

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES : AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1973
(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 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, 1973* (Reference No. 1.10) issued on 3 August 1973.

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
1972 -						
October	34,836	34,491	8,969	8,466	43,805	42,957
November	38,828	35,968	9,457	8,952	48,285	44,920
December	34,389	35,514	7,815	8,695	42,204	44,209
1973p -						
January	32,518	36,089	7,874	9,021	40,392	45,110
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	37,785	38,606	9,985	10,211	47,770	48,817
July	39,072	37,279	9,942	9,486	49,014	46,765
August	43,798	41,646	10,362	9,558	54,160	51,204
September	37,708	40,180	9,053	9,817	46,761	49,997
October r	46,087	44,137	11,190	10,088	57,277	54,225
November	42,072	39,333	9,862	9,401	51,934	48,734

(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 -										
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	38,526	23,513	26,869	2,913	340	2,047	500,060	54,641
1972 -										
October	30,623	4,213	3,432	2,440	2,585	297	34	181	43,805	5,471
November	33,717	5,111	3,621	2,602	2,755	257	35	187	48,285	5,821
December	29,754	4,635	2,992	2,212	2,155	242	34	180	42,204	5,158
1973p -										
January	28,270	4,248	3,148	2,126	2,147	248	28	177	40,392	6,058
February	28,333	4,023	2,993	2,081	2,135	230	26	192	40,013	6,136
March	33,720	4,895	3,697	2,717	2,507	324	20	213	48,093	6,593
April	29,055	4,381	3,285	2,368	2,330	311	24	186	41,940	5,331
May	38,762	5,985	4,485	3,313	3,066	363	34	214	56,222	6,623
June	32,962	4,823	3,925	2,733	2,786	308	40	193	47,770	5,243
July	34,362	4,710	3,754	2,780	2,815	327	26	240	49,014	5,501
August	38,536	5,262	3,824	2,733	3,144	401	30	230	54,160	6,997
September	33,084	4,624	3,523	2,564	2,437	323	17	189	46,761	6,326
October r	39,997	6,090	4,271	3,221	3,047	422	37	192	57,277	8,140
November	36,864	5,208	3,737	2,598	2,860	371	52	244	51,934	7,958

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	126,525	71,248	44,142	44,651	14,770	3,356	8,003	500,060
1972 -									
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	18,616	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	4,529	1,522	303	715	47,770
July	18,343	12,709	6,835	4,300	4,514	1,242	288	783	49,014
August	20,598	12,897	7,813	5,051	5,027	1,366	400	1,008	54,160
September	17,350	11,726	6,618	4,551	3,963	1,435	276	842	46,761
October	21,068	14,911	7,992	4,882	5,411	1,659	431	923	57,277
November	19,252	13,161	7,782	4,509	4,426	1,511	254	1,039	51,934

(a) Excludes tractors, plant and equipment.

TABLE 4. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE
STATES AND TERRITORIES, NOVEMBER 1973 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	13,872	9,638	5,198	3,300	2,913	1,096	113	734	24,283	36,864
Station wagons	1,818	1,402	859	403	453	150	30	93	3,462	5,208
Light commercial type vehicles -										
open	1,309	783	695	346	419	80	32	73	1,475	3,737
closed	1,047	556	386	153	308	56	12	80	1,762	2,598
Trucks (carrying capacity										
1 tonne and over) -										
rigid	973	606	563	221	289	98	63	47	1,472	2,860
articulated	125	104	53	47	22	15	2	3	147	371
Other truck type vehicles	18	15	1	10	2	5	..	1	27	52
Buses	90	57	27	29	20	11	2	8	152	244
Capital cities	11,551	9,363	3,940	3,134	3,065	688	..	1,039	32,780	32,780
Other areas	7,701	3,798	3,842	1,375	1,361	823	254	..	..	19,154
Total (excl. motor cycles)	19,252	13,161	7,782	4,509	4,426	1,511	254	1,039	32,780	51,934
Motor cycles	3,049	1,133	1,606	1,044	692	195	86	153	3,696	7,958

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

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Tractors	41	273	107	23	93	41	2	3	583
Plant and equipment	99	77	65	25	65	11	4	5	351
Caravans	1,098	1,332	428	399	140	87	38	88	3,610
Trailers	2,820	1,699	1,599	1,282	941	447	87	190	9,065
Capital cities	2,132	2,061	1,061	1,212	777	222	..	286	7,691
Other areas	1,926	1,380	1,138	517	462	364	131	..	5,918
Total	4,058	3,381	2,199	1,729	1,239	586	131	286	13,609

TABLE 6. — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE STATES AND TERRITORIES, ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 1973 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	141,723	96,523	50,040	35,355	31,315	10,987	1,446	6,556	245,094	373,945
Station wagons	19,093	14,011	8,457	4,543	5,439	1,290	519	897	36,335	54,249
Light commercial type vehicles — open	13,174	8,065	9,036	3,467	4,781	1,023	634	462	17,168	40,642
closed	12,459	6,431	3,917	1,600	3,321	647	235	624	20,385	29,234
Trucks (carrying capacity 1 tonne and over) — rigid	9,861	6,001	5,954	2,307	3,164	808	762	417	14,984	29,274
articulated	1,156	1,041	523	402	261	163	56	26	1,314	3,628
Other truck type vehicles	102	111	15	79	11	11	1	4	232	334
Buses	866	521	205	228	217	105	40	88	1,327	2,270
Capital cities	122,512	91,886	38,250	33,295	35,252	6,570	..	9,074	336,839	336,839
Other areas	75,922	40,818	39,897	14,686	13,257	8,464	3,693	..	..	196,737
Total (excl. motor cycles)	198,434	132,704	78,147	47,981	48,509	15,034	3,693	9,074	336,839	533,576
Motor cycles	26,488	11,577	13,768	9,882	5,420	1,647	1,197	927	33,122	70,906

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