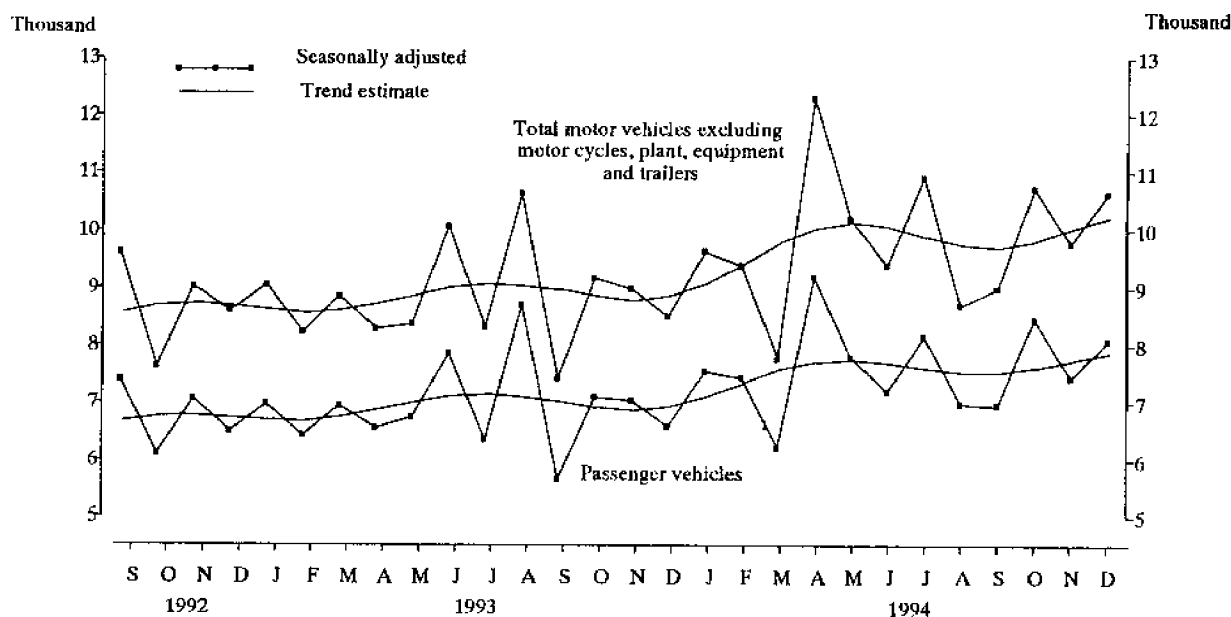


**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER 1994**

**MAIN FEATURES**

- In seasonally adjusted terms, total new motor vehicle registrations (excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers) for December 1994 rose by 8.8 per cent when compared with the figure for November 1994. The unadjusted figure for registrations in December 1994 showed an increase of 10.2 per cent for the same period.
- The unadjusted figure for new registrations for 1994 (117,555) was 10.8 per cent higher than that for 1993 (106,065). Registrations of the top five makes showed that Holden and Mazda increased their share of the market by 1.3 per cent and 0.6 per cent, respectively, whereas Ford, Toyota and Nissan decreased their share by 1.2 per cent, 0.8 per cent and 0.6 per cent, respectively. New registrations for passenger vehicles for 1994 showed that the Holden Commodore/Calais model (13,743) increased its share of the market from 13.8 per cent in 1993 to 15.1 per cent, while the Ford Falcon/Fairmont model (13,040) maintained its share at 14.4 per cent.

**DIAGRAM 1 - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, QUEENSLAND**



**NOTES**

New motor vehicle registration statistics relate to the number of registrations processed by the motor vehicle registration authority in Queensland during the period. Due to delays in processing registrations and changes in the rate of processing, readers are advised to use caution in analysing the monthly original and seasonally adjusted series.

Readers are advised that the trend estimates for the most recent months are revised when data for later months become available. Explanatory Notes are located on page 7 of this publication.

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TABLE 1 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES BY VEHICLE TYPE, QUEENSLAND

Period	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks			Buses	Total vehicles (a)	Motor cycles	Plant, equipment and trailers
			Rigid	Articulated	Non-freight-carrying				
1988-89	74,731	17,555	2,640	706	304	729	96,665	3,922	17,205
1989-90	79,824	18,751	2,780	838	478	660	103,331	4,066	16,706
1990-91 (b)	78,040	17,680	2,208	406	321	675	99,330	4,023	14,540
1991-92	76,493	16,481	2,187	400	115	810	96,486	3,667	15,345
1992-93	81,656	18,916	2,316	524	91	899	104,402	3,865	16,923
1993-94	86,045	20,489	2,488	739	144	778	110,683	3,522	19,071
1993—									
October	7,230	1,792	236	47	10	82	9,397	254	1,602
November	6,608	1,628	216	59	16	58	8,585	282	1,618
December	7,495	1,628	172	51	8	67	9,421	266	1,867
1994—									
January	5,779	1,343	162	40	3	46	7,373	326	1,292
February	6,703	1,477	169	38	8	60	8,455	311	1,399
March	7,318	1,530	199	60	7	53	9,167	341	1,633
April	8,032	2,109	176	61	8	61	10,447	287	1,476
May	7,594	2,131	240	85	15	84	10,149	305	1,549
June	7,752	2,206	312	116	28	62	10,476	285	1,906
July	8,649	2,517	275	100	10	85	11,636	293	1,629
August	7,294	1,377	203	84	6	68	9,032	339	1,752
September	7,352	1,514	190	93	9	72	9,230	314	1,928
October	8,375	1,939	245	100	15	88	10,762	258	1,788
November	7,462	1,970	259	101	28	90	9,910	371	1,830
December	8,540	1,888	264	84	21	121	10,918	379	1,896

(a) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers. (b) From January 1991, data compiled via the new processing system, see Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES: ORIGINAL, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATE SERIES, QUEENSLAND

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted series		Trend estimate series (a)	
	Passenger vehicles	Total (b)	Passenger vehicles	Total (b)	Passenger vehicles	Total (b)
1993—						
October	7,230	9,397	7,095	9,173	6,923	8,866
November	6,608	8,585	7,037	8,990	6,870	8,788
December	7,495	9,421	6,587	8,506	6,941	8,870
1994—						
January	5,779	7,373	7,546	9,630	7,114	9,092
February	6,703	8,455	7,437	9,390	7,344	9,419
March	7,318	9,167	6,215	7,762	7,585	9,790
April	8,032	10,447	9,204	12,299	7,705	10,029
May	7,594	10,149	7,790	10,192	7,747	10,135
June	7,752	10,476	7,198	9,397	7,691	10,061
July	8,649	11,636	8,144	10,914	7,596	9,893
August	7,294	9,032	6,986	8,706	7,531	9,748
September	7,352	9,230	6,957	8,993	7,527	9,707
October	8,375	10,762	8,462	10,724	7,615	9,826
November	7,462	9,910	7,424	9,769	7,747	10,029
December	8,540	10,918	8,076	10,628	7,869	10,226

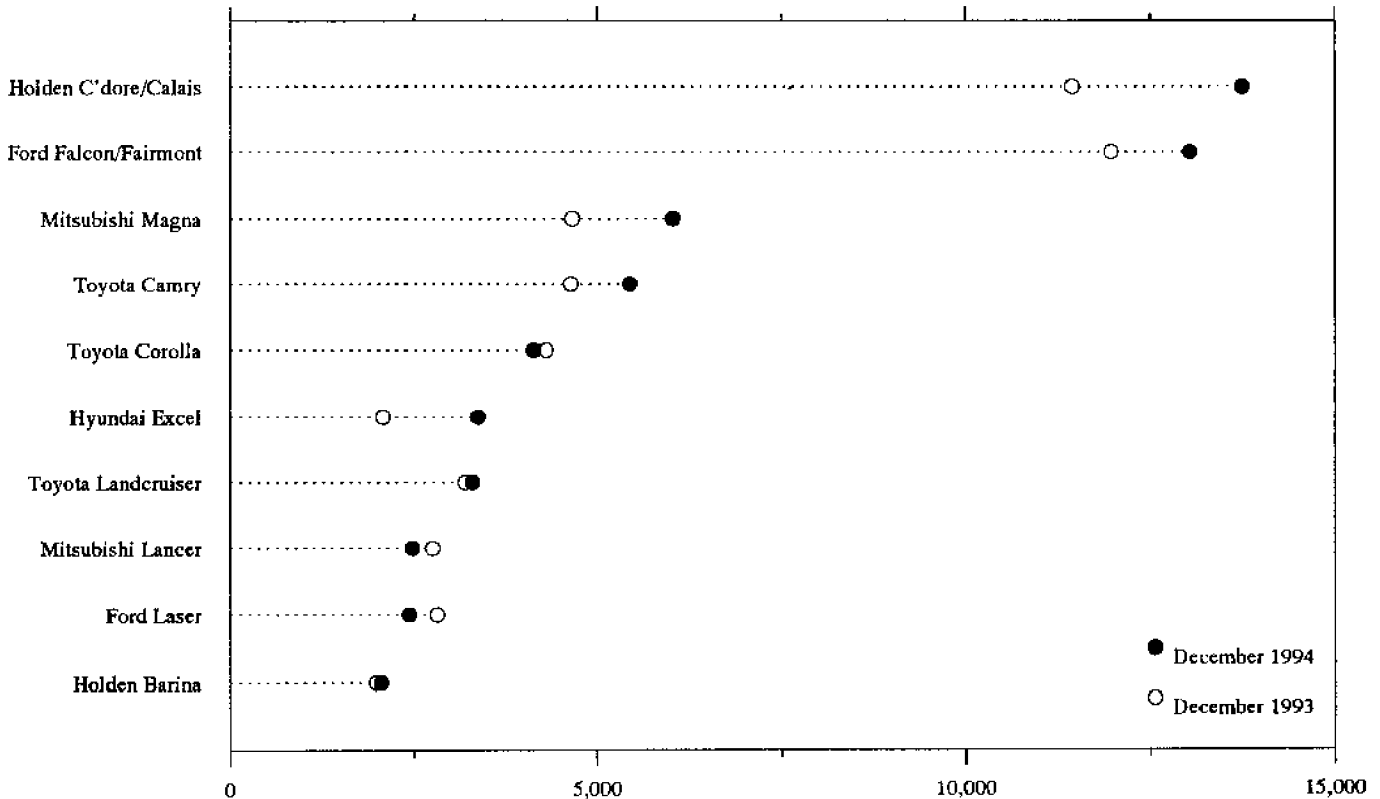
(a) Trend estimate (smoothed seasonally adjusted) series are revised as additional observations become available. See paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers.

TABLE 3 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW PASSENGER VEHICLES BY SELECTED MAKE AND MODEL, QUEENSLAND

Make and model	December 1994		12 months ended December 1994		Make and model	December 1994		12 months ended December 1994	
	No.	Per cent (a)	No.	Per cent (a)		No.	Per cent (a)	No.	Per cent (a)
Ford					Mazda				
Falcon/Fairmont	1,282	15.0	13,040	14.4	121	161	1.9	1,409	1.6
Laser	245	2.9	2,432	2.7	323	131	1.5	1,191	1.3
Festiva	222	2.6	1,743	1.9	626	55	0.6	905	1.0
Other	117	1.4	1,655	1.8	Other	30	0.4	359	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>18,870</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3,864</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Holden					Mitsubishi				
Commodore/Calais	1,530	17.9	13,743	15.1	Magna	585	6.9	6,027	6.6
Statesman/Caprice	105	1.2	819	0.9	Lancer	193	2.3	2,483	2.7
Barina	153	1.8	2,056	2.3	Pajero	123	1.4	1,857	2.0
Other	122	1.4	1,470	1.6	Other	73	0.9	893	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>18,088</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>11,260</b>	<b>12.4</b>
Hyundai					Toyota				
Excel	298	3.5	3,381	3.7	Corolla	496	5.8	4,139	4.6
Sonata	31	0.4	586	0.6	Camry	429	5.0	5,441	6.0
Lantra	11	0.1	338	0.4	Landeruise	293	3.4	3,301	3.6
Other	4	—	105	0.1	Other	455	5.3	4,639	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4,410</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>17,520</b>	<b>19.3</b>

(a) Of total registrations of passenger vehicles.

DIAGRAM 2 - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES:  
TOP 10 MODELS OF PASSENGER VEHICLES, QUEENSLAND,  
12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 1994 COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1993



**TABLE 4 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a): VEHICLE TYPE BY NUMBER OF CYLINDERS, QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER 1994**

Vehicle type	Number of cylinders				Total	Per cent	Brisbane Statistical Division
	4	6	8	Other and unknown			
Passenger vehicles	4,140	3,989	258	153	8,540	75.6	4,952
Light commercial vehicles	1,345	501	24	18	1,888	16.7	700
Rigid trucks	145	118	—	1	264	2.3	153
Articulated trucks	—	79	5	—	84	0.7	33
Non-freight-carrying trucks	10	11	—	—	21	0.2	18
Buses	42	79	—	—	121	1.1	49
Motor cycles	—	—	—	379	379	3.4	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,682</b>	<b>4,777</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>11,297</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,043</b>

(a) Excluding plant, equipment, trailers and tractors.

**TABLE 5 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a): FUEL TYPE BY VEHICLE TYPE, QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER 1994**

Fuel type	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks			Buses	Total vehicles (b)	Motor cycles
			Rigid	Articulated	Non-freight-carrying			
Petrol	8,247	1,200	17	1	11	20	9,496	379
Diesel	246	671	247	83	9	98	1,354	—
Electric	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gas	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other (including dual fuel)	47	16	—	—	1	3	67	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,540</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>10,918</b>	<b>379</b>

(a) Excluding plant, equipment and trailers. (b) Excluding motor cycles.

**TABLE 6 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a): AREA OF REGISTRATION BY VEHICLE TYPE, QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER 1994**

Area	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks			Buses	Total vehicles (b)	Motor cycles
			Rigid	Articulated	Non-freight-carrying			
Brisbane Statistical Division	4,952	700	153	33	18	49	5,905	138
Rest of State	3,588	1,188	111	51	3	72	5,013	241
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,540</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>10,918</b>	<b>379</b>

(a) Excluding plant, equipment and trailers. (b) Excluding motor cycles.

**TABLE 7 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND TRAILERS: AREA OF REGISTRATION BY TYPE, QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER 1994**

Area	Caravans	Plant and equipment (a)	Trailers			Total	Total
			Box	Boat	Other		
Brisbane Statistical Division	43	23	370	238	107	715	781
Rest of State	34	87	551	314	129	994	1,115
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>1,896</b>

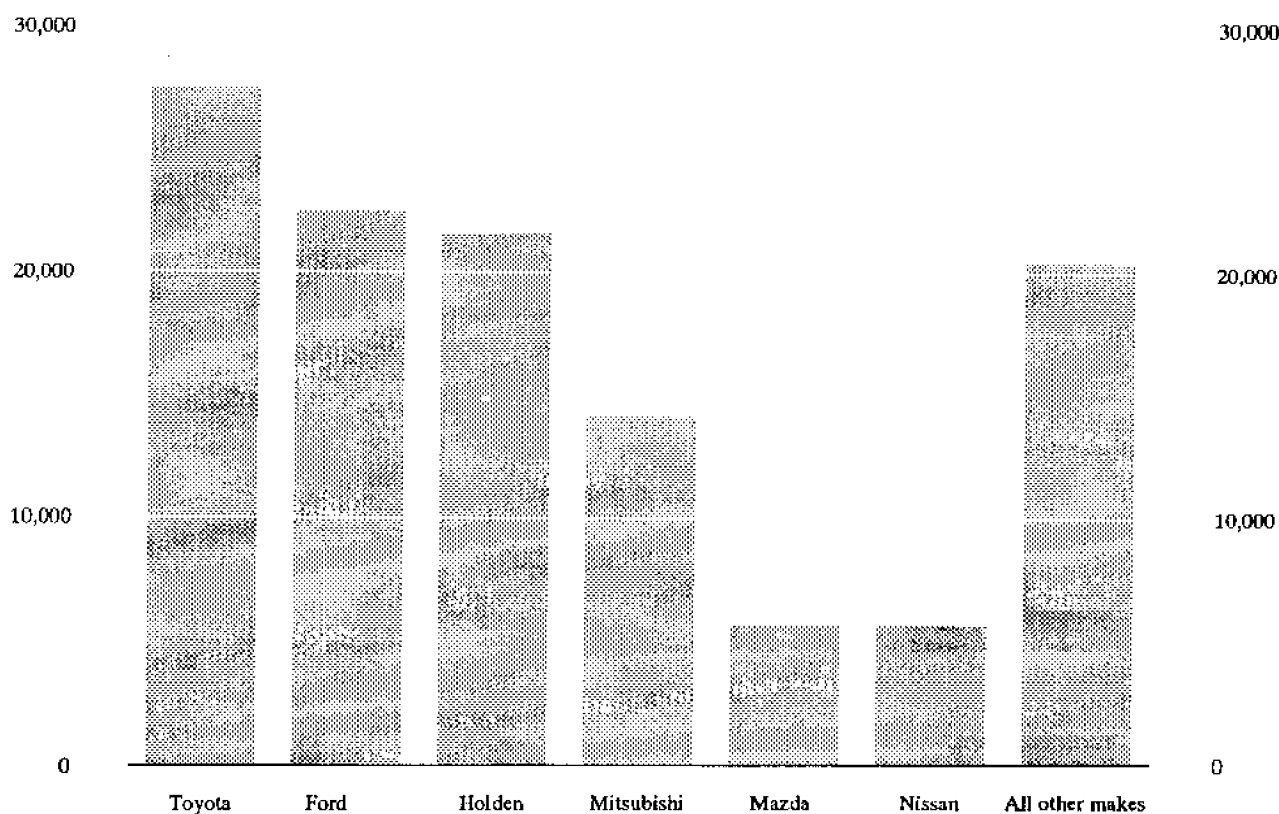
(a) Including tractors.

TABLE 8 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a): SELECTED MAKES BY VEHICLE TYPE, QUEENSLAND, TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 1994

Make	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks			Buses	Total vehicles
			Rigid	Articulated	Non-freight-carrying		
BMW	1,086	—	—	—	—	—	1,086
Daihatsu	2,396	127	58	—	—	—	2,581
Ford	18,870	3,195	356	64	53	—	22,538
Hino	—	—	229	3	9	12	253
Holden	18,088	3,481	—	—	34	—	21,603
Honda	2,468	—	—	—	—	—	2,468
Hyundai	4,410	120	—	—	—	—	4,530
Isuzu	—	—	590	4	11	4	609
Kenworth	—	—	2	202	—	—	204
Land Rover	872	126	—	—	—	1	999
Mack	—	—	29	176	1	—	206
Mazda	3,864	1,626	196	—	10	10	5,706
Mercedes-Benz	526	—	33	29	5	12	605
Mitsubishi	11,260	2,393	468	5	9	—	14,135
Nissan	3,774	1,854	—	—	—	16	5,644
Subaru	1,265	5	—	—	—	—	1,270
Suzuki	1,597	94	—	—	—	—	1,691
Toyota	17,520	8,855	310	—	11	784	27,480
Volvo	548	—	66	150	—	16	780
Other	2,306	125	357	329	15	35	3,167
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,850</b>	<b>22,001</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>117,555</b>

(a) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers.

DIAGRAM 3 - REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES BY SELECTED MAKES, QUEENSLAND, TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 1994 (a)



(a) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers.

TABLE 9 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR CYCLES BY MAKE (a), QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER 1994

Make	Number	Make	Number	Make	Number
Harley-Davidson	91	Kawasaki	44	Yamaha	103
Honda	96	Suzuki	22	Other and unknown	23
<b>Total</b>					<b>379</b>

(a) Only those makes which account for at least 5 per cent of the total are specified.

TABLE 10 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW RIGID TRUCKS: MAKE BY GROSS VEHICLE MASS (a), QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER 1994

Make (b)	Gross vehicle mass (tonnes)							Not stated	Total
	3.5 to 5	Over 5 to 8	Over 8 to 12	Over 12 to 16	Over 16 to 20	Over 20 to 30	Over 30		
Ford	19	12	—	—	—	9	—	—	40
Hino	—	—	11	4	—	1	—	—	16
International	—	—	—	7	1	9	—	—	17
Isuzu	18	14	10	11	1	3	—	1	58
Mazda	19	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
Mitsubishi	12	4	6	6	—	6	—	—	34
Toyota	13	9	—	—	—	—	—	2	24
UD Nissan	—	—	4	6	—	2	—	3	15
Other and unknown	6	1	—	1	1	13	—	6	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>264</b>

(a) The Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) is the maximum laden mass at which the vehicle should be operated as recommended by the manufacturer. (b) Only those makes which account for at least 5 per cent of the total are specified.

TABLE 11 — REGISTRATIONS OF NEW ARTICULATED TRUCKS: MAKE BY GROSS COMBINATION MASS (a), QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER 1994

Make (b)	Gross combination mass (tonnes)				Total
	Under 41.0	41.0 to 42.5	Over 42.5	Not stated	
Ford	1	4	—	—	5
International	—	11	1	—	12
Kenworth	—	10	4	—	14
Mack	1	11	3	—	15
Volvo	1	12	3	—	16
Western Star	—	9	4	—	13
Other and unknown	2	7	—	—	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>84</b>

(a) The Gross Combination Mass (GCM) is the amount specified for the vehicle by the manufacturer as being the maximum of the sum of the laden mass of the vehicle plus the maximum laden mass of any vehicle which might be towed as a semitrailer or trailer. In Queensland, however, the prime mover and trailer or semitrailer are not registered as one unit and an estimate of the GCM has been made. (b) Only those makes which account for at least 5 per cent of the total are specified.

TABLE 12 — NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER AT 30 JUNE: YEAR BY VEHICLE TYPE, QUEENSLAND ('000)

At 30 June	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks			Buses	Total vehicles (a)	Motor cycles	Plant, equipment and trailers
			Rigid	Articulated	Non-freight-carrying				
1989	1,222.3	319.7	56.7	10.2	7.6	10.5	1,627.0	66.4	382.1
1990	1,272.1	329.0	55.6	10.6	9.3	10.7	1,687.3	64.6	393.6
1991	1,304.9	333.1	54.2	10.3	8.3	11.0	1,721.8	65.1	400.6
1992	1,343.8	338.7	54.4	10.4	8.7	11.1	1,767.1	65.7	408.8
1993	1,393.6	348.0	55.2	10.7	8.8	11.5	1,827.6	67.3	423.9
1994	1,454.4	361.2	56.5	11.3	10.4	12.1	1,905.8	69.2	440.2

(a) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Source and scope

Motor vehicle registration statistics are obtained from data made available by both the Queensland Department of Transport and the Commonwealth Department of Administrative Services. These data reflect the information recorded in registration documents. The statistics in this publication are based, from January 1991 onwards, on new processing procedures using the new Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) system which allows more accurate classification of vehicles. As a result data processed on this system are not strictly comparable with those processed on the old system.

2. The statistics include vehicles with diplomatic and consular plates and government owned vehicles (other than defence service vehicles). Although registration of recreation vehicles intended for use in public places other than roads is compulsory, particulars of such vehicles are excluded from this publication. New motor vehicle registrations apply to factory-new vehicles registered for the first time.

### Seasonal adjustment and trend estimates

3. Original, seasonally adjusted and trend estimate series for registrations of new motor vehicles are shown in Table 2. The two component series 'passenger vehicles' and 'other vehicles' are each adjusted separately, and the adjusted figures for total registrations are obtained by adding together the two component series. In the seasonally adjusted series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months.

4. Seasonally adjusted statistics should not be regarded as in any way definitive. In interpreting particular seasonally adjusted statistics it is important to bear in mind the methods by which they have been derived and the limitations to which the methods used are subject.

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 on the series may be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of introducing new models or of industrial disputes. Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

6. The seasonally adjusted series can, however, be smoothed to reduce the impact of the irregular component in the adjusted series. This smoothed seasonally adjusted series is called a trend estimate series and is shown in Table 2. The trend estimate has been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the series.

7. While this technique enables smoothed data for the latest period to be produced, it does result in revisions to the smoothed series for the most recent months as additional observations become available. Similarly, the seasonally adjusted series is subject to revision.

8. For more information on seasonal adjustment of this series, users should refer to the ABS publication *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0) and for information on smoothing of time series generally, users should refer to the ABS Information Paper *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series - Estimates of 'Trend'* (1316.0).

### Classification of vehicles

9. Decoding of the VIN has resulted in better identification of each vehicle body code and consequently consistent classification of vehicles to particular categories between different States and Territories. Vehicles such as utilities and cab-chassis, which were sometimes classified to small trucks, are now consistently classified to light commercial vehicles. In addition, duplicate records, out of scope vehicles and those vehicles not registered for the first time can now be more accurately identified and therefore excluded from the statistics.

10. *Passenger vehicles.* Vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of fewer than 10 passengers (including the driver). Included are cars, station wagons, 4WD passenger vehicles and forward control passenger vehicles.

11. *Light commercial vehicles.* Vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of goods and weighing less than 3.5 tonnes (prior to January 1991, 4 tonnes) gross vehicle mass (GVM). Included are utilities, panel vans, cab-chassis and forward control vehicles (whether 4WD or not).

12. *Rigid trucks.* Vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of goods with a gross vehicle mass (GVM) of 3.5 tonnes or more (prior to January 1991, 4 tonnes). Included are normal rigid trucks with a tow bar, draw bar or other non-articulated coupling on the rear for use with a trailer or dolly.

13. *Articulated trucks.* Vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of goods 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 (GCM) will be 3.5 tonnes or more (prior to January 1991, 4 tonnes).

14. *Non-freight-carrying trucks.* Includes specialist vehicles such as ambulances or mobile cranes or vehicles fitted with special purpose equipment and having no goods carrying capacity.

15. *Omnibuses.* Includes all passenger vehicles having more than nine seats, including the driver.

### Related publications

16. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

*Survey of Motor Vehicle Use* (9208.0) - Irregular - Latest issue: 30 September 1991 (\$19.00)

*Registrations of New Motor Vehicles, Preliminary* (9301.0) - Monthly - Latest issue: December 1994 (\$12.00)

*Motor Vehicle Census* (9309.0) - Irregular - Latest issue: 30 June 1993 (\$20.00)

EXPLANATORY NOTES — *continued***Related publications — *continued***

17. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (1101.0). The ABS also issues the *Publications Advice* (1105.0) on Tuesdays and Fridays which lists publications to be released in the next few days. Both the *Catalogue* and the *Publications Advice* are available from any ABS office.

**Unpublished statistics**

18. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to the contact shown at the front of this publication.

**Symbols and other usages**

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)  
— break in continuity of series

