

8. **Census of Motor Vehicles, 31st December, 1955.**—A census of motor vehicles (including motor cycles) on the register in each State and Territory at 31st December, 1955 was conducted by the Commonwealth Statistician in collaboration with the State Government Statisticians and Road Transport Authorities. The census covered only those items normally shown on motor registration certificates, such as make, year of model, type of vehicle, horsepower, body type, carrying capacity, unladen weight and motive power. Results have been published in a series of bulletins which give details for each State, for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory and for Australia as a whole. Less detailed figures in respect of new vehicles only are published in the *Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles*. Information contained therein includes the make, type and R.A.C. horsepower of new motor vehicles registered in each State and Territory.

A summary for each State and Territory of the number of motor vehicles of each type on the register at 31st December, 1955 is given in the following table.

MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE REGISTER AT 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

Type of Vehicle.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S. Aust.	W.Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
MOTOR CARS.									
Sedan	416,077	375,074	144,608	127,582	82,613	41,140	1,342	5,938	1,194,374
Open	52,936	47,046	22,301	21,432	11,074	4,751	199	536	160,275
Other	743	423	507	148	134	63	11	4	2,033
Total Cars ..	469,756	422,543	167,416	149,162	93,821	45,954	1,552	6,478	1,356,682
Proportion of Total (excluding Motor Cycles)%	67.1	70.8	55.9	67.6	60.1	67.3	33.9	72.1	66.0

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

Station Wagons	5,257	5,690	1,853	1,344	1,211	392	66	135	15,948						
Omnibuses	3,653	2,580	1,043	973	1,099	660	42	92	10,142						
Utilities	117,677	75,721	91,430	{ 33,837	30,135	10,228	1,645	1,297 (b)	361,970						
Panel Vans	21,411	19,913								5,256	4,396	2,512	82	238 (c)	53,808
Lorries—															
Platform	63,517	50,284	{ (d) 36,027	{ 24,561	21,946	6,929	789	450 (e)	204,503						
Van	1,948	5,781								480	1,193	78	20	15 (c)	9,515
Tipper	8,434	6,369								3,150	1,444	835	265	212 (c)	20,709
Articulated or Semi-trailer	5,011	4,754	{ (f) 1,362	{ 1,340	613	408	63	32 (g)	13,583						
Other	664	1,321								134	49	133	10	9 (c)	2,320
Total Lorries	79,574	68,509	37,389	29,665	25,245	8,383	1,147	718	250,630						
Other	2,751	1,853	303	462	286	161	47	21	5,884						
Total Commercial Vehicles	230,323	174,266	132,018	71,537	62,372	22,336	3,029	2,501	698,382						
Proportion of Total (excluding Motor Cycles)%	32.9	29.2	44.1	32.4	39.9	32.7	66.1	27.9	34.0						

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLES (EXCLUDING MOTOR CYCLES).

Total Motor Vehicles (excluding Motor Cycles)	700,079	596,809	299,434	220,699	156,193	68,290	4,581	8,979	2,055,064
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MOTOR CYCLES.

Motor Cycles ..	36,953	26,406	21,041	23,704	13,012	5,073	460	480	127,129
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(a) Under the system of registration in operation in Queensland it is not possible to distinguish between utilities and panel vans, nor between the various types of lorries shown for the other States and Territories.
 (b) Includes Queensland panel vans. (c) Excludes Queensland. (d) Rigid type; see note (a).
 (e) Includes Queensland rigid type lorries. (f) Towing units; see note (a). (g) Includes Queensland towing units.