



REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, AUSTRALIA AUGUST 1981 (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 August 1981 (50,854) rose 3.0% when compared with August 1980 (49,383).

Seasonally adjusted, the August 1981 figure (50,101) is 3.1% higher than August 1980 (48,616).

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 1981 new motor vehicle registrations with those for other months. This is because of the inclusion in the July figures of several thousand registrations from earlier months which had not previously been processed by the Victorian registration authority.

Scope and coverage

2. 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 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, 1979-80 (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) 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

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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
1980-81—						
July	43,198	37,748	11,878	10,103	55,076	47,851
August	39,347	38,199	10,036	10,417	49,383	48,616
September	37,532	37,949	10,019	10,372	47,551	48,321
October	40,204	38,427	10,743	10,057	50,947	48,484
November	36,354	36,298	9,573	10,219	45,927	48,517
December	39,873	40,738	9,993	10,106	49,866	50,844
January	31,824	38,099	9,302	11,643	41,126	49,742
February	35,848	38,861	10,753	11,735	46,601	50,596
March	38,674	37,716	12,385	12,280	51,059	49,996
April	37,243	36,825	11,705	11,929	48,948	48,754
May	39,632	38,688	11,876	11,387	51,508	50,075
June	42,758	41,122	13,464	11,818	56,222	52,940
1981-82—						
July r	45,102	39,804	14,176	11,917	59,278	51,721
August p	39,082	37,902	11,772	12,199	50,854	50,101

(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	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
	Utilities	Panel vans	Rigid	Articulated				
1980-81—								
July	43,198	4,200	3,134	3,595	435	159	355	55,076
August	39,347	3,586	2,546	3,100	395	130	279	49,383
September	37,532	3,563	2,652	3,006	366	145	287	47,551
October	40,204	3,902	3,040	2,974	389	166	272	50,947
November	36,354	3,424	2,806	2,618	339	139	247	45,927
December	39,873	3,653	2,652	2,808	338	210	332	49,866
January	31,824	3,428	2,746	2,369	259	163	337	41,126
February	35,848	3,931	3,095	2,948	274	146	359	46,601
March	38,674	4,348	3,759	3,297	359	179	443	51,059
April	37,243	4,353	3,359	3,151	366	126	350	48,948
May	39,632	4,341	3,468	3,093	364	163	447	51,508
June	42,758	4,746	4,134	3,524	385	213	462	56,222
1981-82—								
July r	45,102	5,000	3,876	4,172	371	244	513	59,278
August p	39,082	4,140	3,543	3,158	318	185	428	50,854

TABLE 3. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES(a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1980-81—									
July	19,519	14,493	9,609	4,120	4,581	1,400	517	837	55,076
August	17,120	13,285	7,862	3,786	4,611	1,412	533	774	49,383
September	16,991	12,247	7,520	3,912	4,444	1,195	531	711	47,551
October	18,235	12,002	9,666	3,589	4,730	1,522	394	809	50,947
November	16,721	9,509	8,471	3,901	4,568	1,645	351	761	45,927
December	17,841	11,097	8,782	3,927	4,796	2,119	439	865	49,866
January	14,523	9,516	7,250	3,129	4,428	1,094	484	702	41,126
February	16,893	10,226	8,377	3,602	4,975	1,218	567	743	46,601
March	18,803	11,171	9,433	3,867	5,066	1,374	563	782	51,059
April	18,088	10,385	9,285	3,963	4,586	1,244	624	773	48,948
May	18,960	11,246	9,863	3,833	4,762	1,395	603	846	51,508
June	19,377	13,443	11,042	4,061	5,335	1,389	619	956	56,222
1981-82—									
July r	20,340	18,013	9,549	3,769	4,816	1,280	609	902	59,278
August p	18,603	11,404	9,578	3,541	4,845	1,464	592	827	50,854

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