

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

AUSTRALIA
PRELIMINARY

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THIS MONTH'S KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	May 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	56 359	1.9	12.1
Passenger vehicles	46 761	2.0	13.5
Other vehicles	9 598	1.8	5.6

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	May 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	57 951	0.1	14.2
Passenger vehicles	48 091	0.7	15.6
Other vehicles	9 860	-2.6	7.5

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

	May 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	64 123	34.4	20.5
Passenger vehicles	52 542	33.1	21.9
Other vehicles	11 581	40.4	14.7

THIS MONTH'S KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- Passenger vehicle registrations have been rising steadily since August 1993 resulting in an upward trend for total registrations which is now 12.1 per cent above the level in May 1994. Other vehicle registrations have also been rising steadily since the most recent trough in September 1994 and now stand 5.6 per cent above the level in May 1994.

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

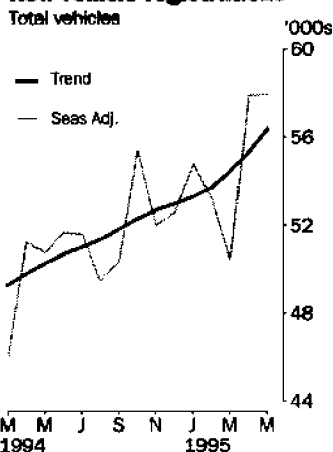
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- Most States and Territories showed strong percentage increases in total registrations over the previous month except Queensland and New South Wales which showed falls of 19.1 and 11.2 per cent, respectively. Total registrations rose marginally on the record level observed in April. For the second month, seasonally adjusted registrations remained noticeably higher than the trend, perhaps reflecting pre-Budget sales.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- Passenger vehicles rose by 33.1 per cent over the previous month and now stands 21.9 per cent higher than May 1994. Similarly, other vehicles showed a strong rise of 40.4 per cent, exceeding May 1994 by 14.7 per cent.

New vehicle registrations



INQUIRIES

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
June 1995	2 August 1995
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

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TREND REVISIONS

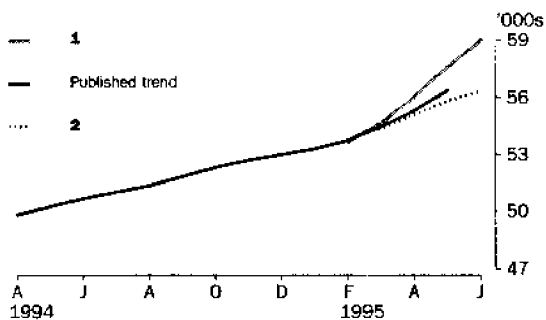
The most recent trend estimates are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

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

- 1 The June seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is higher than the May seasonally adjusted estimate by 5.4%.
- 2 The June seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is lower than the May seasonally adjusted estimate by -5.4%.

The percentage change of 5.4% was chosen because the average absolute percentage change, based on the last 11 years, has been 5.4%.

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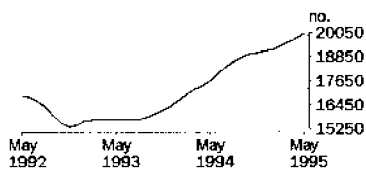


An increase of 5.4 per cent in total seasonally adjusted new motor vehicle registrations in June 1995 would show a strong increase in the revised trend from February 1995. A similar fall in the June seasonally adjusted figure would show a flattening in the revised trend from February.

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Australian Statistician

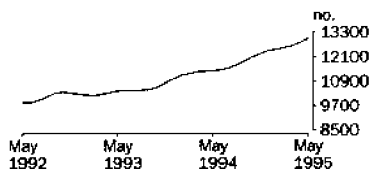
VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY STATE: Trend series

NEW SOUTH WALES



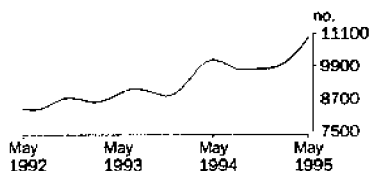
The trend estimate of registrations continued to rise to reach its highest level since April 1985.

VICTORIA



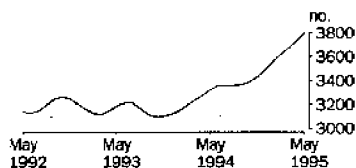
The trend series has been rising steadily since August 1993 and is now 14.2 per cent above the level in May 1994.

QUEENSLAND



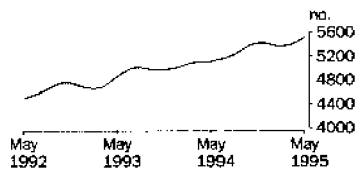
Registrations have been rising over recent months to be 8.1 per cent above the recent peak in May 1994.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



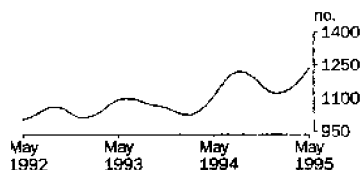
Registrations have been consistently rising since the most recent low in August 1994.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



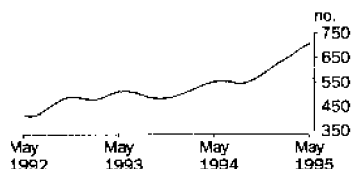
The trend in registrations has resumed its steady rise after a slight fall in the period from December 1994 to February 1995.

TASMANIA



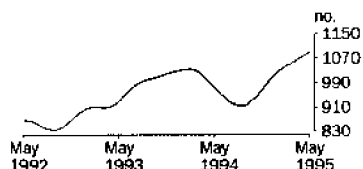
The trend has been rising steadily to be 10.0 per cent above the recent low in January 1995 and 0.9 per cent above the previous peak in August 1994.

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Registrations have been rising strongly over recent months to be 28.9 per cent higher than May 1994.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



The trend has been rising strongly since August 1994 to be 19.1 per cent above the low in August 1994 and 5.3 per cent above the peak in February 1994.



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By Type: All Series

Month	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ORIGINAL			
1994			
March	43 715	8 971	52 686
April	36 003	8 052	44 055
May	43 102	10 096	53 198
June	45 240	12 713	57 953
July	42 280	9 649	51 929
August	44 684	8 244	52 928
September	42 374	8 064	50 438
October	45 354	8 988	54 342
November	45 485	9 949	55 434
December	43 948	8 850	52 798
1995			
January	36 283	6 657	42 940
February	41 290	7 902	49 192
March	47 264	9 982	57 246
April	39 470	8 250	47 720
May	52 542	11 581	64 123
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
1994			
March	38 218	7 871	46 089
April	41 836	9 410	51 246
May	41 591	9 174	50 765
June	41 467	10 183	51 651
July	42 172	9 425	51 597
August	41 371	8 096	49 467
September	41 898	8 479	50 377
October	46 316	9 035	55 351
November	42 629	9 312	51 941
December	43 128	9 473	52 602
1995			
January	45 970	8 827	54 797
February	44 440	8 799	53 240
March	41 764	8 675	50 439
April	47 766	10 126	57 892
May	48 091	9 860	57 951
TREND ESTIMATES ¹			
1994			
March	40 793	8 497	49 290
April	40 951	8 843	49 794
May	41 181	9 088	50 269
June	41 520	9 161	50 680
July	41 908	9 088	50 996
August	42 385	8 968	51 353
September	42 937	8 898	51 835
October	43 403	8 891	52 295
November	43 751	8 938	52 688
December	43 972	9 006	52 977
1995			
January	44 212	9 078	53 290
February	44 593	9 145	53 738
March	45 180	9 263	54 443
April	45 861	9 425	55 287
May	46 761	9 598	56 359

¹ Trend estimates for November 1994 to April 1995 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
1994								
March	43 715	7 432	882	265	49	343	52 686	1 614
April	36 003	6 794	676	256	50	276	44 055	1 285
May	43 102	8 424	946	323	66	337	53 198	1 315
June	45 240	10 518	1 221	428	104	442	57 953	1 420
July	42 280	7 776	1 078	396	55	344	51 929	1 332
August	44 684	6 528	973	376	68	299	52 928	1 569
September	42 374	6 390	877	384	94	319	50 438	1 677
October	45 354	7 225	920	413	87	343	54 342	1 658
November	45 485	7 974	1 058	449	102	366	55 434	1 981
December	43 948	6 979	1 017	409	62	383	52 798	1 892
1995								
January	36 283	5 434	592	270	43	318	42 940	1 854
February	41 290	6 366	831	293	29	383	49 192	1 686
March	47 264	8 196	964	360	80	382	57 248	1 848
April	39 470	6 771	724	317	86	352	47 720	1 458
May	52 542	9 486	1 122	433	92	448	64 123	1 905

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									
1994									
March	18 775	12 713	9 167	3 645	5 702	967	586	1 131	52 686
April	14 642	9 885	10 447	2 651	4 246	811	595	778	44 055
May	19 996	11 950	10 149	3 235	5 327	1 017	562	962	53 198
June	20 719	13 246	10 476	4 022	6 332	1 243	712	1 203	57 953
July	17 641	11 719	11 636	3 393	4 883	1 152	600	905	51 929
August	19 943	12 382	9 032	3 382	5 270	1 331	516	1 072	52 928
September	18 124	11 489	9 230	3 619	5 245	1 247	550	934	50 438
October	19 342	12 743	10 762	3 371	5 358	1 274	592	900	54 342
November	20 419	12 554	9 910	3 733	5 925	1 280	607	1 006	55 434
December	17 623	12 527	10 918	3 490	5 379	1 363	463	1 035	52 798
1995									
January	15 906	9 628	7 354	2 876	5 016	879	478	803	42 940
February	17 808	11 740	8 868	3 365	5 008	1 003	530	870	49 192
March	20 896	14 066	9 602	4 025	5 593	1 097	774	1 193	57 246
April	17 485	10 211	10 755	2 786	4 359	819	537	768	47 720
May	22 785	15 468	11 569	4 339	6 356	1 357	976	1 273	64 123
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1994									
March	16 147	11 503	7 762	3 223	5 023	925	511	995	46 089
April	17 545	11 008	12 299	3 045	4 808	1 028	595	917	51 246
May	17 891	11 451	10 192	3 247	5 380	1 112	520	973	50 765
June	18 154	11 895	9 397	3 648	5 672	1 228	588	1 069	51 651
July	17 998	11 487	10 914	3 428	5 126	1 182	572	889	51 597
August	18 470	11 414	8 706	3 208	5 029	1 299	460	881	49 467
September	18 656	11 474	8 993	3 393	5 287	1 085	589	899	50 377
October	20 371	12 707	10 724	3 300	5 443	1 294	567	946	55 351
November	18 262	12 192	9 769	3 410	5 598	1 267	576	867	51 941
December	18 391	12 473	10 628	3 459	5 100	887	550	1 113	52 602
1995									
January	20 104	12 725	9 316	3 773	5 895	1 201	683	1 101	54 797
February	19 395	12 306	9 855	3 637	5 232	1 198	652	966	53 240
March	18 160	12 762	8 054	3 632	4 976	1 081	690	1 083	50 439
April	21 694	11 902	13 274	3 331	5 129	1 059	545	960	57 892
May	19 272	14 113	10 740	4 199	6 173	1 435	826	1 193	57 951
TREND ESTIMATES¹									
1994									
March	17 210	11 371	9 790	3 239	5 089	1 036	529	1 026	49 290
April	17 384	11 392	10 029	3 282	5 096	1 065	542	1 003	49 794
May	17 646	11 421	10 135	3 324	5 106	1 110	551	975	50 269
June	17 992	11 472	10 061	3 354	5 137	1 162	554	947	50 680
July	18 320	11 557	9 910	3 362	5 171	1 201	550	924	50 996
August	18 606	11 704	9 781	3 360	5 221	1 221	545	915	51 353
September	18 847	11 890	9 759	3 364	5 296	1 215	547	917	51 835
October	18 966	12 110	9 766	3 389	5 373	1 191	561	936	52 295
November	19 054	12 285	9 798	3 433	5 412	1 159	581	967	52 688
December	19 131	12 409	9 798	3 496	5 409	1 131	601	1 001	52 977
1995									
January	19 235	12 485	9 863	3 561	5 376	1 120	623	1 027	53 290
February	19 395	12 555	10 003	3 616	5 354	1 129	643	1 044	53 738
March	19 596	12 674	10 252	3 673	5 372	1 154	664	1 058	54 443
April	19 776	12 829	10 568	3 737	5 429	1 187	688	1 073	55 287
May	20 025	13 041	10 952	3 797	5 511	1 232	710	1 090	56 359

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NEW PASSENGER VEHICLES, Selected Make/Models: Original— May 1995

Make/Model	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Ford									
Falcon/Fairmont	2 322	2 154	1 217	501	631	93	74	172	7 164
Festiva	504	239	237	120	154	34	10	21	1 319
Laser	405	291	193	86	122	29	3	18	1 147
Other	311	425	157	71	66	12	3	7	1 052
Total	3 542	3 109	1 804	778	973	168	90	218	10 682
Holden									
Commodore/Calais	2 698	1 966	1 248	541	630	135	81	174	7 473
Barina	422	239	270	93	166	20	31	36	1 277
Apollo	175	80	49	34	58	8	4	9	417
Other	371	298	130	83	92	10	12	15	1 011
Total	3 666	2 583	1 697	751	946	173	128	234	10 178
Hyundai									
Excel	990	494	458	103	393	38	44	50	2 570
Lantra	187	114	78	23	88	13	6	9	518
Sonata	129	65	58	21	72	3	4	7	359
Other	51	90	25	9	22	2	1	6	206
Total	1 357	763	619	156	575	56	55	72	3 653
Mazda									
323	395	236	184	52	79	16	11	23	996
121	372	136	173	55	55	16	28	36	871
626	174	125	75	23	35	12	4	9	457
Other	97	74	33	14	15	2	1	5	241
Total	1 038	571	465	144	184	46	44	73	2 565
Mitsubishi									
Magna	878	708	522	530	310	71	40	100	3 159
Lancer	399	351	263	105	84	33	12	28	1 275
Pajero	233	126	154	33	56	16	6	13	637
Other	157	112	73	65	19	11	5	7	449
Total	1 667	1 297	1 012	733	469	131	63	148	5 520
Nissan									
Pulsar	287	166	140	37	38	4	13	33	718
Patrol	88	78	87	17	59	6	4	3	342
Bluebird	77	41	44	13	11	5	7	11	209
Other	180	165	101	36	36	4	1	3	526
Total	632	450	372	103	144	19	25	50	1 795
Toyota									
Corolla	1 008	524	335	189	235	79	28	64	2 462
Camry	780	492	459	147	204	64	44	51	2 241
Landcruiser	351	240	313	85	160	25	60	16	1 250
Other	755	397	297	85	155	38	43	21	1 791
Total	2 894	1 653	1 404	506	754	206	175	152	7 744

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication presents monthly data for registrations of new motor vehicles.
- 2** The statistics in this publication are based on procedures using the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), adopted by the State and Territory motor vehicle registration authorities. The VIN system 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 the State and Territory motor vehicle registration authorities. The statistics reflect the information recorded in registration documents. With the exception of Queensland, the statistics shown 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. Because of the lags from purchase to registration, and processing lags, the published statistics for the period can vary from actual sales of new vehicles for the same period.

- 4** 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

- 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 can be more clearly recognised.
- 6** 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).
- 7** Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.
- 8** 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.
- 9** Seasonal adjustment factors are analysed and revised as necessary annually.



TREND ESTIMATES

10 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.

11 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

12 For a more detailed break-up of the monthly figures presented here, inquiries should be made to John Alexander on 06 252 6532 or to any ABS office. Data on total vehicle registrations, both new and re-registrations, is available in *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia, 30 June 1993* (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** Includes all passenger vehicles having more than nine seats, including the driver.
- 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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