

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES: AUSTRALIA, MAY 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, will be given in the forthcoming issue of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1973* (Reference No. 1.10).

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 -						
April	30,925	33,221	7,291	7,669	38,216	40,890
May	38,280	34,487	8,967	7,677	47,247	42,164
June	34,398	33,734	8,012	7,868	42,410	41,602
July	34,000	33,179	7,804	7,759	41,804	40,938
August	35,010	32,688	7,800	7,165	42,810	39,853
September	33,221	34,531	7,587	7,852	40,808	42,383
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	44,729	39,235	11,467	9,856	56,196	49,091

(a) Excludes tractors, plant and equipment.

TABLE 2. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE : AUSTRALIA

Year	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				
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	23,494	26,869	2,913	340	2,047	500,060	54,641
1972										
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	3,367
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	2,753	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	33,720	4,895	3,698	2,716	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	38,743	5,986	4,292	3,294	3,269	363	37	212	56,196	6,622

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									
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	3,544	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	4,391	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	115,587	110,450	6,112	3,760	3,812	1,162	367	690	141,940
May	20,553	14,245	8,251	4,917	5,382	1,589	414	845	56,196

(a) Excludes tractors, plant and equipment.

TABLE 4. - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE
STATES AND TERRITORIES, MAY 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	14,398	10,236	5,114	3,632	3,504	1,113	142	604	24,801	38,743
Station wagons	2,164	1,501	952	417	666	146	55	85	3,673	5,986
Light commercial type vehicles										
open	1,374	949	894	390	441	130	70	44	1,695	4,292
closed	1,409	717	448	188	366	75	38	53	2,115	3,294
Trucks (carrying capacity 20 cwt and over)										
rigid	1,021	656	774	228	355	95	94	46	1,682	3,269
articulated	96	116	51	41	27	20	8	4	132	363
Other truck type vehicles	13	13	2	7	2	-	-	-	25	37
Buses	78	57	16	14	21	10	7	9	120	212
Capital cities	12,458	9,178	3,835	3,328	3,933	666	-	845	34,243	34,243
Other areas	8,095	5,067	4,416	1,589	1,449	923	414	-	-	21,953
Total (excl. motor cycles)	20,553	14,245	8,251	4,917	5,382	1,589	414	845	34,243	56,196
Motor cycles	2,544	1,116	1,310	941	383	145	124	59	2,852	6,622

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

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust
Tractors	46	280	150	15	128	37	1	9	666
Plant and equipment	124	87	62	19	58	11	6	9	376
Caravans	740	956	446	248	119	59	19	46	2,633
Trailers	2,141	1,311	1,646	820	654	303	23	110	7,008
Capital cities	1,582	1,161	898	743	610	140	..	174	5,308
Other areas	1,469	1,473	1,406	359	349	270	49	..	5,375
Total	3,051	2,634	2,304	1,102	959	410	49	174	10,683

TABLE 6. — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE STATES AND TERRITORIES, FIVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 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	60,079	40,487	21,547	14,780	13,303	4,621	619	2,685	103,378	158,121
Station wagons	8,359	5,972	3,838	1,770	2,417	505	276	396	15,667	23,533
Light commercial type vehicles —										
open	5,571	3,405	3,965	1,544	1,962	443	344	187	7,194	17,421
closed	5,425	2,706	1,760	625	1,438	280	122	224	8,728	12,580
Trucks (carrying capacity 20 cwt and over) —										
rigid	4,077	2,486	2,704	977	1,304	333	330	177	6,462	12,388
articulated	452	424	196	178	113	70	26	17	520	1,476
Other truck type vehicles	43	40	8	34	5	3	1	1	96	135
Buses	371	231	88	79	97	44	23	47	538	980
Capital cities	52,422	38,319	16,392	13,723	15,165	2,828	..	3,734	142,583	142,583
Other areas	31,955	17,432	17,714	6,264	5,474	3,471	1,741	..	..	84,051
Total (excl. motor cycles)	84,377	55,751	34,106	19,987	20,639	6,299	1,741	3,734	142,583	226,634
Motor cycles	11,607	5,354	5,736	4,505	2,027	628	546	337	14,747	30,740

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