

# New Motor Vehicle Sales (ABS Cat No 9314.0)

Latest month: **October 2017**

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## Recent performance

The ABS estimated that the number of Tasmanian new motor vehicle sales increased by 1.7 per cent in October 2017, compared to the previous month, in trend terms. Nationally, the number of new motor vehicle sales decreased by 0.4 per cent in the same period (Table 1).

Tasmanian new motor vehicle sales in October 2017 were down 1.9 per cent compared to one year earlier, while nationally, new motor vehicle sales increased by 1.0 per cent over the same period.

In October 2017, compared to the same period one year earlier, Western Australia recorded the largest percentage increase of new motor vehicle sales (up 5.2 per cent), while the Australian Capital territory recorded the largest decrease (down 2.8 per cent).

Historically, passenger vehicles have been the most commonly sold vehicle in both Tasmania and Australia, in trend terms. However, in Tasmania the number of new sports utility vehicles has generally been increasing in recent years. The number of new sports utility vehicles sold has been higher than the number of passenger vehicles sold for the past 22 months (Chart 2).

Since March 2017, stronger sales of sports utility vehicles have moderated the decline of total vehicle sales, with passenger sales continuing to decline.

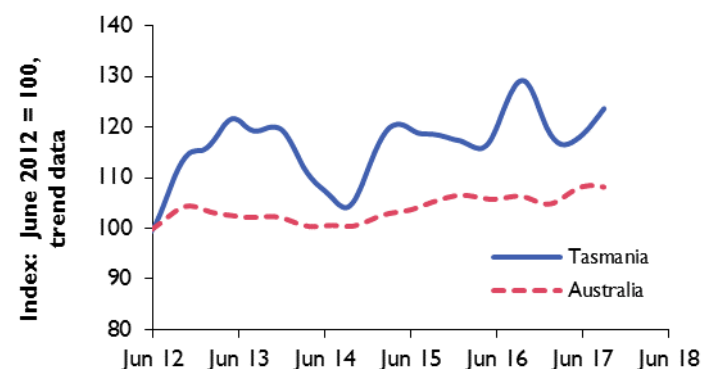
The "other" vehicle category includes utilities, panel vans, cab chassis, goods carrying vans, rigid trucks, prime movers, non-freight carrying trucks, buses, and four wheel drive light commercial vehicles, which are not classified as sports utility vehicles.

**Table 1: Change in the number of new motor vehicle sales by jurisdiction, October 2017, trend data**

Trend data	Number of sales	Monthly (%)	Annual (%)
NSW	33 087	-0.4	-0.1
Vic	28 091	-0.5	1.2
Qld	19 341	-0.7	1.8
SA	6 017	-0.5	0.6
WA	8 479	1.1	5.2
<b>Tas</b>	<b>1 700</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
NT	885	-2.6	1.6
ACT	1 508	-1.2	-2.8
<b>Aus</b>	<b>99 106</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>

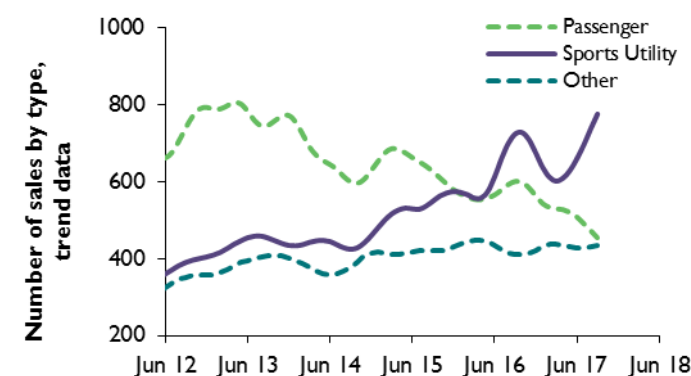
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**Chart 1: Number of new motor vehicle sales, Tasmania and Australia, trend data**



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**Chart 2: Classification of new motor vehicle sales, Tasmania, trend data**



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**Table 2: Number of new motor vehicle sales, Tasmania and Australia**

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Oct 16	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17	Oct 16	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17
<b>Trend (Number)</b>	1 733	1 644	1 672	1 700	98 079	99 814	99 488	99 106
monthly change (%)	0.0	1.6	1.7	1.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4
annual change (%)	9.0	-3.7	-3.5	-1.9	0.6	1.7	1.3	1.0
<b>Seasonally Adjusted (Number)</b>	1 765	1 537	1 809	1 698	97 927	99 298	98 919	98 922
monthly change (%)	-3.2	-3.0	17.7	-6.1	-1.6	-0.2	-0.4	0.0
annual change (%)	12.9	-11.5	-0.8	-3.8	1.3	1.4	-0.6	1.0
<b>Original (Total Year Number)</b>	19 621	19 660	19 602	19 535	1 178 688	1 182 721	1 180 225	1 182 631
year to change (%)	1.7	1.2	1.0	-0.4	2.8	0.4	0.0	0.3

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**Table 3: Classification of new motor vehicle sales, Tasmania and Australia, trend data**

Trend data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Oct 16	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17	Oct 16	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17
<b>Passenger (Number)</b>	596	485	476	470	39 816	37 499	37 137	36 769
monthly change (%)	-0.7	-2.6	-1.9	-1.3	-0.4	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
annual change (%)	-2.1	-18.2	-20.7	-21.1	-6.1	-6.6	-7.1	-7.7
<b>Sports Utility (Number)</b>	728	726	758	786	37 487	39 128	39 019	38 903
monthly change (%)	0.7	5.1	4.4	3.7	0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
annual change (%)	29.8	4.0	4.8	8.0	4.8	5.1	4.2	3.8
<b>Other (Number)</b>	409	433	439	444	20 775	23 187	23 332	23 435
monthly change (%)	0.0	0.9	1.4	1.1	-0.1	0.7	0.6	0.4
annual change (%)	-2.4	4.3	7.3	8.6	7.1	11.7	12.2	12.8

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