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

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MAIN FEATURES

Registrations of new motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment etc.) during February 1983 (40,468) rose 15.9% when compared with January 1983 (34,923) but fell 10.1% when compared with February 1982 (45,002).

Seasonally adjusted, the February 1983 figure (43,659) is 0.7% higher than January 1983 (43,340) but is 10.2% lower than February 1982 (48,612).

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. Care should be exercised in comparing July 1982, June 1982 and March 1982 new motor vehicle registrations with those for other months. This is because of the inclusion in figures for these months of several thousand registrations from earlier months which had not previously been processed by the Victorian registration authority.

Scope and coverage

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.

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 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

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, 1981-82 (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 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

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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
1981-82—						
December	40,984	39,911	12,450	12,934	53,434	52,845
January	33,642	41,572	10,205	12,852	43,847	54,424
February	33,440	36,149	11,562	12,463	45,002	48,612
March	44,138	41,078	15,347	13,709	59,485	54,787
April	37,971	39,613	12,140	12,705	50,111	52,318
May	41,225	40,505	12,818	12,423	54,043	52,928
June	44,160	40,719	14,986	12,797	59,146	53,516
1982-83—						
July	41,940	38,370	13,626	12,145	55,566	50,515
August	43,774	40,841	12,729	12,735	56,503	53,576
September	39,259	39,429	11,345	11,432	50,604	50,861
October	36,535	38,575	11,417	12,044	47,952	50,619
November	36,246	36,110	10,518	10,881	46,764	46,991
December	47,745	47,026	9,854	10,155	57,599	57,181
January r	26,218	32,414	8,705	10,926	34,923	43,340
February p	29,756	32,143	10,712	11,516	40,468	43,659

(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(a)	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
	Utilities	Panel vans	Rigid	Articulated				
1981-82—								
December	40,984	4,422	3,784	3,327	286	239	53,434	6,085
January	33,642	3,693	3,331	2,525	246	120	43,847	5,248
February	33,440	3,874	4,127	2,857	233	130	45,002	5,323
March	44,138	5,350	5,142	3,885	325	168	59,485	6,924
April	37,971	4,116	4,180	3,031	284	128	50,111	5,752
May	41,225	4,357	4,400	3,197	300	175	54,043	5,815
June	44,160	5,297	4,789	3,933	330	220	59,146	5,529
1982-83—								
July	41,940	4,722	4,700	3,371	290	200	55,566	5,047
August	43,774	4,193	4,730	3,049	226	170	56,503	5,248
September	39,259	3,654	4,250	2,678	231	168	50,604	5,785
October	36,535	3,698	3,957	2,890	239	165	47,952	4,967
November	36,246	3,269	4,151	2,365	183	167	46,764	5,435
December	47,745	3,175	3,424	2,440	166	178	57,599	5,286
January r	26,218	2,713	3,618	1,750	132	121	34,923	4,395
February p	29,756	3,210	4,657	2,192	146	113	40,468	5,283

(a) 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
1981-82—									
December	19,149	13,107	9,628	4,091	5,189	1,124	417	729	53,434
January	16,229	8,862	8,611	3,326	4,722	961	453	683	43,847
February	16,807	8,700	8,415	4,281	4,026	1,026	405	673	45,002
March	21,178	15,345	10,562	4,428	5,206	1,281	612	873	59,485
April	18,055	11,152	9,732	3,865	4,805	1,201	499	802	50,111
May	19,304	12,868	10,178	4,360	5,093	1,114	350	776	54,043
June	19,141	17,281	10,968	4,331	4,786	1,079	721	839	59,146
1982-83—									
July	19,011	14,529	10,464	4,367	4,784	1,159	495	757	55,566
August	19,121	14,584	10,591	4,405	5,004	1,341	544	913	56,503
September	17,139	11,984	9,664	4,396	5,114	912	523	872	50,604
October	15,161	14,162	8,875	3,740	3,865	972	474	703	47,952
November	15,967	11,765	7,880	4,265	4,533	1,042	549	763	46,764
December	18,109	14,820	10,109	5,784	5,151	2,209	399	1,018	57,599
January	11,411	8,486	6,906	2,750	3,641	780	402	547	34,923
February p	13,669	10,013	7,142	3,210	4,292	935	509	698	40,468

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