

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

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JUNE KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Jun 96	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	56 938	1.4	5.4
Passenger vehicles	47 622	1.7	6.5
Other vehicles	9 317	0.2	0.0

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Jun 96	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	61 545	18.5	13.7
Passenger vehicles	51 910	19.8	16.8
Other vehicles	9 634	12.2	-0.5

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

	Jun 96	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	63 687	10.1	6.5
Passenger vehicles	52 099	9.2	9.7
Other vehicles	11 588	14.4	-5.8

JUNE KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend for total new motor vehicles has shown a steady rise since October 1995. Passenger vehicle registrations in June 1996 rose by 1.7% and other vehicle registrations rose by 0.2% compared with May 1996. Registrations in all States and Territories increased, with the exception of South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

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Trend estimates are revised as new monthly data become available.

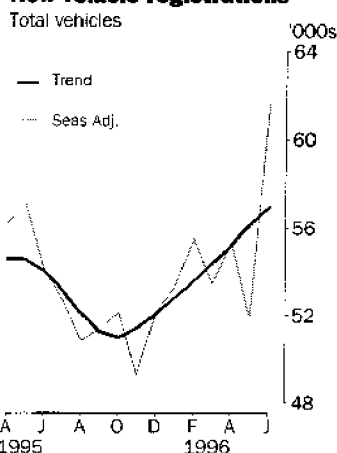
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- Total new motor vehicle registrations for June 1996 increased by 18.5% compared with the previous month. Passenger vehicle registrations in June 1996 rose by 19.8% over May 1996, while other vehicle registrations increased 12.2% during the same period.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- The number of June 1996 registrations increased for all vehicle types, excluding rigid and non-freight carrying trucks and motor cycles compared with the previous month. Total registrations fell in all States and Territories except for increases of 26.7% for Queensland, 20.5% for New South Wales and 3.5% for South Australia.

New vehicle registrations



INQUIRIES

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE NOTES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

June 1996 data incorporates information from five weeks of data for New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes for more information.

TREND REVISIONS

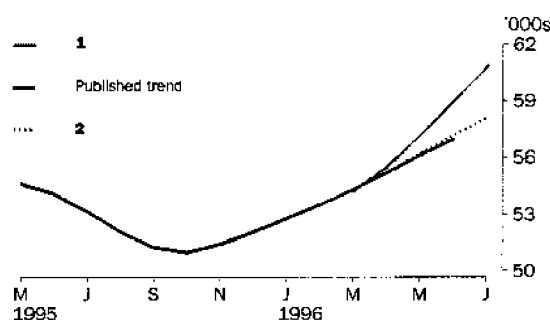
The most recent trend estimates are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

The graph below presents the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates:

- 1 The July seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is higher than the June seasonally adjusted estimate by 5.2%.
- 2 The July seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is lower than the June seasonally adjusted estimate by -5.2%.

The percentage change of 5.2% was chosen because the average absolute percentage change, based on the last 11 years, has been 5.2%.

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An increase of 5.2% in total seasonally adjusted new motor vehicle registrations in July 1996 would produce a stronger increase in the revised trend from March 1996.

A 5.2% fall in the July seasonally adjusted figure would result in a continuation of the rate of increase in the revised trend from October 1995.

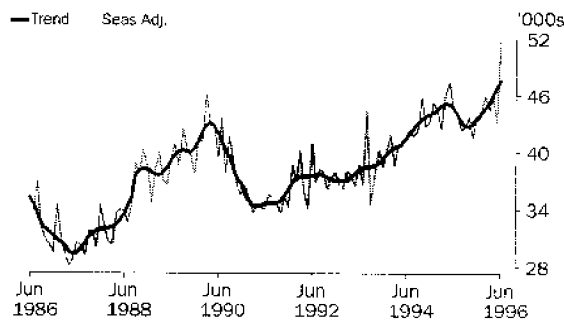
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VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND

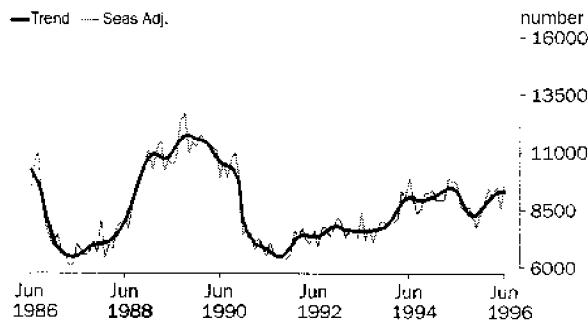
PASSENGER VEHICLES

The trend level for passenger vehicles has continued to rise over the past eight months and now stands at 62.1% above the low recorded for May 1987. In seasonally adjusted terms, passenger vehicle registrations rose 19.8% over May 1996 and are now 84.2% above the low recorded in April 1987.



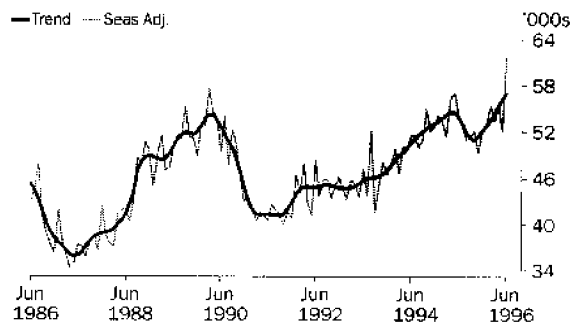
OTHER VEHICLES

The trend rose from a May 1987 trough to peak in October 1989 before falling to a low in September 1991, followed by a period of general increase. Since October 1995, the trend has increased. In seasonally adjusted terms, growth has been sporadic resulting in the June 1996 level being only 3.7% higher than the level ten years ago.



TOTAL VEHICLES (EXCLUDING MOTOR CYCLES)

The trend level for total new motor vehicle registrations has generally followed the trend for passenger vehicles and is now at its highest level since the February to June period in 1985. After peaking in April 1990, the trend declined to reach a low in September 1991 and has risen by 38.4% since then.



A break in series occurred in December 1990 — see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By Type: All Series

Month	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ORIGINAL			
1995			
April	39 470	8 250	47 720
May	52 556	11 566	64 122
June	47 511	12 308	59 819
July	43 723	9 196	52 919
August	45 920	8 215	54 135
September	41 305	7 980	49 285
October	45 179	8 310	53 489
November	43 685	8 266	51 951
December	42 944	7 721	50 665
1996			
January	37 422	7 037	44 459
February	44 642	8 590	53 232
March	45 564	9 239	54 803
April	41 604	8 464	50 068
May	47 715	10 131	57 846
June	52 099	11 588	63 687
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
1995			
April	46 219	9 969	56 188
May	47 388	9 696	57 083
June	44 433	9 684	54 116
July	44 032	8 688	52 720
August	42 434	8 427	50 860
September	42 697	8 643	51 340
October	43 792	8 325	52 117
November	41 573	7 724	49 298
December	43 744	8 379	52 123
1996			
January	44 370	8 886	53 256
February	46 065	9 425	55 490
March	44 483	8 955	53 438
April	45 802	9 547	55 350
May	43 337	8 583	51 921
June	51 910	9 634	61 545
TREND ESTIMATES ¹			
1995			
April	45 122	9 443	54 565
May	45 097	9 451	54 548
June	44 712	9 319	54 031
July	44 101	9 041	53 142
August	43 398	8 680	52 078
September	42 862	8 380	51 242
October	42 733	8 237	50 969
November	43 107	8 297	51 404
December	43 575	8 485	52 059
1996			
January	44 052	8 725	52 777
February	44 582	8 945	53 527
March	45 212	9 116	54 327
April	45 965	9 223	55 188
May	46 835	9 299	56 134
June	47 622	9 317	56 938

¹ Trend estimates for December 1995 to May 1996 have been revised.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By Type: Original

Month	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Rigid trucks	Articulated trucks	Non-freight carrying trucks	Buses	Total (excludes motor cycles)	Motor cycles
1995								
April	39 470	6 772	723	317	83	355	47 720	1 458
May	52 556	9 477	1 130	429	83	447	64 122	1 960
June	47 511	9 725	1 229	718	98	538	59 819	1 590
July	43 723	7 547	965	229	98	357	52 919	1 686
August	45 920	6 611	870	227	113	394	54 135	1 751
September	41 305	6 434	867	210	124	345	49 285	1 732
October	45 179	6 680	907	273	62	388	53 489	1 775
November	43 685	6 610	871	303	91	391	51 951	2 251
December	42 944	6 250	776	252	81	362	50 665	1 991
1996								
January	37 422	5 867	599	159	83	329	44 459	2 002
February	44 642	7 257	692	202	109	330	53 232	1 851
March	45 564	7 804	743	234	103	355	54 803	2 025
April	41 604	7 082	725	247	77	333	50 068	1 810
May	47 715	8 531	876	278	79	367	57 846	1 893
June	52 099	9 984	827	295	57	425	63 687	1 602

NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By State: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
ORIGINAL									
1995									
April	17 485	10 211	10 755	2 786	4 359	819	537	768	47 720
May	22 787	15 465	11 568	4 342	6 355	1 356	976	1 273	64 122
June	20 519	15 586	9 555	4 184	6 558	1 214	956	1 247	59 819
July	19 063	10 489	13 234	2 992	4 676	1 029	534	902	52 919
August	18 859	13 678	9 124	3 963	5 416	1 269	680	1 146	54 135
September	16 345	12 123	9 450	3 452	4 986	1 260	604	1 065	49 285
October	18 775	12 317	10 747	3 647	5 132	1 280	656	935	53 489
November	18 230	13 017	8 456	3 751	5 804	853	688	1 152	51 951
December	16 775	12 067	9 544	3 552	5 410	1 734	539	1 044	50 665
1996									
January	15 632	10 164	9 558	2 829	4 019	873	506	878	44 459
February	18 144	13 257	9 690	3 832	5 780	989	550	990	53 232
March	18 318	13 142	10 992	3 867	5 909	961	666	948	54 803
April	18 348	11 519	9 471	3 286	5 073	818	616	937	50 068
May	19 411	14 868	10 388	3 792	6 252	1 202	823	1 110	57 846
June	23 392	14 356	13 157	3 928	6 029	994	799	1 032	63 687
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1995									
April	21 028	12 088	11 772	3 430	5 211	1 105	586	967	56 188
May	19 280	13 705	10 456	4 145	6 145	1 411	800	1 140	57 083
June	18 512	13 678	9 426	3 702	5 713	1 194	790	1 101	54 116
July	19 190	10 875	12 000	3 088	5 041	1 081	499	945	52 720
August	17 670	12 523	9 075	3 624	5 162	1 173	639	994	50 860
September	17 512	12 667	9 752	3 419	5 187	1 131	652	1 021	51 340
October	18 904	11 790	10 069	3 448	5 130	1 199	636	939	52 117
November	16 395	12 940	8 575	3 441	5 340	847	663	1 098	49 298
December	18 469	12 184	9 378	3 763	5 407	1 177	650	1 095	52 123
1996									
January	18 486	12 684	11 220	3 508	4 457	1 151	671	1 080	53 256
February	18 911	13 518	10 558	3 880	5 748	1 127	656	1 092	55 490
March	17 447	12 881	11 038	3 778	5 731	1 015	631	917	53 438
April	20 626	12 644	9 700	3 765	5 794	1 096	630	1 094	55 350
May	16 586	13 171	9 623	3 604	5 948	1 258	709	1 021	51 921
June	22 425	13 627	13 531	3 733	5 581	1 030	664	953	61 545
TREND ESTIMATES ¹									
1995									
April	19 508	12 778	10 273	3 628	5 475	1 191	658	1 052	54 565
May	19 346	12 763	10 447	3 594	5 491	1 209	652	1 047	54 548
June	19 013	12 654	10 486	3 543	5 454	1 205	641	1 034	54 031
July	18 602	12 501	10 320	3 493	5 392	1 181	633	1 020	53 142
August	18 191	12 340	10 003	3 455	5 303	1 149	630	1 007	52 078
September	17 903	12 246	9 700	3 441	5 195	1 116	632	1 008	51 242
October	17 769	12 283	9 571	3 466	5 123	1 094	641	1 023	50 969
November	17 862	12 433	9 681	3 531	5 121	1 084	649	1 043	51 404
December	17 983	12 621	9 848	3 613	5 191	1 086	656	1 061	52 059
1996									
January	18 158	12 758	10 074	3 677	5 298	1 091	655	1 065	52 777
February	18 389	12 866	10 310	3 719	5 433	1 101	653	1 055	53 527
March	18 684	12 987	10 534	3 740	5 578	1 112	655	1 039	54 327
April	19 061	13 093	10 793	3 741	5 705	1 117	658	1 020	55 188
May	19 516	13 189	11 112	3 734	5 797	1 121	663	1 002	56 134
June	19 878	13 323	11 398	3 713	5 864	1 106	669	988	56 938

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NEW PASSENGER VEHICLES, Selected Make/Models: **Original**— June 1996

Make/Model	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Ford									
Falcon/Fairmont	2 369	2 006	1 299	399	632	81	66	179	7 031
Festiva	574	280	403	107	109	14	10	30	1 527
Laser	283	198	140	60	93	12	3	11	800
Other	461	317	257	65	150	13	6	24	1 293
Total	3 687	2 801	2 099	631	984	120	85	244	10 651
Holden									
Commodore/Calais	2 413	1 735	1 509	588	499	89	57	136	7 026
Barina	361	211	188	68	81	18	8	34	969
Statesman/Caprice	139	119	67	18	35	2	..	1	381
Other	171	155	77	37	89	6	1	16	552
Total	3 084	2 220	1 841	711	704	115	66	187	8 928
Hyundai									
Excel	1 502	708	727	156	408	46	30	86	3 663
Sonata	382	230	208	45	110	20	15	15	1 025
Lantra	187	88	56	18	67	4	2	9	431
Other	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	2 071	1 027	991	219	585	70	47	110	5 120
Mazda									
323	318	196	124	54	73	10	4	18	797
121	195	91	105	47	34	9	10	16	507
626	126	86	46	20	30	3	1	5	317
Other	79	35	19	6	16	..	1	2	158
Total	718	408	294	127	153	22	16	41	1 779
Mitsubishi									
Magna	1 004	770	545	234	241	78	21	63	2 956
Lancer	428	281	303	81	76	17	5	30	1 221
Pajero	181	79	115	20	42	5	3	6	451
Other	73	27	16	21	13	..	..	6	156
Total	1 686	1 157	979	356	372	100	29	105	4 784
Nissan									
Pulsar	349	262	251	54	98	20	31	8	1 073
Micra	139	72	96	25	24	7	2	13	378
Patrol	76	64	98	22	38	2	7	3	310
Other	216	138	162	23	38	4	4	4	589
Total	780	536	607	124	198	33	44	28	2 350
Toyota									
Camry	848	533	491	97	223	42	34	24	2 292
Corolla	909	495	416	187	177	44	48	14	2 290
Vienta	586	297	197	54	96	11	9	10	1 260
Other	1 121	516	703	139	377	31	112	34	3 033
Total	3 464	1 841	1 807	477	873	128	203	82	8 875

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents monthly data for registrations of new motor vehicles.

2 The statistics in this publication are based on procedures using the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), adopted by the State and Territory motor vehicle registration authorities. The VIN system allows more accurate classification of vehicles. In the case of some States, data processed using the VIN are not strictly comparable with data processed prior to December 1990.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

3 Motor vehicle registration statistics are obtained from the State and Territory motor vehicle registration authorities. The statistics reflect the information recorded in registration documents. With the exception of New South Wales and Queensland, the statistics shown do not depart significantly from actual registrations during the period. In the case of both New South Wales and Queensland, a number of registrations processed in a month actually relate to vehicles registered prior to that month.

4 New motor vehicle registrations are obtained from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia registration authorities on a weekly basis. Other registries provide data for each calendar month. The ABS processes the weekly registration data provided for the above-mentioned States and includes data for the relevant month in this publication. Data referring to the next month are withheld and included in the next month's publication. In some months, the ABS processes five weeks of data for the above four States, while the other months include four weeks of data. In months where five weeks of data are processed, it is possible that there will be a greater number of registrations recorded because the carry forward from the previous month is likely to be greater than the carry over to the next month. However, this is not necessarily the case and would depend on the actual pattern of registration processing at that time.

5 The scope of the statistics:

▪ includes:

- passenger vehicles
- light commercial vehicles
- trucks
- buses
- motorcycles (note: not included in Totals)
- vehicles with diplomatic and consular plates
- State and Commonwealth owned vehicles

▪ excludes:

- vehicles belonging to the defence forces
- recreation vehicles such as trail bikes and sand dune buggies (in those States where registration is required).

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

6 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.

7 Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. the introduction of new models, processing delays, industrial disputes).

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT *continued*

8 Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

9 Seasonally adjusted series are calculated for the 'Passenger vehicles', 'Other vehicles' and 'Total vehicles' series for each State and Territory and are aggregated to obtain the total for Australia.

10 Seasonal adjustment factors are analysed and revised as necessary annually.

TREND ESTIMATES

11 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series to create trend estimates reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. These trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time.

12 While this smoothing technique enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates for the most recent months as data for subsequent months become available. Generally subsequent revisions become smaller and after three months, usually have a negligible impact on the series. Changes in the original data and re-estimation of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

13 For a more detailed break-up of the monthly figures presented here, inquiries should be made to Ray Pfrunder on 07 3222 6180 or to any ABS office. Data on total vehicle registrations, both new and re-registrations, is available in *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia, 30 June 1993* (9309.0).

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.p. not available for publication, but included in totals.

GLOSSARY

Articulated trucks	Vehicles constructed primarily for load carrying consisting of a prime mover having no significant load carrying area but with a turn table device which can be linked to a trailer. With or without a trailer the gross combination mass will be 3.5 tonnes or more.
Buses	Includes all passenger vehicles having more than nine seats, including the driver.
Light commercial vehicles	Describes goods carrying vehicles less than 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass. Included are utilities, panel vans, cab-chassis and forward control vehicles (whether four-wheel drive or not).
Motor cycles	Includes 2 and 3 wheeled mopeds, scooters, motor tricycles and motor cycles with side cars.
Non-freight carrying trucks	Includes specialist vehicles such as ambulances, mobile cranes or vehicles fitted with special purpose equipment and having no goods carrying capacity.
Passenger vehicles	Includes cars, station wagons, four-wheel drive passenger vehicles and forward control passenger vehicles with up to nine seats (including the driver).
Registrations	This includes all registrations processed by the motor vehicle registration authorities in the States and Territories during the relevant period.
Rigid trucks	Vehicles constructed primarily for load carrying with a gross vehicle mass of 3.5 tonnes or more.
VIN	The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) uniquely identifies each vehicle. Embedded in the number are details of make and model together with other relevant information about the vehicle. The VIN is collected by the motor vehicle registration authorities at the time of registration.

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