782
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	3,337	1,750	1,961	719	1,105	227	81	105	4,152	9,285
closed	2,464	1,422	804	363	737	103	30	126	4,355	6,049
Trucks (carrying capacity										
1 tonne and over) -										
rigid	2,264	1,372	1,285	437	702	178	161	72	3,023	6,471
articulated	274	248	109	93	44	34	4	3	324	809
Other truck type vehicles	43	32	10	9	7	8	..	..	66	104
Buses	260	114	47	30	53	15	10	11	309	540
Capital cities	29,155	22,442	8,744	7,074	7,984	1,451	..	2,006	78,856	78,856
Other areas	19,115	9,473	9,976	3,320	3,403	1,907	777	..	..	47,971
Total (excl. motor cycles)	48,270	31,915	18,720	10,394	11,387	3,358	777	2,006	78,856	126,827
Motor cycles	9,679	3,167	5,463	3,373	1,980	814	354	275	10,653	25,105

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