

New Motor Vehicle Sales (ABS Cat No 9314.0)

Latest month: August 2017

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Recent performance

The ABS estimated that the number of Tasmanian new motor vehicle sales decreased by 0.6 per cent in August 2017, compared to the previous month, in trend terms. Nationally, the number of new motor vehicle sales increased by 0.3 per cent in the same period (Table 1).

Tasmanian new motor vehicle sales in August 2017 were down 8.8 per cent compared to one year earlier, while nationally, new motor vehicle sales increased by 2.7 per cent over the same period.

In August 2017, compared to the same period one year earlier, Northern Territory recorded the largest percentage increase of new motor vehicle sales (up 9.4 per cent), while Western Australia recorded the second largest decrease (down 1.3 per cent) after Tasmania.

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 20 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.

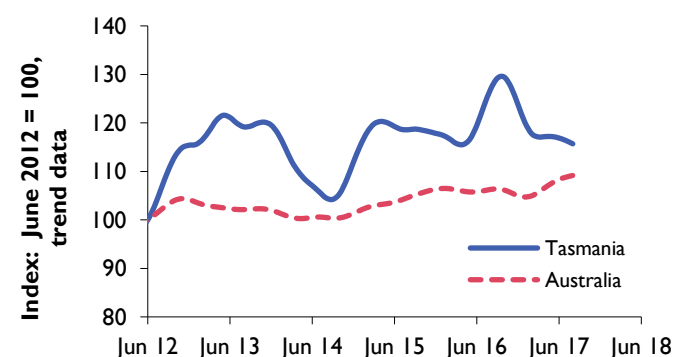
The "other" vehicle category includes utilities, panel vans, cab chassis, goods carrying vans, rigid trucks, prime movers, non-freight carrying trucks, buses, and four wheel drive light commercial vehicles, which are not classified as sports utility vehicles.

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

Trend data	Number of sales	Monthly (%)	Annual (%)
NSW	33 416	0.0	1.2
Vic	28 806	0.7	4.6
Qld	20 078	0.3	4.6
SA	6 206	0.4	4.1
WA	8 176	0.7	-1.3
Tas	1 556	-0.6	-8.8
NT	976	0.9	9.4
ACT	1 594	0.3	4.9
Aus	100 809	0.3	2.7

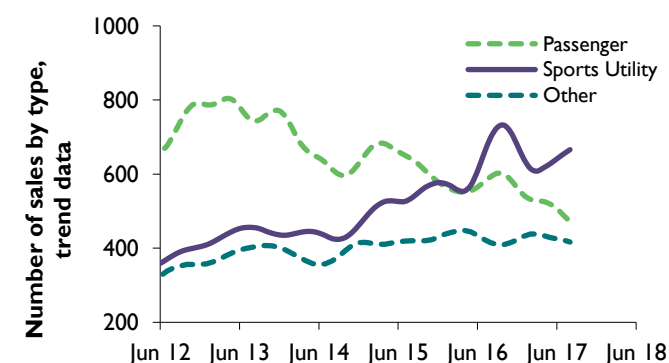
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Chart 1: Number of new motor vehicle sales, Tasmania and Australia, trend data



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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			
	Aug 16	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Aug 16	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17
Trend (Number)	1 707	1 572	1 565	1 556	98 139	100 046	100 479	100 809
monthly change (%)	2.9	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.3
annual change (%)	7.0	-2.2	-5.7	-8.8	1.6	2.4	2.6	2.7
Seasonally Adjusted (Number)	1 724	1 598	1 562	1 515	97 865	101 977	99 527	99 564
monthly change (%)	8.7	-0.7	-2.3	-3.0	0.0	1.3	-2.4	0.0
annual change (%)	2.0	3.6	-1.5	-12.1	2.4	3.5	1.7	1.7
Original (Total Year Number)	19 419	19 878	19 865	19 660	1 178 348	1 179 545	1 180 968	1 182 721
year to change (%)	3.8	2.2	2.5	1.2	3.7	0.4	0.6	0.4

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

Trend data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Aug 16	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Aug 16	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17
Passenger (Number)	593	507	489	472	40 100	38 160	38 004	37 835
monthly change (%)	2.4	-2.3	-3.6	-3.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4
annual change (%)	-7.5	-10.3	-15.5	-20.4	-6.4	-5.8	-5.7	-5.6
Sports Utility (Number)	699	641	654	666	37 284	39 070	39 418	39 745
monthly change (%)	6.6	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.8
annual change (%)	30.7	5.4	-0.3	-4.7	7.1	7.3	6.9	6.6
Other (Number)	415	425	422	417	20 755	22 816	23 057	23 229
monthly change (%)	-2.1	-0.9	-0.7	-1.2	0.1	1.3	1.1	0.7
annual change (%)	-1.2	-2.3	-0.5	0.5	9.5	9.8	11.2	11.9

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