

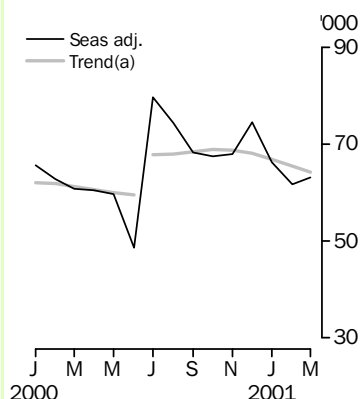
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

AUSTRALIA
PRELIMINARY

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New vehicle registrations

Total vehicles



MARCH KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Mar 2001	% change Feb 2001 to Mar 2001	% change Mar 2000 to Mar 2001
Total new motor vehicle registrations	64 193	-2.0	n.a.
Passenger vehicles	53 883	-2.4	n.a.
Other vehicles	10 310	-0.1	n.a.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Mar 2001	% change Feb 2001 to Mar 2001	% change Mar 2000 to Mar 2001
Total new motor vehicle registrations	63 250	2.3	4.0
Passenger vehicles	53 088	2.5	5.3
Other vehicles	10 162	1.2	-2.3

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

	Mar 2001	% change Feb 2001 to Mar 2001	% change Mar 2000 to Mar 2001
Total new motor vehicle registrations	67 629	15.4	-0.1
Passenger vehicles	56 772	15.2	0.9
Other vehicles	10 857	16.2	-5.2

MARCH KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for total new motor vehicle registrations fell by 2.0% in March 2001 compared with the previous month. Falls were recorded in all States and Territories for each of the last four months and in the Australia total for the last five months.

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

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total new motor vehicle registrations rose by 2.3% in March 2001 compared with the previous month. This follows falls in the previous two months.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- Total new motor vehicle registrations rose by 15.4% in March 2001 compared with the previous month. Rises were recorded in all States and Territories. Passenger vehicle registrations rose by 15.2% and other vehicle registrations rose by 16.2%.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Robin Walden on Brisbane 07 3222 6180, or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070 .

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
April 2001	25 May 2001
May 2001	29 June 2001
June 2001	27 July 2001
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

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TREND REVISIONS

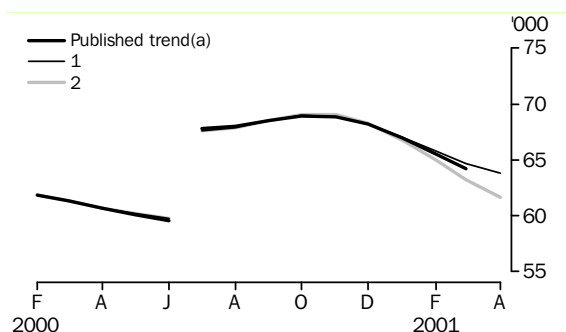
The most recent trend estimates are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

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

- 1 The April seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is higher than the March seasonally adjusted estimate by 4.1%.
- 2 The April seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is lower than the March seasonally adjusted estimate by -4.1%.

The percentage change of 4.1% was chosen because the average absolute percentage change, based on the last 11 years, has been 4.1%.

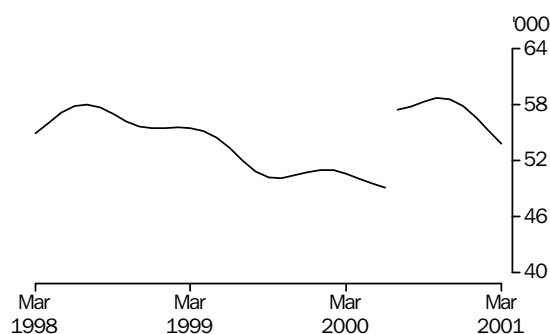
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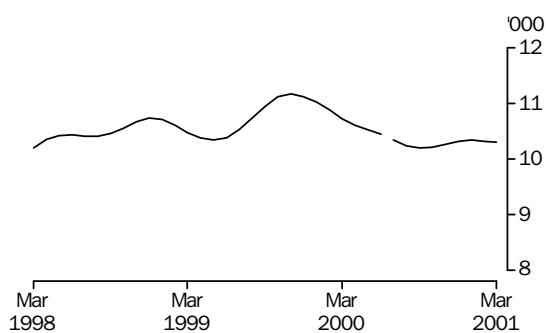
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VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE: Trend series(a)

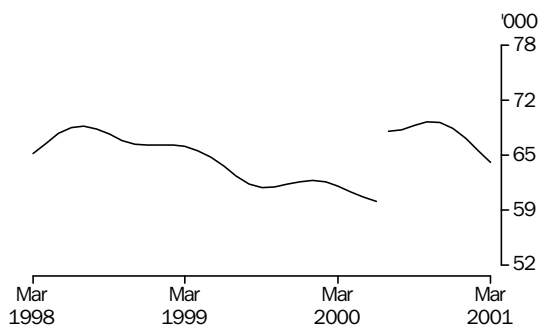
PASSENGER VEHICLES



OTHER VEHICLES



TOTAL VEHICLES (EXCLUDING MOTOR CYCLES)



(a) A break in the trend series occurred between June and July 2000 as a result of the introduction of the New Tax System.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By Type: All series

<i>Month</i>	<i>Passenger vehicles</i>	<i>Other vehicles</i>	<i>Total</i>
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ORIGINAL			
2000			
January	42 236	8 021	50 257
February	51 401	10 809	62 210
March	56 257	11 457	67 714
April	41 649	8 664	50 313
May	51 554	12 585	64 139
June	45 521	15 358	60 879
July	69 632	9 354	78 986
August	65 811	10 557	76 368
September	54 759	9 227	63 986
October	56 529	9 734	66 263
November	61 282	10 106	71 388
December	62 717	10 023	72 740
2001			
January	46 985	8 158	55 143
February	49 281	9 345	58 626
March	56 772	10 857	67 629
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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
2000			
January	54 233	11 405	65 638
February	51 921	10 991	62 912
March	50 435	10 403	60 838
April	50 074	10 417	60 491
May	48 821	10 873	59 694
June	37 610	10 985	48 595
July	70 133	9 547	79 680
August	63 915	10 572	74 487
September	58 129	10 171	68 300
October	57 434	10 160	67 594
November	58 145	9 844	67 989
December	63 825	10 756	74 581
2001			
January	55 635	10 676	66 311
February	51 787	10 039	61 826
March	53 088	10 162	63 250
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TREND ESTIMATES (a)			
2000			
January	51 035	11 026	62 061
February	50 964	10 884	61 848
March	50 581	10 732	61 313
April	50 065	10 610	60 675
May	49 572	10 528	60 100
June	49 123	10 449	59 572
July	57 478	10 343	67 821
August	57 760	10 244	68 004
September	58 349	10 198	68 547
October	58 740	10 211	68 951
November	58 596	10 272	68 868
December	57 852	10 327	68 179
2001			
January	56 635	10 340	66 975
February	55 192	10 316	65 508
March	53 883	10 310	64 193
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(a) A break in the trend series occurred between June and July 2000 as a result of the introduction of the New Tax System.

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
2000								
January	42 236	6 821	673	186	48	293	50 257	2 425
February	51 401	9 102	997	278	69	363	62 210	2 604
March	56 257	9 585	1 176	288	56	352	67 714	2 945
April	41 649	7 127	968	198	58	313	50 313	2 518
May	51 554	10 625	1 348	196	61	355	64 139	2 770
June	45 521	13 170	1 354	193	113	528	60 879	2 259
July	69 632	7 508	1 047	485	62	252	78 986	2 842
August	65 811	8 689	1 138	331	90	309	76 368	3 125
September	54 759	7 436	1 057	297	148	289	63 986	3 008
October	56 529	7 969	1 164	288	76	237	66 263	3 177
November	61 282	8 234	1 179	299	105	289	71 388	3 423
December	62 717	8 402	1 001	221	124	275	72 740	2 819
2001								
January	46 985	7 019	629	226	55	229	55 143	2 668
February	49 281	7 849	834	264	176	222	58 626	2 563
March	56 772	9 206	1 002	244	158	247	67 629	3 223

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									
2000									
January	16 996	14 991	8 221	2 926	4 842	952	471	858	50 257
February	22 131	16 613	11 056	3 868	5 784	992	587	1 179	62 210
March	23 819	17 530	13 245	3 994	6 189	1 128	659	1 150	67 714
April	17 781	12 964	9 572	2 900	4 627	937	611	921	50 313
May	22 781	16 487	12 061	3 896	5 843	1 126	760	1 185	64 139
June	21 062	15 074	12 968	3 663	5 097	1 059	897	1 059	60 879
July	27 323	21 037	15 649	4 616	7 360	1 205	555	1 241	78 986
August	27 024	19 878	14 357	4 538	7 086	1 472	701	1 312	76 368
September	20 908	17 197	12 122	4 138	6 386	1 545	590	1 100	63 986
October	22 095	18 629	12 428	4 241	5 978	1 241	601	1 050	66 263
November	24 062	19 859	12 948	4 534	6 610	1 436	614	1 325	71 388
December	23 547	20 942	13 362	4 649	6 407	2 035	601	1 197	72 740
2001									
January	18 657	15 045	10 214	3 436	5 286	1 041	432	1 032	55 143
February	20 007	15 940	11 129	3 637	5 482	996	430	1 005	58 626
March	22 999	17 538	13 480	4 169	6 460	1 195	583	1 205	67 629
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2000									
January	21 597	20 714	10 339	3 880	6 021	1 306	658	1 123	65 638
February	22 332	16 665	11 250	3 920	5 672	1 213	646	1 214	62 912
March	21 470	15 526	11 869	3 662	5 535	1 187	536	1 053	60 838
April	21 189	15 993	11 246	3 518	5 516	1 270	640	1 119	60 491
May	20 655	15 756	11 294	3 779	5 336	1 108	636	1 130	59 694
June	17 117	12 014	9 882	2 858	4 156	1 068	633	867	48 595
July	26 736	21 604	15 396	4 697	8 218	1 156	631	1 242	79 680
August	27 425	18 682	14 076	4 370	6 760	1 327	684	1 163	74 487
September	22 634	18 105	13 336	4 303	6 741	1 328	675	1 178	68 300
October	22 151	18 870	12 973	4 358	6 225	1 253	634	1 130	67 594
November	22 673	18 548	13 177	4 176	6 217	1 390	595	1 213	67 989
December	25 234	21 186	13 688	4 688	6 423	1 393	742	1 227	74 581
2001									
January	22 114	19 108	11 775	4 333	5 886	1 311	553	1 231	66 311
February	20 996	16 646	11 828	3 784	5 729	1 282	494	1 067	61 826
March	21 400	16 244	12 606	3 936	6 087	1 309	493	1 175	63 250
TREND ESTIMATES (a)									
2000									
January	22 173	16 376	10 741	3 913	5 836	1 242	651	1 129	62 061
February	21 968	16 222	11 080	3 853	5 732	1 231	630	1 132	61 848
March	21 636	16 022	11 319	3 775	5 616	1 204	617	1 124	61 313
April	21 323	15 817	11 425	3 703	5 499	1 176	613	1 119	60 675
May	21 094	15 643	11 408	3 655	5 399	1 158	623	1 120	60 100
June	20 917	15 493	11 307	3 617	5 314	1 163	636	1 125	59 572
July	22 449	17 906	13 419	4 333	6 740	1 191	649	1 134	67 821
August	22 518	18 105	13 355	4 324	6 654	1 239	659	1 150	68 004
September	22 715	18 520	13 312	4 335	6 544	1 288	664	1 169	68 547
October	22 883	18 921	13 216	4 346	6 418	1 328	658	1 181	68 951
November	22 922	19 112	13 040	4 339	6 283	1 343	641	1 188	68 868
December	22 799	18 975	12 812	4 298	6 154	1 341	613	1 187	68 179
2001									
January	22 517	18 553	12 557	4 215	6 040	1 332	580	1 181	66 975
February	22 140	17 964	12 311	4 110	5 946	1 321	546	1 170	65 508
March	21 749	17 381	12 177	4 013	5 885	1 313	515	1 160	64 193

(a) A break in the trend series occurred between June and July 2000 as a result of the introduction of the New Tax System.

NEW PASSENGER VEHICLES, Top Make/models: **Original**—March 2001

<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>
Holden									
Commodore/Calais	2 407	2 214	1 433	742	687	110	60	140	7 793
Astra	811	600	369	105	171	32	8	61	2 157
Vectra	243	206	110	37	66	5	3	14	684
Other	418	408	297	99	151	16	6	22	1 417
Total	3 879	3 428	2 209	983	1 075	163	77	237	12 051
Toyota									
Corolla	830	560	545	103	325	57	40	42	2 502
Camry/Vienta	962	509	432	97	184	40	28	30	2 282
Avalon	353	249	193	51	121	11	5	18	1 001
Other	1 225	730	899	178	399	68	51	34	3 584
Total	3 370	2 048	2 069	429	1 029	176	124	124	9 369
Ford									
Falcon/Fairmont	1 170	1 630	669	286	393	74	56	76	4 354
Laser	246	381	199	90	84	35	5	16	1 056
Fairlane/LTD	66	72	37	7	7	2	2	1	194
Other	161	275	77	47	53	17	4	8	642
Total	1 643	2 358	982	430	537	128	67	101	6 246
Mitsubishi									
Lancer	613	562	476	145	272	28	16	59	2 171
Magna	442	481	359	287	190	36	8	38	1 841
Pajero	310	157	198	49	91	16	6	8	835
Other	506	204	248	96	74	18	1	37	1 184
Total	1 871	1 404	1 281	577	627	98	31	142	6 031
Hyundai									
Accent	724	397	328	88	288	33	5	28	1 891
Lantra/Elantra	223	147	133	34	123	19	1	6	686
Santa Fe	104	62	50	14	61	7	2	3	303
Other	143	109	97	18	62	7	1	5	442
Total	1 194	715	608	154	534	66	9	42	3 322
Nissan									
Pulsar	697	487	355	86	146	34	14	57	1 876
Patrol	166	156	168	47	108	5	7	10	667
Pathfinder	95	80	64	9	19	3		7	277
Other	158	134	80	31	29	1	7	10	450
Total	1 116	857	667	173	302	43	28	84	3 270
Subaru									
Forester	411	194	170	45	77	42	3	29	971
Impreza	309	121	104	32	54	24	3	15	662
Outback	263	129	90	22	29	15		11	559
Other	241	106	62	19	25	14	1	12	480
Total	1 224	550	426	118	185	95	7	67	2 672

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

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

14 For a more detailed break-up of the monthly figures presented here, enquiries should be made to the National Information Service on 1300 135 070 or to Client Services in any ABS office.
Annual data on the latest total vehicle registrations are published in *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia, 31 October 1999* (Cat. no. 9309.0).

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a. not available.

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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