

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

AUSTRALIA
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DECEMBER KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Dec 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	50 794	0.0	-4.3
Passenger vehicles	42 788	0.3	-2.8
Other vehicles	8 006	-1.2	-11.6

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Dec 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	52 105	5.7	-1.2
Passenger vehicles	43 780	5.3	1.0
Other vehicles	8 325	7.8	-11.2

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

	Dec 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	50 650	-2.5	-4.1
Passenger vehicles	42 978	-1.6	-2.2
Other vehicles	7 672	-7.2	-13.3

DECEMBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend for total new motor vehicle registrations for December 1995 remains at the same level as the previous month, and is 6.9 per cent below the April 1995 high and 4.3 per cent lower than in December 1994. Passenger vehicle registrations have increased slightly over the previous month but are still 2.8 per cent lower than in December 1994.

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

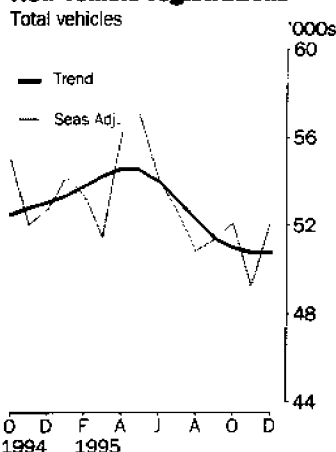
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- Total new motor vehicle registrations for December 1995 increased 5.7 per cent over the previous month but were 1.2 per cent below the level in December 1994. Passenger vehicle registrations rose by 5.3 per cent in December 1995 compared to November 1995. Other vehicle registrations increased 7.8 per cent during the same period, although they were 11.2 per cent lower than December 1994.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- Total new motor vehicle registrations fell by 2.5 per cent in December 1995 and were 4.1 per cent lower than in December 1994. Other vehicles registrations decreased by 7.2 per cent from November 1995 while passenger vehicle registrations fell by 1.6 per cent. All States and Territories recorded a decrease in total registrations for December 1995 with the exception of Queensland and Tasmania.

New vehicle registrations



INQUIRIES

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

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

TREND REVISIONS

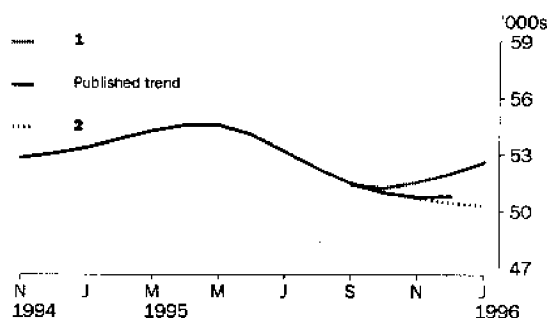
The most recent trend estimates are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

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

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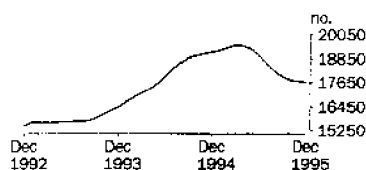


A rise of 5.2 per cent in total seasonally adjusted new motor vehicle registrations for January 1996 would produce a marked increase in the revised trend from October 1995. A similar decrease in the seasonally adjusted figure for January 1996 would slow the rate of decline in the revised trend.

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Australian Statistician

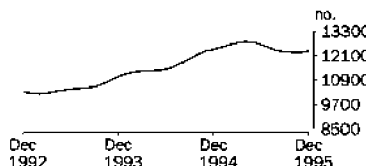
VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY STATE: Trend series

NEW SOUTH WALES



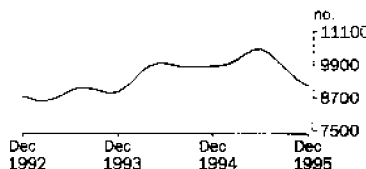
The trend estimate for December 1995 has fallen sharply since April 1995 although the rate of decrease has slowed in recent months.

VICTORIA



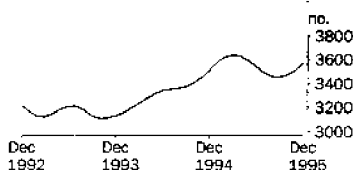
Registrations in Victoria have risen slightly in the last two months to be 3.2 per cent below the peak in May 1995.

QUEENSLAND



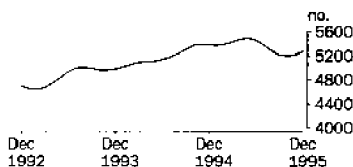
The Queensland trend series has continued to decline since the June 1995 peak. This followed a general rise since March 1993.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



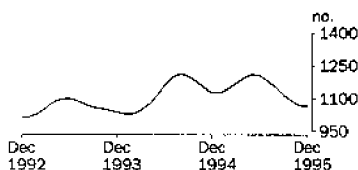
The trend level has been rising over the last three months following consecutive falls in the previous six months.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



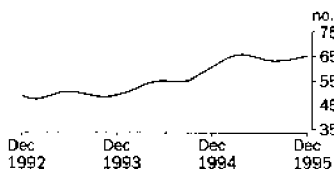
The trend level has risen in the last two months although the December 1995 figure is 3.8 per cent below the peak in May 1995.

TASMANIA



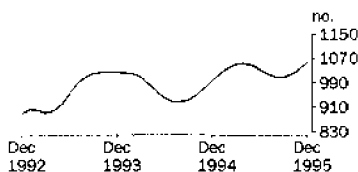
The Tasmanian trend series has continued to decline and is now 12.0 per cent below the peak in May 1995 and equals the September 1993 level.

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Gradual increases in the trend level over the last five months have returned the level to that recorded for May 1995.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



The trend level has risen over the last three months after falling in the previous five months. The current level is the highest since August 1991.



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By Type: All Series

Month	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ORIGINAL			
1994			
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	45 179	8 310	53 489
November	43 685	8 266	51 951
December	42 978	7 672	50 650
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
1994			
October	45 804	9 216	55 019
November	42 791	9 219	52 011
December	43 334	9 378	52 712
1995			
January	45 312	8 909	54 221
February	44 471	8 931	53 402
March	42 540	8 928	51 468
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	43 780	8 325	52 105
TREND ESTIMATES ¹			
1994			
October	43 534	8 936	52 469
November	43 804	8 996	52 800
December	43 998	9 060	53 058
1995			
January	44 226	9 147	53 373
February	44 547	9 252	53 799
March	44 896	9 360	54 255
April	45 122	9 443	54 565
May	45 097	9 451	54 548
June	44 711	9 320	54 031
July	44 134	9 057	53 191
August	43 516	8 733	52 250
September	43 016	8 451	51 467
October	42 771	8 247	51 018
November	42 680	8 103	50 783
December	42 788	8 006	50 794

¹ Trend estimates for June 1995 to November 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								
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	45 179	6 680	907	273	62	388	53 489	1 775
November	43 685	6 610	871	303	91	391	51 951	2 251
December	42 978	6 244	732	252	81	363	50 650	2 016

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									
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	18 775	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	16 772	12 059	9 544	3 546	5 411	1 734	539	1 045	50 650
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1994									
October	19 997	12 916	10 477	3 367	5 457	1 248	588	970	55 019
November	18 363	12 260	9 747	3 415	5 512	1 253	571	891	52 011
December	18 628	12 386	10 527	3 510	5 111	907	555	1 087	52 712
1995									
January	19 900	12 602	9 263	3 711	5 797	1 200	678	1 068	54 221
February	19 369	12 430	9 917	3 609	5 267	1 196	642	972	53 402
March	18 375	12 720	8 884	3 602	5 049	1 099	673	1 066	51 468
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	18 464	12 175	9 377	3 757	5 408	1 177	650	1 096	52 105
TREND ESTIMATES ¹									
1994									
October	19 004	12 176	9 818	3 407	5 368	1 179	567	950	52 469
November	19 078	12 332	9 833	3 453	5 394	1 150	587	973	52 800
December	19 165	12 420	9 848	3 510	5 384	1 128	605	997	53 058
1995									
January	19 268	12 524	9 861	3 577	5 371	1 126	625	1 021	53 373
February	19 398	12 632	9 935	3 622	5 387	1 143	644	1 038	53 799
March	19 522	12 717	10 078	3 638	5 428	1 169	655	1 048	54 255
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	18 622	12 509	10 352	3 494	5 377	1 182	633	1 021	53 191
August	18 252	12 376	10 079	3 463	5 289	1 152	631	1 009	52 250
September	17 959	12 298	9 777	3 457	5 218	1 117	633	1 008	51 467
October	17 788	12 284	9 520	3 478	5 202	1 090	638	1 018	51 018
November	17 706	12 289	9 316	3 512	5 215	1 067	644	1 033	50 783
December	17 671	12 352	9 147	3 572	5 280	1 064	652	1 056	50 794

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Make/Model	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Ford									
Falcon/Fairmont	2 406	2 694	1 350	569	861	152	55	191	8 278
Festiva	354	265	254	118	97	14	6	16	1 124
Fairlane	127	148	83	22	46	9	6	9	450
Other	266	268	162	80	74	19	5	17	891
Total	3 153	3 375	1 849	789	1 078	194	72	233	10 743
Holden									
Commodore/Calais	2 531	1 789	1 448	593	666	173	44	185	7 429
Barina	261	122	191	53	114	51	6	15	813
Statesman/Caprice	196	192	61	33	54	7	2	8	553
Other	174	123	75	32	62	3	2	9	480
Total	3 162	2 226	1 775	711	896	234	54	217	9 275
Hyundai									
Excel	897	544	428	121	366	36	32	59	2 483
Lantra	129	93	28	14	31	4	3	9	311
Sonata	61	57	29	12	45	6	6	1	217
Other	11	12	2	2	3	30
Total	1 098	706	487	149	445	46	41	69	3 041
Mazda									
121	194	64	114	34	25	22	9	17	479
323	153	99	83	33	40	8	6	12	434
626	78	30	25	8	14	2	157
Other	39	14	12	9	5	1	..	3	83
Total	464	207	234	84	84	31	15	34	1 153
Mitsubishi									
Magna	673	568	416	278	226	149	15	73	2 398
Lancer	216	197	164	77	83	16	11	19	783
Pajero	146	54	105	31	33	9	1	6	385
Other	97	72	43	30	21	4	2	6	275
Total	1 132	891	728	416	363	178	29	104	3 841
Nissan									
Pulsar	138	87	97	24	32	55	1	6	440
Micra	82	55	79	28	59	4	1	5	313
Patrol	61	46	71	14	48	1	5	3	249
Other	130	104	85	24	37	12	2	3	397
Total	411	292	332	90	176	72	9	17	1 399
Toyota									
Camry	568	556	441	127	159	61	25	38	1 975
Corolla	794	321	304	130	186	93	16	85	1 929
Landcruiser	312	176	268	64	154	19	15	4	1 012
Other	796	449	378	89	165	30	16	61	1 984
Total	2 470	1 502	1 391	410	664	203	72	188	6 900

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 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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