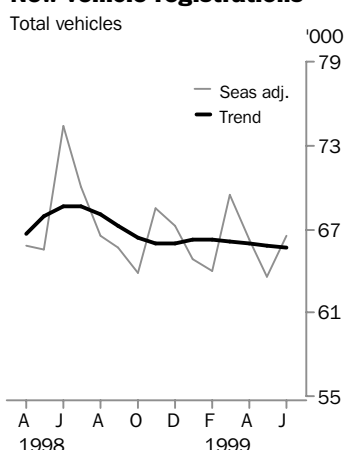


NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

AUSTRALIA
PRELIMINARY

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New vehicle registrations



JUNE KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Jun 1999	% change May 1999 to Jun 1999	% change Jun 1998 to Jun 1999
Total new motor vehicle registrations	65 735	0.0	-4.3
Passenger vehicles	55 735	0.2	-4.4
Other vehicles	10 000	-1.2	-3.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Jun 1999	% change May 1999 to Jun 1999	% change Jun 1998 to Jun 1999
Total new motor vehicle registrations	66 508	4.7	-10.6
Passenger vehicles	56 314	5.1	-11.4
Other vehicles	10 195	2.8	-5.7

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

	Jun 1999	% change May 1999 to Jun 1999	% change Jun 1998 to Jun 1999
Total new motor vehicle registrations	79 507	24.4	-9.7
Passenger vehicles	65 108	22.8	-11.0
Other vehicles	14 399	32.6	-3.4

JUNE KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend for total new motor vehicle registrations remained steady in June 1999 following a gradual decline recorded from February 1999 to May 1999. The trend for registrations of passenger vehicles rose by 0.2% while other vehicles fell by 1.2% this month.

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

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- Seasonally adjusted total new motor vehicle registrations rose by 4.7% this month. Seasonally adjusted registrations of passenger vehicles rose by 5.1% and other vehicles rose by 2.8% this month.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, the June 1999 estimates for total new motor vehicle registrations rose by 24.4% from the May 1999 total. Registrations of passenger vehicles and of other vehicles rose by 22.8% and 32.6% respectively above the May 1999 estimates.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Robin Walden on Brisbane 07 3222 6181, or any ABS office shown on the back cover of this publication.

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July 1999	27 August 1999
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

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TREND REVISIONS

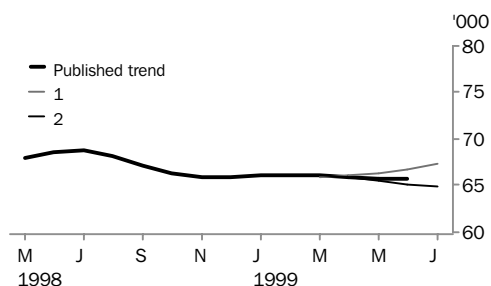
The most recent trend estimates are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

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

- 1 The July seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is higher than the June seasonally adjusted estimate by 4.5%.
- 2 The July seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is lower than the June seasonally adjusted estimate by -4.5%.

The percentage change of 4.5% was chosen because the average absolute percentage change, based on the last 11 years, has been 4.5%.

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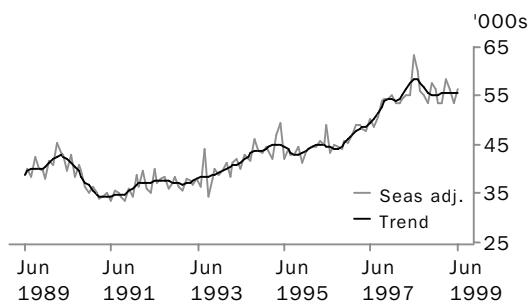


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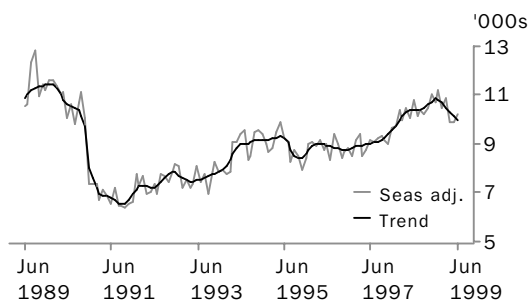
VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE(a)

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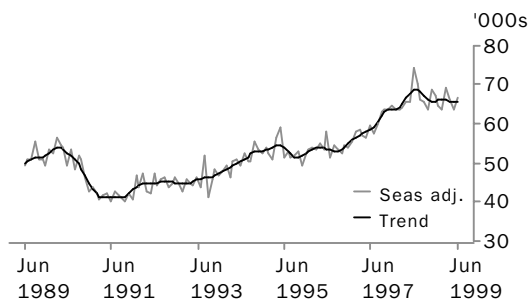
PASSENGER VEHICLES



OTHER VEHICLES



TOTAL VEHICLES (EXCLUDING MOTOR CYCLES)



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

NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By Type: All series(a)

Month	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ORIGINAL			
1998			
April	50 735	9 912	60 647
May	54 185	10 868	65 053
June	73 153	14 901	88 054
July	63 188	10 781	73 969
August	54 789	9 551	64 340
September	55 336	9 893	65 229
October	54 632	9 986	64 618
November	57 161	10 679	67 840
December	60 418	10 667	71 085
1999			
January	42 137	7 954	50 091
February	50 775	9 557	60 332
March	64 011	12 190	76 201
April	50 960	9 008	59 968
May	53 038	10 862	63 900
June	65 108	14 399	79 507
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
1998			
April	55 315	10 432	65 747
May	55 372	10 095	65 467
June	63 566	10 809	74 375
July	59 927	10 153	70 080
August	56 044	10 411	66 455
September	55 385	10 254	65 639
October	53 456	10 429	63 885
November	57 457	11 079	68 536
December	56 523	10 680	67 203
1999			
January	53 657	11 228	64 884
February	53 440	10 477	63 916
March	58 555	10 861	69 415
April	56 367	9 883	66 250
May	53 594	9 920	63 514
June	56 314	10 195	66 508
TREND ESTIMATES			
1998			
April	56 347	10 303	66 650
May	57 599	10 349	67 948
June	58 312	10 356	68 667
July	58 323	10 359	68 682
August	57 722	10 397	68 119
September	56 712	10 479	67 191
October	55 709	10 607	66 317
November	55 153	10 754	65 907
December	55 116	10 843	65 958
1999			
January	55 384	10 822	66 206
February	55 533	10 684	66 217
March	55 588	10 488	66 076
April	55 633	10 292	65 925
May	55 632	10 119	65 751
June	55 735	10 000	65 735

(a) Trend estimates for December 1998 to May 1999 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
1998								
April	50 735	8 153	1 003	341	105	310	60 647	2 185
May	54 185	9 031	1 038	353	101	345	65 053	2 013
June	73 153	12 702	1 275	418	104	402	88 054	2 145
July	63 188	8 760	1 178	372	110	361	73 969	2 333
August	54 789	7 700	1 040	413	85	313	64 340	2 276
September	55 336	8 012	1 132	327	127	295	65 229	2 681
October	54 632	7 987	1 077	401	176	345	64 618	2 692
November	57 161	8 853	1 099	358	107	262	67 840	2 869
December	60 418	8 732	1 222	295	111	307	71 085	2 740
1999								
January	42 137	6 823	625	207	43	256	50 091	2 178
February	50 775	7 996	942	247	57	315	60 332	2 451
March	64 011	10 230	1 215	310	111	324	76 201	2 720
April	50 960	7 437	976	265	79	251	59 968	2 195
May	53 038	8 988	1 200	342	80	252	63 900	2 437
June	65 108	12 034	1 473	436	101	355	79 507	2 565

NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By State: All series(a)

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
ORIGINAL									
1998									
April	20 571	14 962	11 760	4 063	6 190	1 033	750	1 318	60 647
May	22 357	16 074	11 489	4 379	7 456	1 242	784	1 272	65 053
June	29 143	21 013	18 552	5 761	8 977	1 600	1 212	1 796	88 054
July	25 440	18 620	13 800	5 092	7 239	1 497	648	1 633	73 969
August	21 692	16 286	12 018	4 540	6 386	1 351	638	1 429	64 340
September	22 314	16 597	12 434	4 166	6 378	1 496	606	1 238	65 229
October	21 881	16 794	12 048	4 237	6 515	1 233	730	1 180	64 618
November	23 924	17 170	12 658	4 475	6 443	1 324	609	1 237	67 840
December	23 041	18 902	13 934	4 342	7 060	1 773	684	1 349	71 085
1999									
January	17 168	12 677	9 449	3 045	5 402	976	442	932	50 091
February	20 483	15 786	11 371	3 923	6 104	928	650	1 087	60 332
March	26 240	19 529	14 784	4 809	7 395	1 227	916	1 301	76 201
April	20 664	17 003	9 460	3 815	6 069	1 098	826	1 033	59 968
May	23 163	16 427	11 134	3 966	6 205	1 113	772	1 120	63 900
June	27 338	20 684	14 800	4 695	8 575	1 128	885	1 402	79 507
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1998									
April	22 275	16 366	12 117	4 526	6 871	1 376	733	1 483	65 747
May	21 952	16 506	11 832	4 653	7 220	1 296	707	1 300	65 467
June	24 258	18 201	15 194	4 804	7 902	1 623	881	1 513	74 375
July	24 796	17 351	12 371	4 911	7 147	1 368	630	1 504	70 080
August	22 355	16 584	12 695	4 588	6 872	1 313	700	1 348	66 455
September	23 217	16 610	12 139	4 102	6 459	1 273	614	1 225	65 639
October	21 731	16 347	11 940	4 232	6 478	1 198	726	1 233	63 885
November	23 212	17 208	14 123	4 340	6 397	1 371	672	1 214	68 536
December	23 117	17 385	12 946	4 092	6 436	1 118	759	1 352	67 203
1999									
January	22 177	17 392	11 825	4 111	6 228	1 372	620	1 159	64 884
February	21 504	16 544	12 409	4 037	6 339	1 149	761	1 173	63 916
March	23 601	17 719	13 323	4 372	7 170	1 306	756	1 169	69 415
April	22 410	18 967	10 468	4 222	6 663	1 490	868	1 161	66 250
May	21 927	16 706	11 454	4 168	6 216	1 169	692	1 183	63 514
June	23 431	17 683	11 235	3 949	7 371	1 104	597	1 139	66 508
TREND ESTIMATES									
1998									
April	22 415	16 484	12 647	4 474	7 033	1 384	764	1 449	66 650
May	22 903	16 818	12 812	4 605	7 203	1 407	752	1 449	67 948
June	23 248	17 028	12 890	4 679	7 249	1 410	731	1 433	68 667
July	23 390	17 077	12 889	4 665	7 163	1 388	711	1 399	68 682
August	23 332	17 011	12 844	4 569	6 967	1 349	694	1 354	68 119
September	23 105	16 904	12 758	4 419	6 710	1 304	681	1 309	67 191
October	22 811	16 816	12 720	4 275	6 485	1 264	675	1 271	66 317
November	22 597	16 863	12 734	4 179	6 372	1 242	681	1 239	65 907
December	22 490	17 041	12 750	4 145	6 364	1 248	702	1 218	65 958
1999									
January	22 489	17 272	12 656	4 157	6 429	1 268	727	1 208	66 206
February	22 488	17 444	12 375	4 176	6 516	1 282	742	1 195	66 217
March	22 502	17 557	12 022	4 175	6 612	1 283	746	1 178	66 076
April	22 556	17 633	11 685	4 164	6 712	1 272	740	1 164	65 925
May	22 627	17 670	11 374	4 141	6 812	1 248	725	1 154	65 751
June	22 750	17 686	11 198	4 122	6 906	1 229	701	1 143	65 735

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NEW PASSENGER VEHICLES, Top Make/models: **Original**—June 1999

<i>Make/Model</i>	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
Toyota									
Camry/Vienta	1 897	1 324	989	230	376	59	60	95	5 030
Corolla	1 414	826	606	167	368	59	50	93	3 583
Landcruiser	450	316	362	83	221	18	54	5	1 509
Other	1 215	675	793	150	353	59	82	59	3 386
Total	4 976	3 141	2 750	630	1 318	195	246	252	13 508
Ford									
Falcon/Fairmont	2 360	2 179	1 534	336	594	65	43	199	7 310
Festiva	564	450	375	220	153	31	16	21	1 830
Laser	310	302	148	43	72	28	2	14	919
Other	288	260	192	46	116	7	4	26	939
Total	3 522	3 191	2 249	645	935	131	65	260	10 998
Holden									
Commodore/Calais	2 335	2 189	1 056	578	806	92	95	162	7 313
Vectra	285	356	157	74	47	8	2	18	947
Astra	261	190	79	51	81	6	2	13	683
Other	414	459	179	119	138	18	7	17	1 351
Total	3 295	3 194	1 471	822	1 072	124	106	210	10 294
Mitsubishi									
Magna	613	557	321	261	198	31	18	74	2 073
Lancer	380	392	164	105	143	3	15	29	1 231
Pajero	264	146	177	30	83	8	6	17	731
Other	542	218	141	59	110	17		27	1 114
Total	1 799	1 313	803	455	534	59	39	147	5 149
Nissan									
Pulsar	824	691	582	98	187	23	76	55	2 536
Patrol	327	239	313	64	219	10	28	11	1 211
Pathfinder	183	131	105	18	52	3	3	7	502
Other	50	73	76	15	21	2	1		238
Total	1 384	1 134	1 076	195	479	38	108	73	4 487
Hyundai									
Excel	987	678	462	172	458	71	19	39	2 886
Lantra	398	224	140	44	135	17	4	5	967
Sonata	95	55	50	21	51	4	1	3	280
Other	9	36	7	4	24	1			81
Total	1 489	993	659	241	668	93	24	47	4 214
Honda									
CRV	378	240	93	32	106	13	10	7	879
Civic	355	273	71	34	89	4		10	836
Accord	159	148	62	20	55	6	2	5	457
Other	251	159	53	17	73	7	4	9	573
Total	1 143	820	279	103	323	30	16	31	2 745

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication presents monthly data for registrations of new motor vehicles.
- 2** The statistics in this publication use the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), adopted by the State and Territory motor vehicle registration authorities. The information contained in the VIN allows more accurate classification of vehicles. In the case of some States, data processed using the VIN system are not strictly comparable with data processed prior to December 1990.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

- 3** Motor vehicle registration statistics are obtained from State and Territory motor vehicle registration authorities. The statistics reflect information recorded in registration documents. With the exception of Queensland, the statistics 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.
- 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 States, while other months include four weeks of data. In months where five weeks of data are processed and depending on the actual pattern of registration processing, 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.
- 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).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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 Extreme care should be exercised in using the seasonally adjusted series for new motor vehicle registrations in Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. The small numbers and volatile nature of these data makes reliable estimation of the seasonal pattern very difficult.

10 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.

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

TREND ESTIMATES

12 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.

13 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 more information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends'—an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

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14 For a more detailed break-up of the monthly figures presented here, enquiries should be made to Robin Walden on 07 3222 6181 or to any ABS office. Additional statistics, including registrations of trailers and caravans, are also available in the Special Data Service, *New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia* (9303.0.40.003). Data on total vehicle registrations are published annually in *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia, 31 October 1997* (Cat. no. 9309.0).

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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G L O S S A R Y

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	Vehicles constructed for the carriage of passengers. Included are all passenger vehicles with 10 seats or more, including the driver's seat.
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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