

## New vehicle registrations Total vehicles '000s Trend -56 52 48 М Š 1995

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## **NEW MOTOR VEHICLE** REGISTRATIONS

AUSTRALIA PRELIMINARY

EMBARGOED UNTIL 11:30AM THURS 21 DECEMBER 1995

### NOVEMBER KEY FIGURES

	monthly	annuai		
Nov 95	% change	% change		
50 056	-1.1	~5.2		
42 105	-0.8	-3.9		
7 951	~2.5	-11.6		
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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Nov 95	monthly % change	annual % change
Total new motor vehicle registrations	49 288	-5.4	-5.2
Passenger vehicles	41 588	-5.0	-2.8
Other vehicles	7 700	-7 <b>.</b> 5	-16.5

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES			annual		
	Nov 95	% change	% change		
Total new motor vehicle registrations	51 940	-2.9	-6.3		
Passenger vehicles	43 700	-3.3	-3.9		
Other vehicles	8 240	-0.8	-17.2		

#### NOVEMBER KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

TAKE CARE! Trend estimates are revised as new monthly The trend estimate for total new motor vehicle data become available. registrations for November 1995 continued to fall and is now 8.3 per cent lower than the peak in April 1995. Other vehicle registrations decreased by 2.5 per cent to reach the level recorded in January 1994. Passenger vehicle registrations have fallen to the lowest level recorded since July 1994.

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

 Total new motor vehicle registrations fell 5.4 per cent in November 1995 and were 5.2 per cent below the figure recorded in November 1994. Passenger vehicle registrations fell 5.0 per cent compared with the previous month, and other vehicles were lower by 7.5 per cent. Registrations rose in Victoria, Western Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

### ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

 Total new motor vehicle registrations fell by 2.9 per cent in November 1995. This was 6.3 per cent below the figure recorded for the same period last year and 19.0 per cent below the high in May 1995. Passenger vehicle registrations for November 1995 dropped by 3.3 per cent and other vehicle registrations fell by 0.8 per cent compared with October 1995.

### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE RELEASE DATE

 December 1995
 25 January 1996

 January 1996
 22 February 1996

 February 1996
 28 March 1996

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

This edition includes changes to the seasonally adjusted series and the trend estimate series as a result of the annual re-estimation of seasonal factors.

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TREND REVISIONS

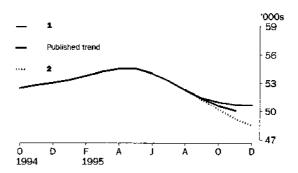
The most recent trend estimates are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

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

- **1** The December seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is higher than the November seasonally adjusted estimate by 5.2%.
- **2** The December seasonally adjusted estimate for total vehicle registrations is lower than the November seasonally adjusted estimate by –5.2%.

The percentage change of 5.2% was chosen because the average absolute percentage change, based on the last 11 years, has been 5.2%.

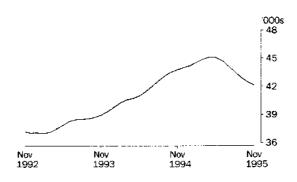
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A 5.2 per cent rise in total seasonally adjusted new motor vehicle registrations in December 1995 would result in a flattening of the rate of decline in the revised trend. A fall of this magnitude in the December seasonally adjusted figure would show a strengthening decline in the revised trend from May 1995.

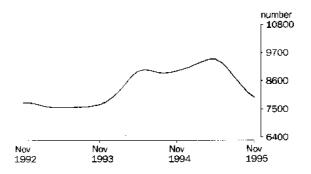
W. McLennan Australian Statistician PASSENGER VEHICLES

Since the peak in April 1995, the trend level for passenger vehicle registrations has fallen 6.7 per cent, although the November 1995 estimate is still 13.7 per cent above the most recent low recorded in December 1992.



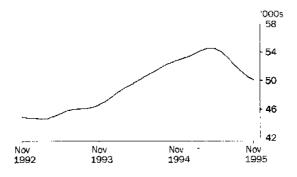
OTHER VEHICLES

The trend estimate for other vehicle registrations has fallen steadily since peaking in May 1995, with the level for November 1995 now 15.9 per cent below the level recorded then. The level now stands at 5.0 per cent above the May 1993 level and 2.4 per cent above the November 1992 level.



TOTAL VEHICLES
(EXCLUDING MOTOR CYCLES)

Following a period of sustained growth from March 1993 to April 1995, the trend level has declined to be 8.3 per cent below the peak in April 1995. The trend estimate for November 1995 is now 5.2 per cent below the level recorded in November 1994 but is 12.1 per cent above the low recorded in February 1993.





## NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By Type: All Series

Month	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
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		ORIGINAL	
1994			
September	42 373	8 065	50 438
October	45 354	8 988	54 342
November	45 485	9 949	55 434
December	43 948	8 850	52 798
1995	00.000	0.05*	
January	36 283	6 657	42 940
February	41 292	7 900	49 192
March	47 264	9 982	57 246
April	39 470	8 250 11 566	47 720
May	52 556	11 566	64 122
June	47 511	12 308	59 819
July August	43 723	9 196	52 919
August	45 920	8 215	54 135
September	41 305 45 130	7 980	49 285
October	45 179	8 310	53 489
November	43 700	8 240	51 940
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1994		SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	
September	42 446	8 553	50 999
October	45 <b>804</b>	9 216	55 019
November	42 791	9 219	52 011
December	43 334	9 378	52 712
1995			
Janua <del>r</del> y	45 312	8 909	54 221
February	44 471	8 931	53 402
March	42 540	8 928	51 468
April	46 219	9 969	5 <b>6 188</b>
Мау	47 388	9 696	57 083
June	44 433	9 684	54 116
July	44 032	8 688	<b>52</b> 7 <b>20</b>
August	42 434	8 427	50 860
September	42 697	8 643	51 340
October	43 792	8 325	52 117
November	41 588	7 700	49 288
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September	43 121	8 912	52 034
October	43 534	8 936	52 469
November	43 804	8 996	52 800
December	43 998	9 060	53 058
1995			*****
January	44 226	9 147	53 373
February	44 547	9 252	53 799
March	44 896	9 360	54 255
April	45 122	9 443	5 <b>4 56</b> 5
May	45 097	9 452	54 549
June	44 729	9 322	54 052
July	44 179	9 060	53 239
August	43 540	8 736	52 276
September	42 952	8 431	51 383
October	42 453	8 157	50 611
November	42 105	7 951	50 056
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Frend estimates for May **1995** to October **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	• • « « « » » » « » • •		••••«» • • • « •	********			* * = * * * * * * * * * *	+ * * * ×
September	42 373	6 390	877	384	91	323	50 438	1 677
October	45 354	7 224	921	413	86	344	54 342	1 658
November	45 4 <b>8</b> 5	7 974	1 058	449	102	366	55 434	1 981
December	43 948	6 979	1 017	409	60	385	52 798	1 892
1995							02.100	* 002
January	36 283	5 434	592	270	40	321	42 940	1 854
February	41 292	6 365	830	293	28	384	49 192	1 686
March	47 264	8 196	964	360	78	384	57 246	1 848
April	39 470	6 772	723	317	83	355	47 720	1 458
May	52 556	9 477	1 130	429	83	447	64 122	1 960
June	47 5 <b>11</b>	9 725	1 229	718	98	538	59 819	1 590
July	43 723	7 547	965	229	98	357	52 919	1 686
August	45 920	6 611	870	227	113	394	54 135	1 751
September	41 305	6 434	867	210	124	345	49 285	1 732
October	45 179	6 680	907	273	62	388	53 489	1 775
November	43 700	6 597	871	302	78	392	51 940	2 265

# NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, Registrations By State: All Series

1994   September   18 124   11 489   9 230   3 819   6 245   1 247   550   934   50 43	Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
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Laser	215	118	94	38	43	8	2	14	532
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Magna	547	566	316	457	251	26	29	73	2 265
Lancer	245	247	190	74	65	24	9	19	873
Pajero	188	62	97	25	44	11	3	7	437
Other	102	55	39	41	25	19	1	3	285
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Micra	119	142	79	21	129	3	5	9	507
Pulsar	188	108	120	17	40	10	6	12	501
Patrol	99	61	56	14	48	2	9	5	294
Other	147	111	78	22	27	2	9	9	405
Total	553	422	333	74	244	17	29	35	1 707
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Toyota	707	E7A	293	173	220	40	47	58	2 142
Camry	737	574	293 228	80	162	49	34	88	1 701
Corolla	670	390		57	147	11	34	15	1 054
Landcruiser	336	210	244				25	51	2 339
Other	1 034	562	340	96	204	27			
Total	2 777	1 736	1 105	406	733	127	140	212	7 236

### 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 scasonally 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 Clare Newman 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, 30 June 1993* (9309.0).

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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

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 scats (including the driver).

Registrations This includes all registrations processed by the motor vehicle registration

authorities in the States and Territories during the relevant period.

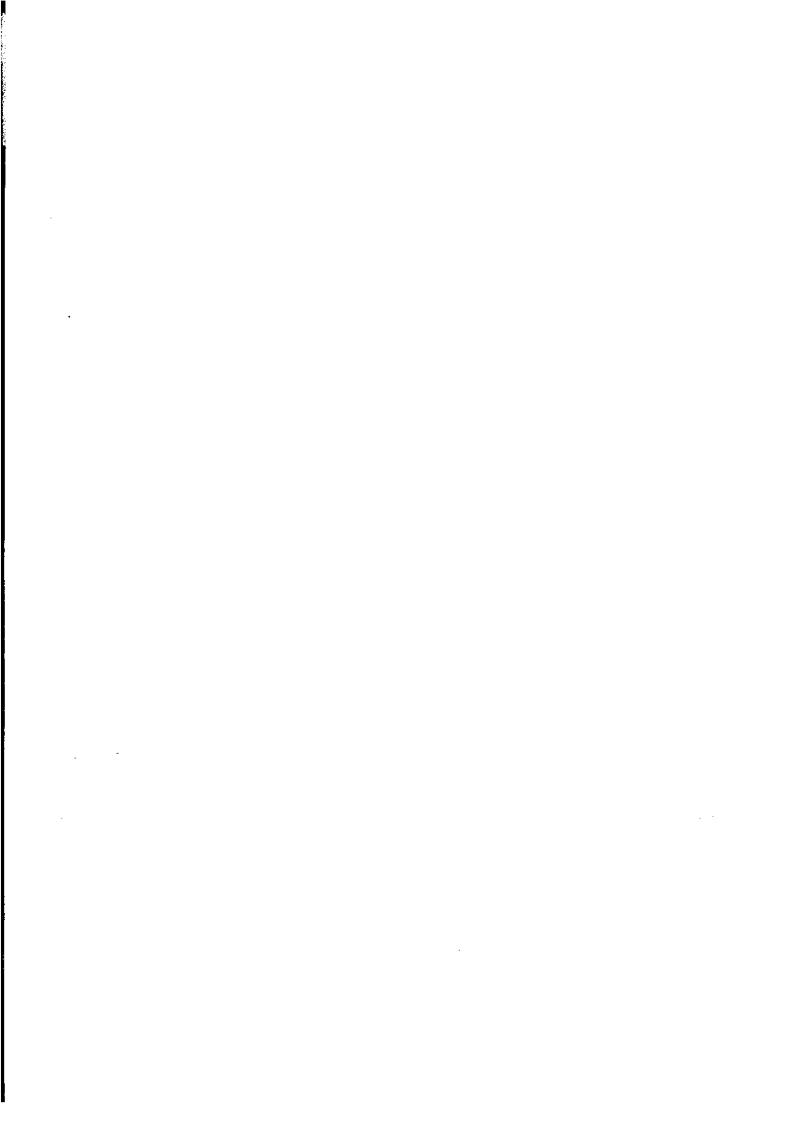
Rigid trucks Vehicles constructed primarily for load carrying with a gross vehicle mass of 3.5

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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