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

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MAIN FEATURES

On an original basis, registrations of new motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment etc.) during April 1980 (45,658) fell 2.8% when compared with March 1980 (46,982) but rose 1.5% when compared with April 1979 (44,969).

Seasonally adjusted, the April 1980 figure (44,920) is 5.3% lower than March 1980 (47,439) and is 4.8% lower than April 1979 (47,162).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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 1 below.

Introduction

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 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.

2. The quarterly publication *Motor Vehicle Registrations* (9303.0) shows quarterly statistics of new motor vehicle registrations by make for cars and station wagons, by make and tare for utilities and panel vans, and by make and gross vehicle mass/gross combination mass for rigid and articulated trucks.

Seasonal adjustment

3. 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* (1308.0).

Classification of vehicles

4. Legislation to provide for the compulsory registration of recreation vehicles (e.g. trailbikes, minibikes, sand dune buggies) intended for use in public places came into force in Victoria on 17 September 1973 and in Queensland on 1 January 1977. 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.

5. 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.

6. The figures in this publication include vehicles with diplomatic and consular plates and Government-owned new vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services.

Classification by area

7. In all States, 'capital city' registrations refer to vehicles for which the address of the registered owner is located within the capital city statistical division. These statistical divisions are re-defined from time to time, usually as the result of information available from periodic censuses of population and housing.

Future revisions to series for Victoria

8. From January 1979 a new method was used by the ABS to capture details of new motor vehicle registrations processed in Victoria. Subsequent investigation revealed a number of problems associated with the new method for the period January to July 1979 inclusive. Data for that period has now been reprocessed and revised figures, where applicable, are shown in this publication.

Related publications

9. Users may also wish to refer to the following motor vehicle registration publications which are available on request:

Motor Vehicle Registrations (9303.0)

Motor Vehicle Registrations (9304.0)

10. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Production Bulletin No. 7: Motor Vehicles, Parts and Accessories (8363.0)

Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars, Australia (Preliminary) (5416.0)

11. 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
- nil

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TABLE 1. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, MONTHLY TOTALS, ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: AUSTRALIA (a)

	Motor cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (b)		Total (b)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1978-79 -						
March	40,351	39,043	9,793	9,536	50,144	48,579
April	36,192	37,808	8,777	9,354	44,969	47,162
May	45,366	40,061	10,569	9,208	55,935	49,269
June	40,000	39,579	9,795	9,147	49,795	48,726
1979-80 -						
July	44,632	42,430	10,397	9,357	55,029	51,787
August	43,724	39,766	9,702	9,077	53,426	48,843
September	36,319	38,648	8,826	9,580	45,145	48,228
October	39,784	37,709	10,853	10,082	50,637	47,791
November	38,441	38,256	10,046	10,122	48,487	48,378
December r	32,180	35,090	7,402	8,043	39,582	43,133
January	33,200	37,990	8,346	10,000	41,546	47,990
February r	36,293	38,116	9,698	10,600	45,991	48,716
March r	36,988	37,425	9,994	10,014	46,982	47,439
April p	36,287	35,493	9,371	9,427	45,658	44,920

(a) See paragraph 8 of the explanatory notes. (b) Excludes motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

TABLE 2. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE: AUSTRALIA (a)

	Motor cars	Station wagons	Utilities	Panel vans	Trucks		Other truck type vehicles	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
					Rigid	Articulated				
Year -										
1976-77	365,624	81,478	48,420	39,532	36,051	4,752	2,749	3,205	581,811	50,321
1977-78	359,472	72,967	45,946	40,312	35,034	4,000	2,474	3,712	563,917	38,049
1978-79	381,366	82,087	41,591	32,068	33,756	4,496	1,891	3,171	580,426	43,278
1978-79 -										
March	33,684	6,667	3,615	2,655	2,812	361	109	241	50,144	13,469
April	30,112	6,080	3,389	2,213	2,471	330	115	259	44,969	12,935
May	36,933	8,433	4,097	2,581	3,067	412	123	289	55,935	13,083
June	32,806	7,194	3,456	2,458	3,041	442	147	251	49,795	13,049
1979-80 -										
July	36,991	7,641	3,774	2,671	3,012	436	180	324	55,029	13,954
August	35,372	8,352	3,587	2,466	2,814	414	163	258	53,426	14,133
September	28,970	7,349	3,121	2,450	2,543	364	126	222	45,145	13,455
October	31,595	8,189	4,113	2,949	2,975	434	134	248	50,637	13,765
November	30,610	7,831	3,857	2,637	2,784	378	161	229	48,487	13,756
December	25,724	6,456	12,856	1,763	2,145	282	172	184	39,582	13,277
January r	26,788	6,412	3,451	1,913	2,388	307	105	182	41,546	14,451
February	29,585	6,708	13,936	2,342	2,756	303	89	272	45,991	15,608
March r	29,793	7,195	3,658	2,603	2,959	359	109	306	46,982	16,210
April p	28,989	7,298	3,454	2,556	2,707	301	106	247	45,658	15,408

(a) See paragraph 8 of the explanatory notes.

TABLE 3. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

	N.S.W.	Vic. (b)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust. (b)
Year -									
1976-77	195,417	146,345	88,656	56,168	61,725	18,781	4,705	10,014	581,811
1977-78	197,527	143,616	83,949	49,164	57,528	18,054	4,918	9,161	563,917
1978-79	206,830	147,219	91,912	48,199	54,907	17,329	(c)3,945	10,085	580,426
1978-79 -									
March	18,479	12,296	7,766	4,211	4,793	1,476	(c)165	958	50,144
April	15,765	11,334	7,708	3,530	4,416	1,278	(c)235	703	44,969
May	19,421	14,829	8,767	4,690	5,255	1,549	(c)289	1,131	55,935
June	17,263	13,265	7,761	4,341	4,579	1,457	(c)266	863	49,795
1979-80 -									
July	19,214	14,743	9,507	4,592	4,264	1,360	(c)433	916	55,029
August	18,728	13,523	9,169	4,047	5,047	1,709	(c)366	837	53,426
September	16,121	11,684	7,147	3,684	4,370	1,150	(c)330	659	45,145
October	18,173	12,738	8,403	4,194	4,666	1,393	(c)414	656	50,637
November	17,249	10,956	8,967	4,117	4,626	1,606	(c)299	667	48,487
December	13,541	9,589	6,405	3,487	3,908	1,829	(c)283	540	39,582
January	15,303	9,465	7,385	3,287	4,307	1,156	(c)92	551	41,546
February	16,636	10,674	7,691	3,855	4,770	1,330	(c)319	716	45,991
March r	17,105	11,775	7,309	3,971	4,396	1,281	(c)412	733	46,982
April p	16,763	10,258	8,277	3,500	4,310	1,250	(c)504	796	45,658

(a) Excludes motor cycles, tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) See paragraph 8 of the explanatory notes. (c) Changes in the N.T. Motor Vehicle Registry processing system have resulted in substantial problems in separately identifying 'factory new' vehicles registered in the N.T.

TABLE 4. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE : STATES, APRIL 1980p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities (b)	Total
Motor cars	10,593	7,020	5,088	2,304	2,459	762	207	556	19,661	28,989
Station wagons	2,835	1,522	1,201	538	765	222	85	130	4,986	7,298
Utilities	906	505	1,172	213	335	117	162	44	1,412	3,454
Panel vans	1,206	308	469	151	311	63	28	20	1,795	2,556
Trucks -										
Rigid	976	755	253	253	365	54	16	35	1,457	2,707
Articulated	110	48	50	28	39	18	4	4	124	301
Other truck type vehicles	42	40	6	6	8	3	1	-	73	106
Buses	95	60	38	7	28	11	1	7	143	247
Capital cities (b)	10,771	7,712	4,401	2,479	2,991	501	-	796	29,651	29,651
Other areas	5,992	2,546	3,876	1,021	1,319	749	504	-	-	16,007
Total (excl. motor cycles)	16,763	10,258	8,277	3,500	4,310	1,250	504	796	29,651	45,658
Motor cycles	2,194	1,106	1,042	442	381	104	68	71	2,655	5,408

(a) See footnote (c), Table 3. (b) All registrations in the A.C.T. are included in 'capital cities'; all registrations in the Northern Territory are included in 'other areas'.

TABLE 5. NEW TRACTORS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, CARAVANS AND TRAILERS : STATES, APRIL 1980p

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities (b)	Total
Tractors	12	166	90	12	120	8	3	3	64	414
Plant and equipment	75	47	35	8	47	6	1	4	137	223
Caravans	331	338	119	121	94	39	10	7	617	1,059
Trailers	2,433	917	1,462	778	802	253	83	54	3,860	6,782
Capital cities (b)	1,685	736	839	579	662	109	-	68	4,678	4,678
Other areas	1,166	732	867	340	401	197	97	-	-	3,800
Total	2,851	1,468	1,706	919	1,063	306	97	68	4,678	8,478

(a) See footnote (c), Table 3. (b) All registrations in the A.C.T. are included in 'capital cities'; all registrations in the Northern Territory are included in 'other areas'.

TABLE 6. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, BY TYPE : STATES, TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1979-80p AND 1978-79

Type of vehicle	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Capital cities (b)	Total
Motor cars	108,223	80,398	47,793	26,415	26,250	9,130	1,289	4,919	203,906	304,417
Station wagons	27,485	16,783	12,428	5,434	7,358	2,213	597	1,133	49,350	73,431
Utilities	9,870	5,431	12,295	2,215	3,435	1,036	1,193	332	15,697	35,807
Panel vans	10,609	3,374	4,255	1,701	3,373	631	189	218	17,252	24,350
Trucks -										
Rigid	10,141	7,572	2,369	2,318	3,496	737	97	353	14,203	27,083
Articulated	1,301	823	553	329	344	127	47	54	1,591	3,578
Other truck type vehicles	394	461	163	138	90	87	7	5	913	1,345
Buses	810	563	404	184	318	103	33	57	1,550	2,472
Capital cities (b)	107,539	83,720	40,519	27,715	32,058	5,840	-	7,071	304,462	304,462
Other areas	61,294	31,685	39,741	11,019	12,606	8,224	3,452	-	-	168,021
Total (excl. motor cycles) -										
1979-80p July-Apr.	168,833	115,405	80,260	38,734	44,664	14,064	3,452	7,071	304,462	472,483
1978-79 July-Apr.	170,146	119,125	75,384	39,168	45,069	14,323	3,390	8,091	304,980	474,696
Motor cycles -										
1979-80p July-Apr.	16,587	8,795	8,226	4,674	3,832	919	352	632	22,343	44,017
1978-79 July-Apr.	11,440	5,916	6,754	3,167	2,285	703	393	488	14,468	31,146

(a) See footnote (c), Table 3. (b) All registrations in the A.C.T. are included in 'capital cities'; all registrations in the Northern Territory are included in 'other areas'.

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