

# New Motor Vehicle Sales (ABS Cat No 9314.0)

**Latest month: December 2017**

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This is the final data release of new motor vehicle sales as the ABS has ceased the Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia (ABS Cat No 9314.0) release.

Some data on sales of new motor vehicles (in original terms) are available from the [website](#) of the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries.

## Recent performance

The ABS estimated that the number of Tasmanian new motor vehicle sales increased by 2.2 per cent in December 2017, compared to the previous month, in trend terms. Nationally, the number of new motor vehicle sales increased by 0.2 per cent in the same period (Table 1).

Tasmanian new motor vehicle sales in December 2017 increased 10.9 per cent compared to one year earlier, while nationally, new motor vehicle sales increased by 2.8 per cent over the same period.

In December 2017, compared to the same period one year earlier, Tasmania recorded the largest percentage increase of new motor vehicle sales (up 10.9 per cent), while the Australian Capital territory recorded the largest decrease (down 3.8 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 since January 2016 (Chart 2).

Since March 2017, stronger sales of sports utility vehicles have been the primary reason for an increase in total vehicle sales. Passenger vehicle sales have been generally declining, but have recorded a modest increase since September 2017.

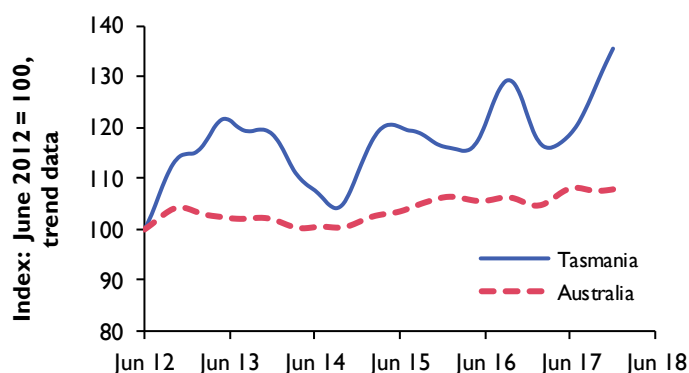
The "other" vehicle category includes utilities, panel vans, cab chassis, goods carrying vans, rigid trucks, prime movers, non-freight carrying trucks, buses, and four wheel drive light commercial vehicles, which are not classified as sports utility vehicles.

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

Trend data	Number of sales	Monthly (%)	Annual (%)
NSW	33 161	0.1	0.6
Vic	28 323	0.2	3.3
Qld	19 419	0.0	3.2
SA	6 128	0.6	3.9
WA	8 549	0.4	8.8
<b>Tas</b>	<b>1 826</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>10.9</b>
NT	837	-1.9	-1.8
ACT	1 513	-0.3	-3.8
<b>Aus</b>	<b>99 756</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>

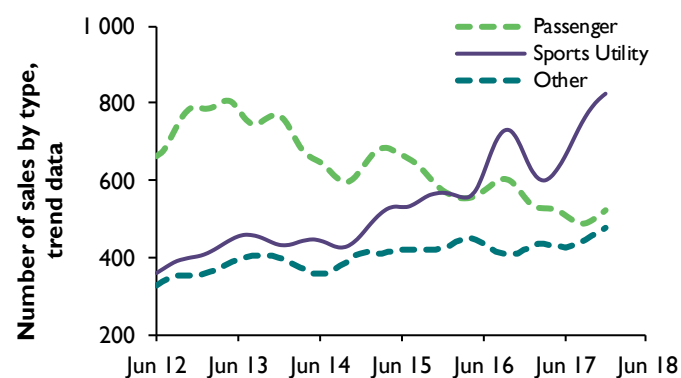
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**Chart 1: Number of new motor vehicle sales, Tasmania and Australia, trend data**



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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			
	Dec 16	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Dec 16	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17
<b>Trend (Number)</b>	1 646	1 745	1 787	1 826	97 040	99 473	99 565	99 756
monthly change (%)	-3.2	2.6	2.4	2.2	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.2
annual change (%)	5.0	0.6	5.1	10.9	-1.2	1.4	2.0	2.8
<b>Seasonally Adjusted (Number)</b>	1 603	1 723	1 766	1 869	97 237	99 081	99 256	103 743
monthly change (%)	-4.6	-5.4	2.5	5.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	4.5
annual change (%)	-2.7	-2.8	5.1	16.6	0.0	1.2	2.2	6.7
<b>Original (Total Year Number)</b>	19 765	19 535	19 653	19 901	1 178 133	1 182 631	1 185 059	1 189 116
year to change (%)	0.4	-0.4	-0.5	0.7	2.0	0.3	0.5	0.9

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

Trend data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Dec 16	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Dec 16	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17
<b>Passenger (Number)</b>	558	496	508	522	39 169	36 636	36 394	36 270
monthly change (%)	-4.0	1.6	2.4	2.8	-0.9	-0.9	-0.7	-0.3
annual change (%)	-2.8	-17.1	-12.6	-6.5	-5.8	-8.0	-8.0	-7.4
<b>Sports Utility (Number)</b>	669	790	810	825	37 083	39 274	39 451	39 643
monthly change (%)	-5.4	3.4	2.5	1.9	-0.7	0.2	0.5	0.5
annual change (%)	17.8	8.4	14.6	23.3	2.1	4.7	5.6	6.9
<b>Other (Number)</b>	419	459	469	479	20 787	23 563	23 719	23 844
monthly change (%)	1.7	2.5	2.2	2.1	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.5
annual change (%)	-1.4	12.5	13.8	14.3	2.2	13.4	14.4	14.7

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