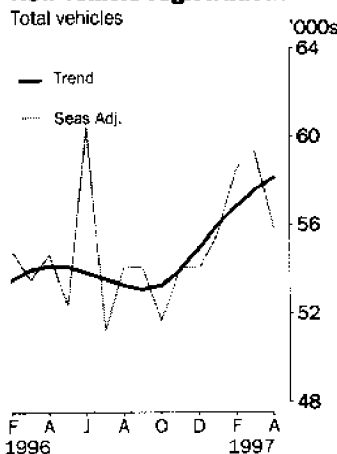


NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

AUSTRALIA
PRELIMINARY

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New vehicle registrations



APRIL KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

| | Apr 97 | monthly % change | annual % change |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Total new motor vehicle registrations | 58 144 | 1.0 | 7.4 |
| Passenger vehicles | 49 038 | 1.0 | 8.7 |
| Other vehicles | 9 107 | 0.8 | 0.7 |

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| | Apr 97 | monthly % change | annual % change |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Total new motor vehicle registrations | 55 763 | -6.0 | 2.0 |
| Passenger vehicles | 47 244 | -5.1 | 3.7 |
| Other vehicles | 8 520 | -11.1 | -6.5 |

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

| | Apr 97 | monthly % change | annual % change |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Total new motor vehicle registrations | 57 156 | 3.9 | 14.2 |
| Passenger vehicles | 48 013 | 3.6 | 15.4 |
| Other vehicles | 9 143 | 6.0 | 8.1 |

APRIL KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend for total new motor vehicles has shown rises in each of the months since September 1996. The trend level for April 1997 is now 9.5% above the most recent low of September 1996. Passenger vehicle registrations for April 1997 rose by 1.0% and other vehicle registrations by 0.8% compared with the previous month.

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

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- Total new motor vehicle registrations for April 1997 decreased by 6.0%, with passenger vehicles down 5.1% and other vehicles by 11.1% compared with the previous month. All States and Territories recorded rises with the exceptions of New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- Total new motor vehicle registrations for April 1997 showed an increase of 3.9% compared with March 1997. Registrations increased for all vehicle types excluding non-freight carrying trucks. All States and Territories recorded increases with the exception of Queensland.

INQUIRIES

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

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

| <i>ISSUE</i> | <i>RELEASE DATE</i> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| May 1997 | 27 June 1997 |
| June 1997 | 25 July 1997 |
| July 1997 | 29 August 1997 |

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

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TREND REVISIONS

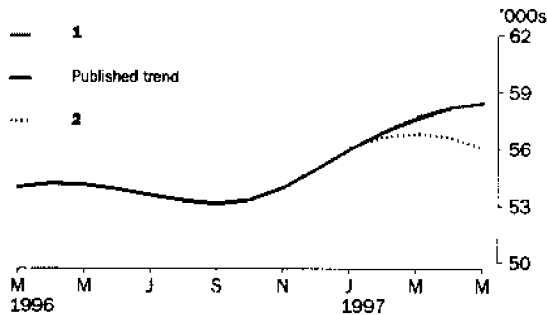
The most recent trend estimates are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

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

- 1** The May seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is higher than the April seasonally adjusted estimate by 5.1%.
- 2** The May seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is lower than the April seasonally adjusted estimate by -5.1%.

The percentage change of 5.1% was chosen because the average absolute percentage change, based on the last 11 years, has been 5.1%.

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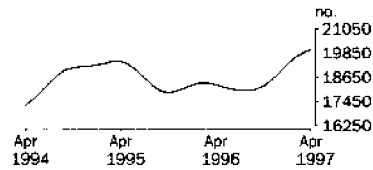
An increase of 5.1% in total seasonally adjusted new motor vehicle registrations in May 1997 would result in a slight fall in the rate of increase in the revised trend for May 1997.

A similar fall in the May 1997 seasonally adjusted figure would produce a strengthening decline in the revised trend from March 1997.

T.J. Skinner
Acting Australian Statistician

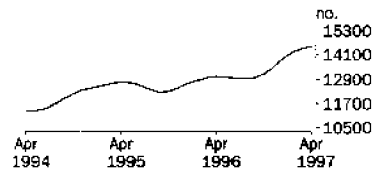
VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY STATE: Trend series

NEW SOUTH WALES



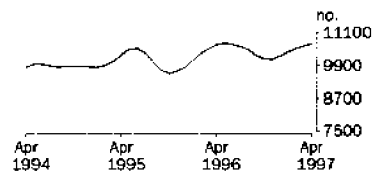
The April 1997 trend level is 11.4% above the low in August 1996 and is 3.2% higher than the last peak in April 1995.

VICTORIA



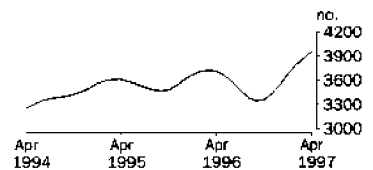
The trend level has generally risen over the last three years. The trend increased each month since the September 1995 low, except for falls in May to July 1996.

QUEENSLAND



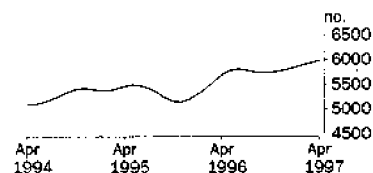
After rising over the last 5 months, the trend level for April 1997 is now 0.2% below the high in May 1996 and 1.6% above the previous high in June 1995.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



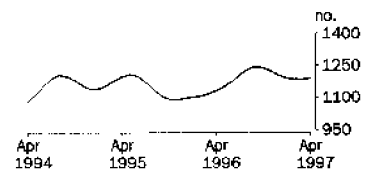
Since the most recent low in September 1996, the trend level has risen rapidly, with the March 1997 level now 6.3% above the previous high in March 1996.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



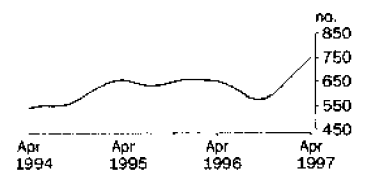
The trend has generally increased since April 1994 and is now 17.8% above that level and 16.4% above the low in November 1995.

TASMANIA



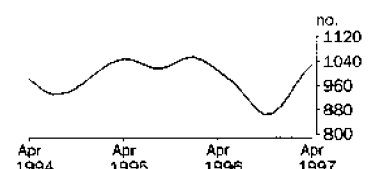
The trend level has fallen slightly since the peak in September 1996 and is now 9.6% higher than the low recorded in November 1995.

NORTHERN TERRITORY



The trend has increased sharply over the last seven months to be 30.4% above the low in September 1996.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



The trend level has risen strongly since the low in October 1996 but the April 1997 level is still 2.5% lower than the January 1996 peak.



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By Type: All Series

| Month | Passenger vehicles | Other vehicles | Total |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------|
| ORIGINAL | | | |
| 1996 | | | |
| February | 44 642 | 8 590 | 53 232 |
| March | 45 564 | 9 239 | 54 803 |
| April | 41 606 | 8 461 | 50 067 |
| May | 47 713 | 10 131 | 57 844 |
| June | 52 082 | 11 611 | 63 693 |
| July | 45 971 | 9 027 | 54 998 |
| August | 45 574 | 8 783 | 54 357 |
| September | 42 893 | 8 210 | 51 103 |
| October | 47 131 | 8 613 | 55 744 |
| November | 45 253 | 8 355 | 53 608 |
| December | 46 165 | 8 423 | 54 588 |
| 1997 | | | |
| January | 39 604 | 6 566 | 46 170 |
| February | 46 563 | 8 308 | 54 871 |
| March | 46 366 | 8 628 | 54 994 |
| April | 48 013 | 9 143 | 57 156 |

| | | | |
|---------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | |
| 1996 | | | |
| February | 45 427 | 9 342 | 54 769 |
| March | 44 584 | 8 930 | 53 514 |
| April | 45 573 | 9 107 | 54 680 |
| May | 43 762 | 8 624 | 52 387 |
| June | 50 950 | 9 449 | 60 398 |
| July | 43 012 | 8 219 | 51 231 |
| August | 44 716 | 9 405 | 54 121 |
| September | 45 057 | 9 001 | 54 058 |
| October | 43 292 | 8 403 | 51 694 |
| November | 45 785 | 8 320 | 54 105 |
| December | 45 129 | 8 914 | 54 043 |
| 1997 | | | |
| January | 47 213 | 8 381 | 55 594 |
| February | 49 231 | 9 349 | 58 580 |
| March | 49 766 | 9 579 | 59 345 |
| April | 47 244 | 8 520 | 55 763 |

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| TREND ESTIMATES ¹ | | | |
| 1996 | | | |
| February | 44 606 | 8 911 | 53 517 |
| March | 44 922 | 9 011 | 53 933 |
| April | 45 095 | 9 043 | 54 137 |
| May | 45 058 | 9 021 | 54 080 |
| June | 44 863 | 8 966 | 53 829 |
| July | 44 626 | 8 915 | 53 541 |
| August | 44 407 | 8 845 | 53 252 |
| September | 44 338 | 8 745 | 53 083 |
| October | 44 609 | 8 668 | 53 277 |
| November | 45 277 | 8 659 | 53 936 |
| December | 46 202 | 8 722 | 54 924 |
| 1997 | | | |
| January | 47 129 | 8 824 | 55 953 |
| February | 47 930 | 8 937 | 56 867 |
| March | 48 554 | 9 031 | 57 585 |
| April | 49 038 | 9 107 | 58 144 |

¹ Trend estimates for October 1996 to March 1997 have been revised.



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By Type: Original

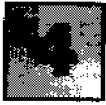
| Month | Passenger vehicles | Light commercial vehicles | Rigid trucks | Articulated trucks | Non-freight carrying trucks | Buses | Total (excludes motor cycles) | Motor cycles |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|-----------------|
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| February | 44 642 | 7 257 | 692 | 202 | 109 | 330 | 53 232 | 1 851 |
| March | 45 564 | 7 804 | 743 | 234 | 103 | 355 | 54 803 | 2 025 |
| April | 41 606 | 7 082 | 725 | 247 | 74 | 333 | 50 067 | 1 810 |
| May | 47 713 | 8 531 | 876 | 278 | 79 | 367 | 57 844 | 1 893 |
| June | 52 082 | 9 994 | 834 | 295 | 63 | 425 | 63 693 | 1 578 |
| July | 45 971 | 7 361 | 831 | 306 | 174 | 355 | 54 998 | 1 760 |
| August | 45 574 | 7 236 | 793 | 304 | 105 | 345 | 54 357 | 1 653 |
| September | 42 893 | 6 890 | 727 | 238 | 72 | 283 | 51 103 | 1 562 |
| October | 47 131 | 7 100 | 777 | 307 | 96 | 333 | 55 744 | 2 052 |
| November | 45 253 | 6 814 | 833 | 275 | 95 | 338 | 53 608 | 2 369 |
| December | 46 165 | 6 893 | 851 | 255 | 128 | 296 | 54 588 | 2 002 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 39 604 | 5 506 | 515 | 157 | 55 | 333 | 46 170 | 1 881 |
| February | 46 563 | 7 069 | 674 | 186 | 58 | 321 | 54 871 | 1 926 |
| March | 46 366 | 7 227 | 772 | 241 | 94 | 294 | 54 994 | 1 913 |
| April | 48 013 | 7 561 | 873 | 298 | 59 | 352 | 57 156 | 1 885 |



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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 18 144 | 13 257 | 9 690 | 3 832 | 5 780 | 989 | 550 | 990 | 53 232 |
| March | 18 318 | 13 142 | 10 992 | 3 867 | 5 909 | 961 | 666 | 948 | 54 803 |
| April | 18 348 | 11 519 | 9 471 | 3 286 | 5 072 | 818 | 616 | 937 | 50 067 |
| May | 19 411 | 14 868 | 10 388 | 3 792 | 6 252 | 1 202 | 823 | 1 108 | 57 844 |
| June | 23 395 | 14 355 | 13 157 | 3 932 | 6 030 | 994 | 798 | 1 032 | 63 693 |
| July | 18 861 | 13 478 | 10 585 | 3 457 | 5 692 | 1 341 | 637 | 947 | 54 998 |
| August | 18 213 | 12 880 | 10 903 | 3 569 | 5 753 | 1 336 | 599 | 1 104 | 54 357 |
| September | 17 335 | 12 553 | 9 789 | 3 437 | 5 338 | 1 348 | 535 | 768 | 51 103 |
| October | 18 877 | 14 098 | 10 298 | 3 365 | 6 296 | 1 307 | 561 | 942 | 55 744 |
| November | 18 455 | 13 399 | 9 823 | 3 515 | 5 677 | 1 267 | 610 | 862 | 53 608 |
| December | 17 793 | 13 737 | 10 544 | 3 582 | 5 903 | 1 737 | 501 | 791 | 54 588 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 16 047 | 10 975 | 8 552 | 2 942 | 5 397 | 935 | 519 | 803 | 46 170 |
| February | 18 926 | 13 958 | 9 823 | 3 827 | 5 961 | 898 | 551 | 927 | 54 871 |
| March | 19 390 | 13 559 | 10 619 | 3 627 | 5 224 | 958 | 704 | 913 | 54 994 |
| April | 19 941 | 14 166 | 10 528 | 3 716 | 5 891 | 1 047 | 851 | 1 016 | 57 156 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 18 667 | 13 344 | 10 381 | 3 799 | 5 727 | 1 140 | 651 | 1 060 | 54 769 |
| March | 17 647 | 12 851 | 10 947 | 3 741 | 5 684 | 1 073 | 632 | 938 | 53 514 |
| April | 19 594 | 12 774 | 10 018 | 3 738 | 5 749 | 1 090 | 637 | 1 080 | 54 680 |
| May | 17 185 | 13 165 | 9 674 | 3 621 | 5 835 | 1 207 | 688 | 1 011 | 52 387 |
| June | 22 129 | 13 521 | 12 783 | 3 668 | 5 646 | 1 055 | 647 | 949 | 60 398 |
| July | 17 577 | 12 693 | 9 079 | 3 384 | 5 761 | 1 299 | 551 | 886 | 51 231 |
| August | 18 086 | 12 572 | 11 351 | 3 453 | 5 740 | 1 264 | 627 | 1 027 | 54 121 |
| September | 18 746 | 13 194 | 10 300 | 3 431 | 5 776 | 1 232 | 571 | 808 | 54 058 |
| October | 18 025 | 12 970 | 9 166 | 3 077 | 5 884 | 1 150 | 526 | 895 | 51 694 |
| November | 17 875 | 13 758 | 10 749 | 3 456 | 5 447 | 1 344 | 626 | 850 | 54 105 |
| December | 18 534 | 13 553 | 10 123 | 3 663 | 5 739 | 1 169 | 573 | 790 | 54 043 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 19 426 | 13 714 | 9 928 | 3 673 | 5 919 | 1 215 | 728 | 991 | 55 594 |
| February | 20 232 | 14 533 | 10 813 | 4 012 | 6 234 | 1 093 | 664 | 999 | 58 580 |
| March | 20 602 | 15 529 | 11 206 | 3 750 | 5 414 | 1 165 | 662 | 1 018 | 59 345 |
| April | 18 941 | 13 502 | 10 048 | 3 935 | 6 227 | 1 270 | 821 | 1 019 | 55 763 |
| TREND ESTIMATES¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 18 370 | 12 892 | 10 329 | 3 708 | 5 414 | 1 103 | 656 | 1 045 | 53 517 |
| March | 18 355 | 13 010 | 10 491 | 3 725 | 5 555 | 1 113 | 654 | 1 030 | 53 933 |
| April | 18 267 | 13 060 | 10 635 | 3 709 | 5 675 | 1 129 | 650 | 1 012 | 54 137 |
| May | 18 157 | 13 039 | 10 687 | 3 658 | 5 758 | 1 149 | 641 | 990 | 54 080 |
| June | 18 052 | 12 991 | 10 648 | 3 576 | 5 792 | 1 174 | 626 | 970 | 53 829 |
| July | 18 006 | 12 949 | 10 579 | 3 479 | 5 775 | 1 205 | 606 | 942 | 53 541 |
| August | 17 989 | 12 954 | 10 459 | 3 389 | 5 734 | 1 231 | 587 | 910 | 53 252 |
| September | 18 026 | 13 003 | 10 283 | 3 344 | 5 727 | 1 244 | 576 | 880 | 53 083 |
| October | 18 197 | 13 162 | 10 151 | 3 357 | 5 729 | 1 239 | 578 | 864 | 53 277 |
| November | 18 504 | 13 440 | 10 123 | 3 433 | 5 748 | 1 223 | 594 | 870 | 53 936 |
| December | 18 869 | 13 771 | 10 235 | 3 550 | 5 781 | 1 203 | 621 | 893 | 54 924 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 19 257 | 14 058 | 10 366 | 3 675 | 5 827 | 1 190 | 653 | 928 | 55 953 |
| February | 19 598 | 14 279 | 10 485 | 3 787 | 5 879 | 1 183 | 687 | 967 | 56 867 |
| March | 19 848 | 14 431 | 10 590 | 3 879 | 5 930 | 1 183 | 720 | 1 004 | 57 585 |
| April | 20 041 | 14 529 | 10 670 | 3 959 | 5 976 | 1 189 | 751 | 1 029 | 58 144 |

¹ Trend estimates for October 1996 to March 1997 have been revised.

NEW PASSENGER VEHICLES, Selected Make/Models: **Original**— April 1997

| Make/Model | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Ford | | | | | | | | | |
| Falcon/Fairmont | 2 027 | 1 784 | 1 040 | 347 | 705 | 98 | 39 | 170 | 6 210 |
| Festiva | 453 | 338 | 297 | 129 | 136 | 22 | 7 | 25 | 1 407 |
| Laser | 193 | 160 | 94 | 31 | 59 | 16 | 1 | 11 | 585 |
| Other | 446 | 352 | 214 | 61 | 134 | 20 | 13 | 30 | 1 270 |
| Total | 3 119 | 2 634 | 1 645 | 568 | 1 034 | 156 | 60 | 236 | 9 452 |
| Holden | | | | | | | | | |
| Commodore/Calais | 1 925 | 1 722 | 1 191 | 505 | 499 | 86 | 55 | 124 | 6 107 |
| Barina | 159 | 131 | 89 | 37 | 52 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 483 |
| Statesman/Caprice | 132 | 136 | 76 | 27 | 51 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 435 |
| Other | 196 | 230 | 102 | 58 | 52 | 17 | 4 | 13 | 672 |
| Total | 2 412 | 2 219 | 1 458 | 627 | 654 | 111 | 64 | 152 | 7 697 |
| Hyundai | | | | | | | | | |
| Excel | 1 222 | 640 | 525 | 120 | 410 | 74 | 26 | 52 | 3 069 |
| Lantra | 439 | 153 | 197 | 37 | 163 | 18 | 6 | 21 | 1 034 |
| Sonata | 347 | 171 | 161 | 30 | 101 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 840 |
| Other | 78 | 70 | 41 | 8 | 30 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 236 |
| Total | 2 086 | 1 034 | 924 | 195 | 704 | 105 | 41 | 90 | 5 179 |
| Mazda | | | | | | | | | |
| 323 | 391 | 262 | 116 | 58 | 68 | 9 | 5 | 25 | 934 |
| 121 | 229 | 140 | 129 | 38 | 68 | 10 | 4 | 13 | 631 |
| 626 | 75 | 57 | 24 | 15 | 16 | 2 | .. | 6 | 195 |
| Other | 28 | 35 | 14 | 4 | 10 | 2 | .. | 1 | 94 |
| Total | 723 | 494 | 283 | 115 | 162 | 23 | 9 | 45 | 1 854 |
| Mitsubishi | | | | | | | | | |
| Magna | 779 | 787 | 421 | 421 | 220 | 73 | 27 | 77 | 2 805 |
| Lancer | 184 | 187 | 83 | 39 | 38 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 554 |
| Mirage | 199 | 80 | 108 | 29 | 52 | 10 | 6 | 15 | 499 |
| Other | 344 | 221 | 195 | 99 | 117 | 21 | 10 | 13 | 1 020 |
| Total | 1 506 | 1 275 | 807 | 588 | 427 | 111 | 49 | 115 | 4 878 |
| Nissan | | | | | | | | | |
| Pulsar | 248 | 211 | 194 | 22 | 83 | 10 | 28 | 30 | 826 |
| Patrol | 108 | 50 | 81 | 21 | 78 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 355 |
| Micra | 99 | 52 | 83 | 12 | 36 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 293 |
| Other | 203 | 148 | 111 | 23 | 39 | 10 | 2 | 14 | 550 |
| Total | 658 | 461 | 469 | 78 | 236 | 27 | 43 | 52 | 2 024 |
| Toyota | | | | | | | | | |
| Corolla | 738 | 459 | 255 | 111 | 156 | 42 | 96 | 27 | 1 884 |
| Camry | 484 | 315 | 243 | 84 | 112 | 49 | 35 | 19 | 1 341 |
| Vienta | 357 | 182 | 108 | 36 | 39 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 748 |
| Other | 781 | 436 | 518 | 131 | 305 | 34 | 186 | 33 | 2 424 |
| Total | 2 360 | 1 392 | 1 124 | 362 | 612 | 134 | 320 | 93 | 6 397 |

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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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 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).

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 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

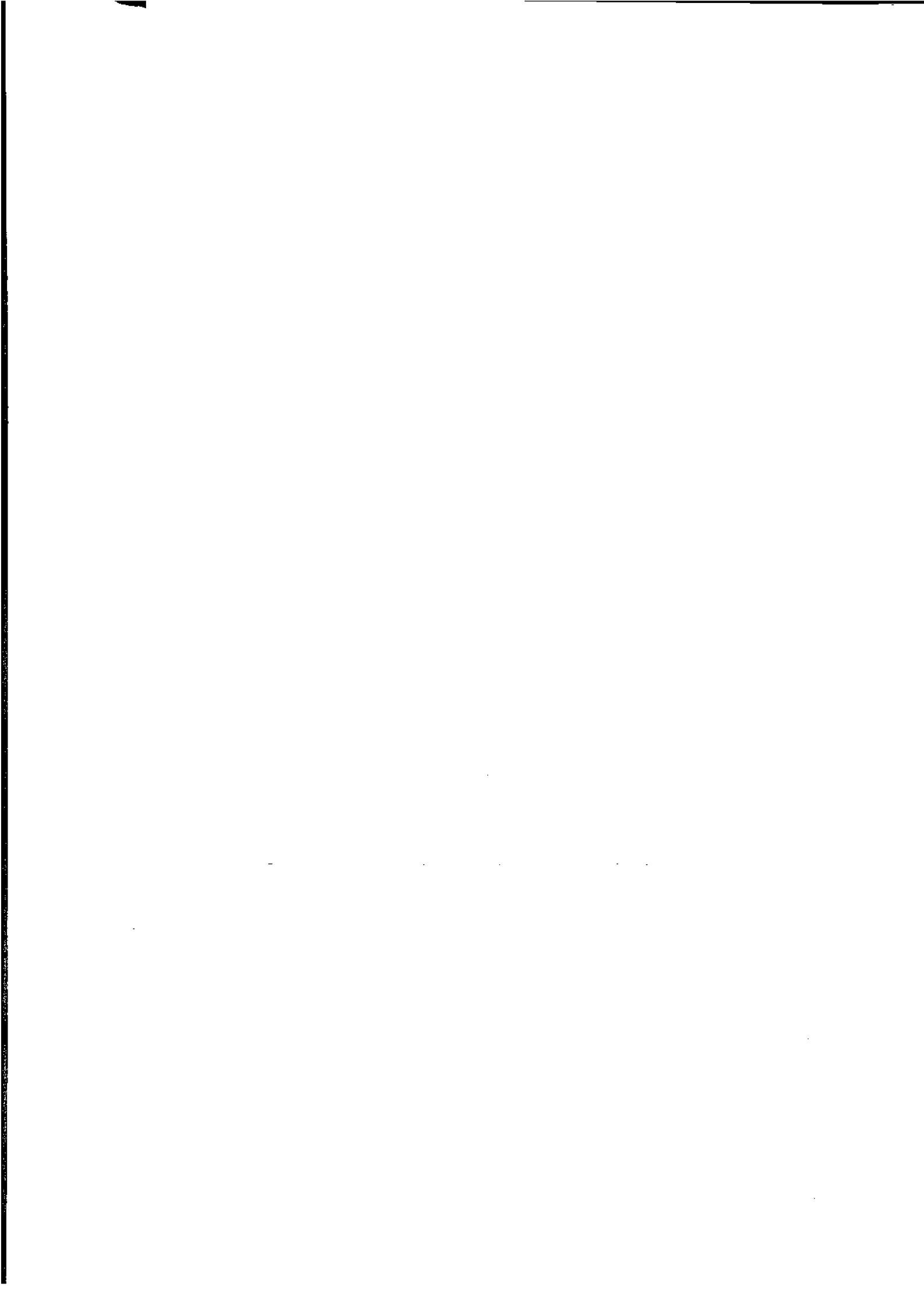
14 For a more detailed break-up of the monthly figures presented here, inquiries should be made to Clare O'Loughlin on 07 3222 6180 or to any ABS office. Data on total vehicle registrations, both new and re-registrations, is available in *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia, 31 May 1995* (9309.0).

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.p. not available for publication, but included in totals.

GLOSSARY

- 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 or more seats, 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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