

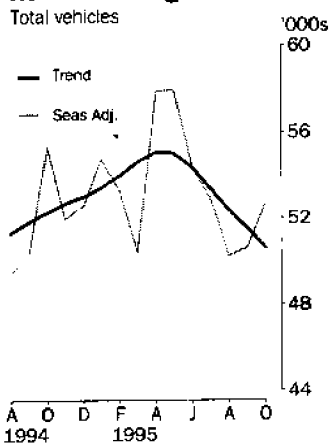
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

AUSTRALIA
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OCTOBER KEY FIGURES

New vehicle registrations



TREND ESTIMATES

	Oct 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	50 614	-1.8	-3.2
Passenger vehicles	42 462	-1.4	-2.2
Other vehicles	8 152	-3.9	-8.3

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Oct 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	52 645	4.0	-4.9
Passenger vehicles	44 522	6.0	-3.9
Other vehicles	8 124	-5.7	-10.1

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

	Oct 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	53 460	8.5	-1.6
Passenger vehicles	45 193	9.4	-0.4
Other vehicles	8 267	3.6	-8.0

OCTOBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The downward trend for total new motor vehicle registrations continued in October 1995. The trend level was 8.1 per cent below the high in April 1995 and 3.2 per cent below total registrations twelve months earlier. Passenger vehicle registrations were 6.9 per cent below the level in April 1995 and 2.2 per cent lower than in October 1994.

TAKE CARE!
Trend estimates are revised as new monthly data become available.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- Total registrations in October 1995 rose by 4.0 per cent compared with the previous month and were 4.9 per cent below the level in October 1994. Passenger vehicle registrations rose by 6.0 per cent in October 1995 compared to September 1995, whereas other vehicle registrations fell 5.7 per cent during the same period and were 10.1 per cent lower than for October 1994.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- Total registrations for October 1995 rose by 8.5 per cent, with rises recorded in all States and the Northern Territory. Registrations in the Australian Capital Territory fell in October 1995 by 12.2 per cent. Passenger vehicle registrations increased 9.4 per cent above September 1995 and other vehicle registrations were up by 3.6 per cent. Total registrations for October 1995 were 1.6 per cent lower than for October 1994.

INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Clare Newman on 07 3222 6180, or any ABS Office.

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
November 1995	21 December 1995
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

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TREND REVISIONS

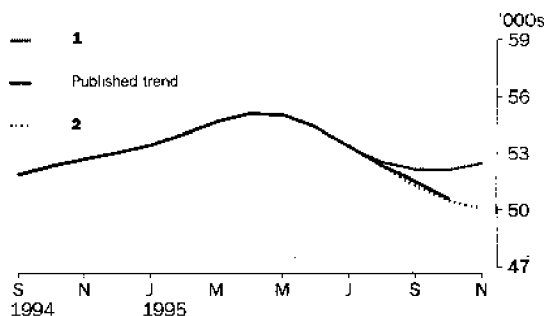
The most recent trend estimates are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

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

- 1** The November seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is higher than the October seasonally adjusted estimate by 5.4%.
- 2** The November seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is lower than the October seasonally adjusted estimate by -5.4%.

The percentage change of 5.4% was chosen because the average absolute percentage change, based on the last 11 years, has been 5.4%.

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An increase in seasonally adjusted total registrations of 5.4 per cent in November 1995 would alter the current decline and show a small rise in the trend. However a fall of the same level would slow the current decline in the revised trend from May 1995.

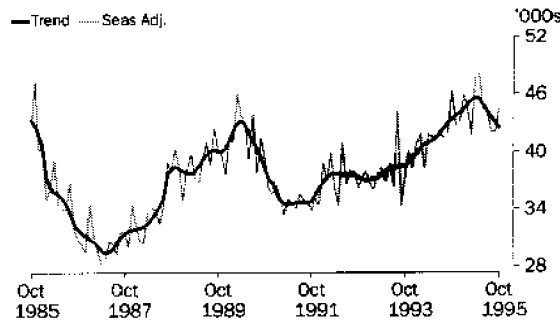
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VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND

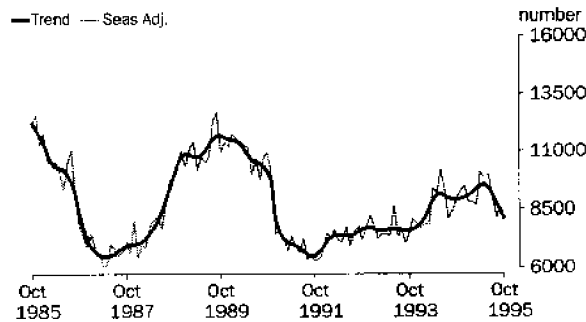
PASSENGER VEHICLES

The trend series for passenger vehicles rose from August 1993, peaked in April 1995 and has fallen since then. Both the seasonally adjusted and trend figures for October 1995 are close to the peaks in October 1985 and March 1990, though below the most recent peak in April-May this year.



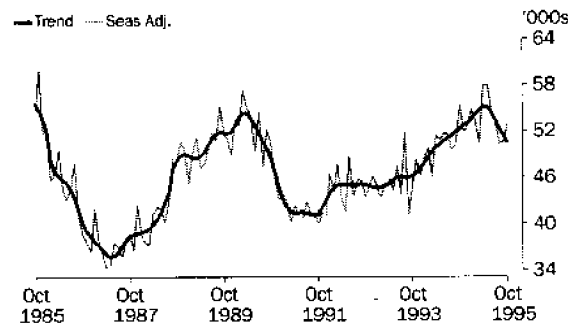
OTHER VEHICLES

The trend series has decreased 14.7 per cent since May 1995 and is now at its lowest level since February 1994.



TOTAL VEHICLES (EXCLUDING MOTOR CYCLES)

The trend series for total vehicles continued the fall which began in May 1995, and is approaching the level reached in June 1994.



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			
1994			
August	44 685	8 243	52 928
September	42 373	8 065	50 438
October	45 354	8 988	54 342
November	45 485	9 949	55 434
December	43 948	8 850	52 798

1995			
January	36 283	6 657	42 940
February	41 292	7 900	49 192
March	47 264	9 982	57 246
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	45 193	8 267	53 460

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
1994			
August	41 372	8 095	49 467
September	41 897	8 480	50 376
October	46 316	9 035	55 351
November	42 629	9 312	51 941
December	43 128	9 473	52 602

1995			
January	45 970	8 827	54 797
February	44 442	8 797	53 240
March	41 764	8 675	50 439
April	47 766	10 126	57 892
May	48 104	9 847	57 951
June	44 369	10 001	54 369
July	43 929	9 008	52 937
August	42 082	8 173	50 254
September	42 014	8 612	50 626
October	44 522	8 124	52 645

TREND ESTIMATES ¹			
1994			
August	42 385	8 968	51 354
September	42 937	8 898	51 835
October	43 403	8 891	52 294
November	43 750	8 938	52 688
December	44 020	8 995	53 015

1995			
January	44 347	9 080	53 427
February	44 803	9 204	54 007
March	45 295	9 356	54 651
April	45 587	9 508	55 095
May	45 471	9 557	55 029
June	44 931	9 436	54 368
July	44 247	9 155	53 402
August	43 563	8 810	52 373
September	43 053	8 485	51 538
October	42 462	8 152	50 614

¹ Trend estimates for April 1995 to September 1995 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
1994								
August	44 685	6 528	973	376	64	302	52 928	1 569
September	42 373	6 390	877	384	91	323	50 438	1 677
October	45 354	7 224	921	413	86	344	54 342	1 658
November	45 485	7 974	1 058	449	102	366	55 434	1 981
December	43 948	6 979	1 017	409	60	385	52 798	1 892
1995								
January	36 283	5 434	592	270	40	321	42 940	1 854
February	41 292	6 365	830	293	28	384	49 192	1 686
March	47 264	8 196	964	360	78	384	57 246	1 848
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	45 193	6 697	846	273	63	388	53 460	1 793

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									
1994									
August	19 943	12 382	9 032	3 382	5 270	1 331	516	1 072	52 928
September	18 124	11 489	9 230	3 619	5 245	1 247	550	934	50 438
October	19 342	12 743	10 762	3 371	5 358	1 274	592	900	54 342
November	20 419	12 554	9 910	3 733	5 925	1 280	607	1 006	55 434
December	17 623	12 527	10 918	3 490	5 379	1 363	463	1 035	52 798
1995									
January	15 906	9 628	7 354	2 876	5 016	879	478	803	42 940
February	17 808	11 740	8 868	3 365	5 008	1 003	530	870	49 192
March	20 896	14 066	9 602	4 025	5 593	1 097	774	1 193	57 246
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	18 768	12 296	10 746	3 644	5 135	1 280	656	935	53 460
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1994									
August	18 469	11 414	8 706	3 208	5 029	1 299	460	881	49 467
September	18 656	11 474	8 993	3 393	5 287	1 085	589	899	50 376
October	20 371	12 707	10 724	3 300	5 443	1 294	567	946	55 351
November	18 262	12 192	9 769	3 410	5 598	1 267	576	867	51 941
December	18 391	12 473	10 628	3 459	5 100	887	550	1 113	52 602
1995									
January	20 104	12 725	9 316	3 773	5 895	1 201	683	1 101	54 797
February	19 395	12 306	9 855	3 637	5 232	1 198	652	966	53 240
March	18 160	12 762	8 054	3 632	4 976	1 081	690	1 083	50 439
April	21 694	11 902	13 274	3 331	5 129	1 059	545	960	57 892
May	19 274	14 111	10 739	4 201	6 173	1 434	826	1 193	57 951
June	18 434	14 052	8 926	3 798	5 946	1 218	842	1 153	54 369
July	19 339	10 492	12 656	3 022	4 943	1 065	496	926	52 937
August	17 402	12 592	8 705	3 731	5 065	1 198	626	936	50 254
September	17 273	12 609	9 455	3 326	5 179	1 115	649	1 020	50 626
October	19 304	11 611	10 417	3 416	5 116	1 255	614	911	52 645
TREND ESTIMATES ¹									
1994									
August	18 606	11 704	9 781	3 360	5 221	1 221	545	915	51 354
September	18 847	11 890	9 759	3 364	5 296	1 215	547	917	51 835
October	18 966	12 110	9 766	3 389	5 373	1 191	561	936	52 294
November	19 054	12 285	9 798	3 433	5 412	1 159	581	967	52 688
December	19 162	12 393	9 833	3 495	5 402	1 131	599	1 000	53 015
1995									
January	19 296	12 520	9 877	3 579	5 379	1 121	624	1 031	53 427
February	19 469	12 655	10 014	3 646	5 384	1 132	653	1 055	54 007
March	19 633	12 773	10 228	3 690	5 422	1 157	678	1 070	54 651
April	19 631	12 860	10 476	3 702	5 473	1 182	696	1 075	55 095
May	19 401	12 863	10 629	3 674	5 498	1 198	697	1 068	55 029
June	19 005	12 747	10 594	3 622	5 468	1 195	685	1 051	54 368
July	18 625	12 550	10 399	3 558	5 391	1 188	666	1 026	53 402
August	18 316	12 316	10 155	3 489	5 277	1 181	645	994	52 373
September	18 120	12 096	9 964	3 427	5 165	1 179	625	962	51 538
October	17 899	11 926	9 629	3 381	5 053	1 176	612	939	50 614

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NEW PASSENGER VEHICLES, Selected Make/Models: **Original**— October 1995

Make/Model	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Ford									
Falcon/Fairmont	2 144	1 970	1 228	456	609	89	45	106	6 647
Festiva	666	316	289	130	146	35	12	20	1 614
Laser	332	228	138	54	42	10	1	19	824
Other	305	288	191	75	85	13	6	23	986
Total	3 447	2 802	1 846	715	882	147	64	168	10 071
Holden									
Commodore/Calais	2 319	1 616	1 458	655	486	170	72	149	6 925
Barina	334	189	225	56	122	28	12	18	984
Statesman/Caprice	141	126	74	36	41	8	2	10	438
Other	209	177	107	52	95	10	..	7	657
Total	3 003	2 108	1 864	799	744	216	86	184	9 004
Hyundai									
Excel	704	447	454	110	324	44	25	34	2 142
Lantra	154	56	56	13	49	5	3	12	348
Sonata	119	65	92	16	40	5	4	1	342
Other	23	35	2	..	4	2	66
Total	1 000	603	604	139	417	54	32	49	2 898
Mazda									
121	253	128	180	54	64	66	13	17	775
323	253	159	106	42	45	18	5	9	637
626	110	70	38	18	23	1	1	7	268
Other	53	28	18	6	8	..	1	4	118
Total	669	385	342	120	140	85	20	37	1 798
Mitsubishi									
Magna	685	618	409	500	196	93	12	57	2 570
Lancer	320	268	249	51	77	26	12	23	1 026
Pajero	162	68	134	26	52	12	8	9	471
Other	127	77	42	26	13	7	2	15	309
Total	1 294	1 031	834	603	338	138	34	104	4 376
Nissan									
Micra	143	73	97	39	25	10	7	15	409
Pulsar	130	79	62	33	28	5	2	5	344
Patrol	84	69	86	14	60	8	6	1	328
Other	152	111	112	25	21	3	1	2	427
Total	509	332	357	111	134	26	16	23	1 508
Toyota									
Corolla	986	589	311	105	269	172	26	49	2 507
Camry	649	381	280	94	152	64	40	46	1 706
Landcruiser	257	169	264	30	159	11	41	13	944
Other	987	504	488	117	172	28	28	30	2 354
Total	2 879	1 643	1 343	346	752	275	135	138	7 511

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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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 Queensland, the statistics shown do not depart significantly from actual registrations during the period.

In the case of Queensland, a number of registrations processed in a month actually relate to vehicles registered prior to that month. Because of the lags from purchase to registration, and processing lags, the published statistics for the period can vary from actual sales of new vehicles for the same period.

4 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

5 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.

6 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).

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

8 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.

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

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TREND ESTIMATES

10 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.

11 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

12 For a more detailed break-up of the monthly figures presented here, inquiries should be made to Clare Newman 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

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- 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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