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Foreword

This report presents summary counts of all road vehicles registered for road use in Australia on 31 January 2026. The estimates have been derived from state and territory vehicle registry data as recorded on the National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information System (NEVDIS), on 31 January 2026.

This is the fifth issue of BITRE's annual statistical release, which replaces the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Motor Vehicle Census (MVC), discontinued in 2021. This release includes minor revisions to BITRE's 2024 and 2025 estimates arising from further inspection and reclassification of some registry records. The revisions have resulted in a small net reduction (approximately 560 vehicles) in the total number of registered road vehicles and a corresponding increase in registered non-road vehicles (i.e. tractors, all-terrain vehicles, construction equipment, etc.). The revisions have also resulted in some movement of vehicles between vehicle types – the impacts of these revisions are outlined in the Explanatory Notes.

This issue includes changes to the vehicle motive power classification to align with amendments to the Road Vehicle Standards (*Information on the Register of Approved Vehicles*) Determination 2021 introduced in June 2025. The revised classification includes separate enumeration of hybrid and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. BITRE has also allocated vehicle registration location to Australian Statistical Geography Standard (Edition 3) areas, and this issue includes two new summary tables listing total registered vehicles by Greater Capital City Statistical Area and Remoteness Area.

More detailed estimates, by make-model, registered postcode, year of manufacture and other selected vehicle characteristics, are available from data.gov.au.

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Summary

- There were 22.77 million registered motor vehicles on 31 January 2026 – an increase of approximately 2.1% since 31 January 2025.
- There were a further 4.93 million trailers, caravans, campers and plant and equipment (e.g. construction equipment, agricultural tractors and equipment, all-terrain vehicles, forklifts, golf buggies) not included in total registered motor vehicles.
- New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland have the highest number of vehicle registrations, and together accounted for over 76.1% of all registered motor vehicles on 31 January 2026.
- The total number of registered motor vehicles increased across every state and territory between January 2025 and January 2026. Western Australia and Queensland recorded the largest proportionate increases in motor vehicle registrations, by 3.20% and 2.62%, respectively.
- Toyota remained the largest passenger vehicle make for the 21st consecutive year, with approximately 3.32 million registrations. Toyota is also the largest light commercial vehicle (LCV) make, with around 1.30 million registered LCVs on 31 January 2026.
- Petrol-powered motor vehicles accounted for around 63.7% of registered motor vehicles at end January 2026, down from 65.6% in January 2025. Diesel-powered motor vehicles accounted for 29.9% of registered motor vehicles at end January 2026, up from 29.5% in January 2025.
- There were approximately 368,300 registered battery and fuel-cell electric vehicles (BEVs and FCEVs) on 31 January 2026, an increase of around 42.3% since 31 January 2025. This includes around 355,000 battery and fuel-cell electric passenger cars, approximately 2.2% of all registered passenger vehicles in 2026, and an increase of 42.7% over 2025.
- There were approximately 846,200 registered hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) on 31 January 2026, an increase of around 31.7% since January 2025. Hybrid electric passenger vehicles on register numbered 843,100 on 31 January 2026, an increase of 31.6% since January 2025. HEVs comprised approximately 5.1% of all registered passenger vehicles on 31 January 2026.
- There were approximately 111,300 registered plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) on 31 January 2026, an increase of around 101.9% since January 2025. Plug-in hybrid electric passenger vehicles on register numbered 89,200 on 31 January 2026, an increase of 63.4% since January 2025. PHEVs comprised approximately 0.5% of all registered passenger vehicles on 31 January 2026.
- The average age across all registered motor vehicles in Australia increased from around 11.55 years in 2025 to around 11.67 years in 2026. The average age of registered passenger vehicles across Australia increased from around 11.33 years in 2025 to around 11.45 years in 2026.
- There were approximately 703,700 registered rigid trucks on 31 January 2026 – an increase of approximately 5.6% on the number of registered rigid trucks at the end of January 2025. There were approximately 130,200 registered articulated trucks on 31 January 2026 – an increase of approximately 1.4% on the number of registered articulated trucks at the end of January 2025.
- There were approximately 863,340 registered caravans on 31 January 2026 – 3.06% up on the number of registered caravans at the end of January 2025. There were approximately 3.7 million registered trailers on 31 January 2026 – an increase of approximately 0.9% on the number of registered trailers at the end of January 2025.

Introduction

This report presents Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics' (BITRE) estimates of the number of registered road vehicles in Australia on 31 January 2026. It is the fifth issue of BITRE's annual statistical release, and replaces the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Motor Vehicle Census (MVC), discontinued in 2021.

This report provides aggregate estimates of the number of vehicles on register by state and territory, vehicle type, motive power type, vehicle make and vehicle age. This issue includes changes to the vehicle motive power classification, to align with amendments to the *Road Vehicle Standards (Information on the Register of Approved Vehicles) Determination 2021* introduced in June 2025 (see the Glossary). The changes include separate enumeration of all registered hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV).

In addition to this report, aggregate estimates of the number of vehicles on register are available in a spreadsheet file on the BITRE website. More detailed extracts are available on data.gov.au or can be provided on request.

Vehicles attributes available in BITRE's processed data set include:

- State/territory of registration
- Postcode of vehicle registration and vehicle garaging
- Suburb of vehicle registration and vehicle garaging¹
- Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) (ABS 2021a) Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3) areas and above
- Vehicle type
- Make–model
- Year of manufacture
- Motive power type
- Number of cylinders
- Engine capacity
- Seating capacity
- Tare weight
- Gross vehicle mass/gross combination mass
- National Heavy Vehicle charge code.

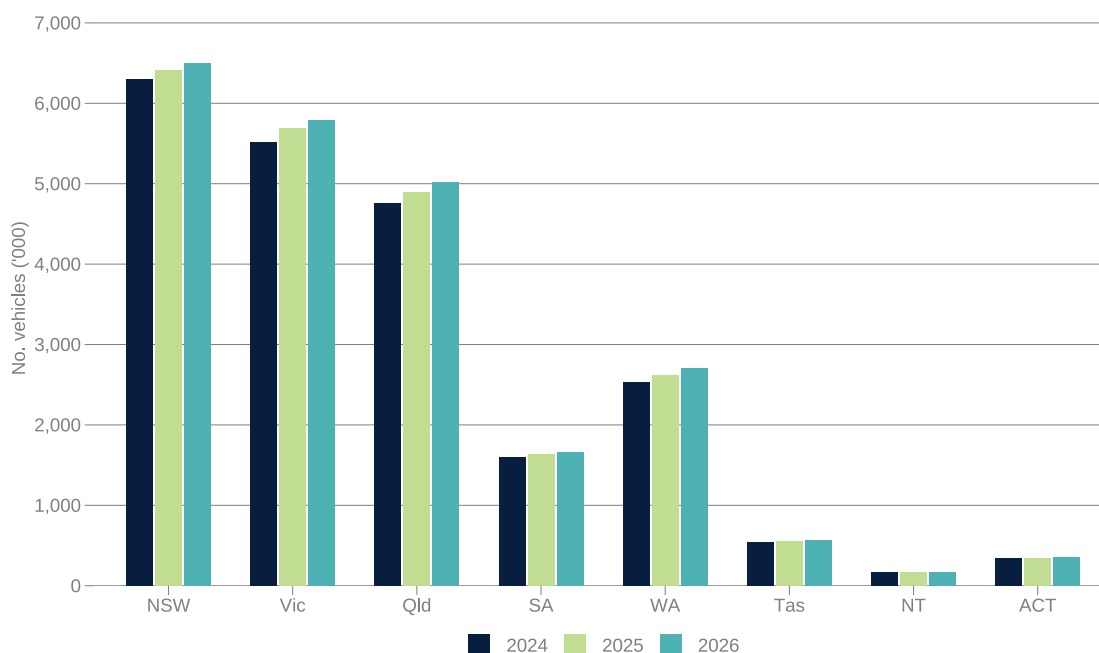
¹ Encoded to ABS (2021a) Australian Statistical Geography Standard Suburbs and Localities (SAL) area boundaries.

Registered vehicles by state and territory

Figure 1 shows total motor vehicle registrations by state and territory of registration, on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026. Table 1 shows total motor vehicle registrations by state and territory of registration and by vehicle type.

- There were 22.77 million registered motor vehicles as at 31 January 2026 – an increase of approximately 2.1% since the end of January 2025.
- The number of registered vehicles increased across every state and territory between 2025 and 2026.
 - Western Australia and Queensland recorded the largest proportionate increases in motor vehicle registrations, by 3.20% and 2.62%, respectively.
 - The Australian Capital Territory vehicle fleet grew slowest, by approximately 1.40% between 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026.
- New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland had the highest number of vehicle registrations, and together accounted for over 76.1% of all registered motor vehicles on 31 January 2026.
- There are a further 4.93 million trailers, caravans, campers and plant and equipment (e.g. construction equipment, agricultural tractors and equipment, all-terrain vehicles, forklifts, golf buggies) not included in total registered motor vehicles.

Figure 1 Total registered motor vehicles, by state/territory, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 1 Total registered motor vehicles, by vehicle type and state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Passenger vehicles									
2024	4,627,627	4,161,735	3,214,555	1,193,540	1,767,794	356,476	99,419	277,885	15,699,031
2025	4,704,838	4,288,033	3,297,304	1,217,965	1,827,640	360,741	100,411	283,219	16,080,151
2026	4,771,849	4,371,209	3,369,304	1,238,725	1,879,304	368,045	101,971	287,203	16,387,610
Campervans									
2024	32,702	25,198	29,041	4,337	3,432	5,915	176	897	101,698
2025	33,683	26,468	30,688	4,576	3,636	6,096	168	942	106,257
2026	34,049	26,924	31,867	4,835	3,750	6,150	185	970	108,730
Light commercial vehicles									
2024	1,097,729	897,012	1,074,382	276,059	498,028	134,910	51,504	40,053	4,069,677
2025	1,120,443	925,144	1,113,277	284,906	519,455	138,038	52,506	40,786	4,194,555
2026	1,141,237	944,459	1,150,197	293,353	539,567	141,096	52,955	41,725	4,304,589
Light rigid trucks									
2024	73,831	54,903	55,595	13,323	23,996	5,217	2,201	1,998	231,064
2025	81,327	60,796	63,474	15,206	28,805	5,758	2,668	2,206	260,240
2026	88,532	65,820	73,123	17,266	34,872	6,417	3,262	2,366	291,658
Heavy rigid trucks									
2024	111,359	94,155	85,097	26,700	61,977	10,818	5,030	1,807	396,943
2025	112,798	95,970	87,946	27,103	64,300	11,001	5,061	1,784	405,963
2026	113,221	96,124	90,631	27,624	66,493	11,088	5,075	1,762	412,018
Articulated trucks									
2024	28,051	34,893	26,958	10,531	19,921	2,382	1,372	195	124,303
2025	28,675	35,894	27,880	10,842	21,095	2,425	1,402	205	128,418
2026	28,810	35,935	28,440	10,909	21,931	2,487	1,440	201	130,153
Non-freight carrying vehicles									
2024	8,297	13,159	9,054	3,034	7,800	1,174	484	209	43,211
2025	8,642	13,573	9,278	3,111	7,815	1,224	505	202	44,350
2026	8,654	13,827	9,562	3,411	7,967	1,265	518	206	45,410
Light buses									
2024	13,388	11,196	12,732	3,434	9,363	1,532	1,915	430	53,990
2025	13,892	11,477	13,186	3,555	9,741	1,555	1,954	420	55,780
2026	14,472	11,681	13,696	3,720	10,220	1,638	1,998	439	57,864
Heavy buses									
2024	14,023	9,824	9,164	2,917	6,732	1,629	1,012	620	45,921
2025	14,201	10,194	9,481	2,990	6,928	1,633	990	625	47,042
2026	14,447	10,348	9,632	3,152	7,185	1,640	1,008	650	48,062
Motorcycles									
2024	289,640	215,500	237,678	60,884	129,460	21,162	5,565	13,784	973,673
2025	289,375	218,561	239,893	62,142	131,375	21,370	5,319	13,991	982,026
2026	286,781	219,061	244,320	61,054	133,265	21,632	5,248	13,695	985,056
Total motor vehicles									
2024	6,296,647	5,517,575	4,754,256	1,594,759	2,528,503	541,215	168,678	337,878	21,739,511
2025	6,407,874	5,686,110	4,892,407	1,632,396	2,620,790	549,841	170,984	344,380	22,304,782
2026	6,502,052	5,795,388	5,020,772	1,664,049	2,704,554	561,458	173,660	349,217	22,771,150

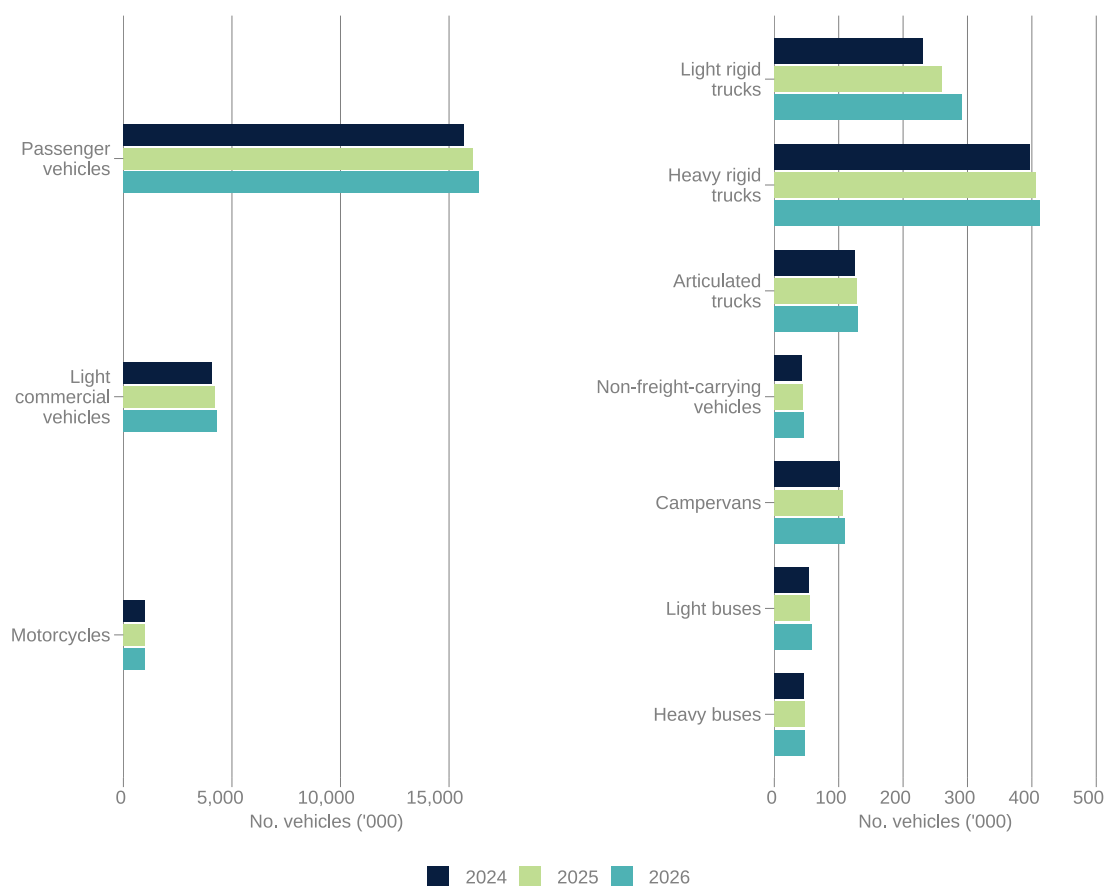
Source: BITRE estimates.

Registered motor vehicles by vehicle type

Figure 2 shows total motor vehicle registrations by vehicle type on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026.

- Passenger vehicles remain the largest vehicle type on register, with 16.4 million registered vehicles on 31 January 2026, an increase of 1.9% over the number of registered passenger vehicles as on 31 January 2025.
- Passenger vehicles comprised 72.0% of all registered motor vehicles on 31 January 2026, down from 72.1% in 2025.
- Light commercial vehicles comprise the second-largest vehicle type on register, with 4.3 million vehicles (18.9% of the fleet) on 31 January 2026, up 2.6% over the end of January 2025.

Figure 2 Total registered motor vehicles, by vehicle type, 2024, 2025 and 2026



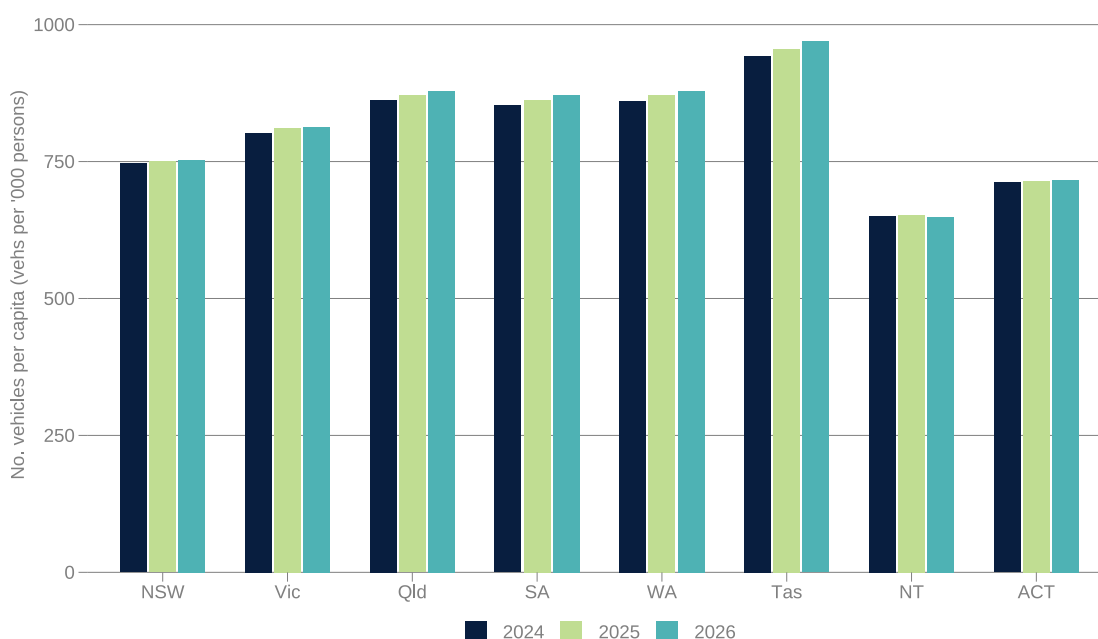
Source: BITRE estimates.

Registered motor vehicles per capita

Figure 3 shows total motor vehicle registrations per 1000 persons, by state and territory of registration, on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026. Table 2 shows total motor vehicle registrations per 1000 persons, by state and territory of registration and by vehicle type.

- Between 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026, the number of registered passenger vehicles per capita increased across the whole of Australia from 586.9 to 589.5 vehicles per 1000 persons.
- Tasmania and South Australia experienced the largest proportionate increase in per capita registered passenger vehicles between 2025 and 2026, increasing by 1.4% (to 635.5 vehicles per 1000 persons) and 0.7% (to 648.3 vehicles per 1000 persons), respectively.
- Northern Territory is the only state/territory to experience a decline in per capita passenger vehicle registrations between 2025 and 2026.
- Total per capita registrations increased across all jurisdictions but the Northern Territory between 2025 and 2026.

Figure 3 Total registered motor vehicles per capita, by state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 2 Total registered motor vehicles per capita, by vehicle type and state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026^a

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Passenger vehicles									
2024	548.5	605.0	582.8	637.9	601.6	620.8	383.8	585.2	582.4
2025	550.6	611.6	586.8	643.9	607.5	626.6	383.0	588.0	586.9
2026	552.2	613.8	589.9	648.3	610.9	635.5	381.2	589.5	589.5
Campervans									
2024	3.9	3.7	5.3	2.3	1.2	10.3	0.7	1.9	3.8
2025	3.9	3.8	5.5	2.4	1.2	10.6	0.6	2.0	3.9
2026	3.9	3.8	5.6	2.5	1.2	10.6	0.7	2.0	3.9
Light commercial vehicles									
2024	130.1	130.4	194.8	147.5	169.5	235.0	198.8	84.4	151.0
2025	131.1	132.0	198.1	150.6	172.7	239.8	200.3	84.7	153.1
2026	132.1	132.6	201.4	153.5	175.4	243.6	198.0	85.6	154.8
Light rigid trucks									
2024	8.8	8.0	10.1	7.1	8.2	9.1	8.5	4.2	8.6
2025	9.5	8.7	11.3	8.0	9.6	10.0	10.2	4.6	9.5
2026	10.2	9.2	12.8	9.0	11.3	11.1	12.2	4.9	10.5
Heavy rigid trucks									
2024	13.2	13.7	15.4	14.3	21.1	18.8	19.4	3.8	14.7
2025	13.2	13.7	15.7	14.3	21.4	19.1	19.3	3.7	14.8
2026	13.1	13.5	15.9	14.5	21.6	19.1	19.0	3.6	14.8
Articulated trucks									
2024	3.3	5.1	4.9	5.6	6.8	4.1	5.3	0.4	4.6
2025	3.4	5.1	5.0	5.7	7.0	4.2	5.3	0.4	4.7
2026	3.3	5.0	5.0	5.7	7.1	4.3	5.4	0.4	4.7
Non-freight carrying vehicles									
2024	1.0	1.9	1.6	1.6	2.7	2.0	1.9	0.4	1.6
2025	1.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	2.6	2.1	1.9	0.4	1.6
2026	1.0	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.6	2.2	1.9	0.4	1.6
Light buses									
2024	1.6	1.6	2.3	1.8	3.2	2.7	7.4	0.9	2.0
2025	1.6	1.6	2.3	1.9	3.2	2.7	7.5	0.9	2.0
2026	1.7	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	2.8	7.5	0.9	2.1
Heavy buses									
2024	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.8	3.9	1.3	1.7
2025	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.8	3.8	1.3	1.7
2026	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.8	3.8	1.3	1.7
Motorcycles									
2024	34.3	31.3	43.1	32.5	44.1	36.9	21.5	29.0	36.1
2025	33.9	31.2	42.7	32.9	43.7	37.1	20.3	29.0	35.8
2026	33.2	30.8	42.8	32.0	43.3	37.4	19.6	28.1	35.4
Total motor vehicles									
2024	746.3	802.1	861.9	852.4	860.5	942.6	651.1	711.6	806.5
2025	749.9	811.0	870.7	862.9	871.1	955.0	652.1	715.0	814.0
2026	752.5	813.7	879.0	871.0	879.1	969.5	649.2	716.8	819.1

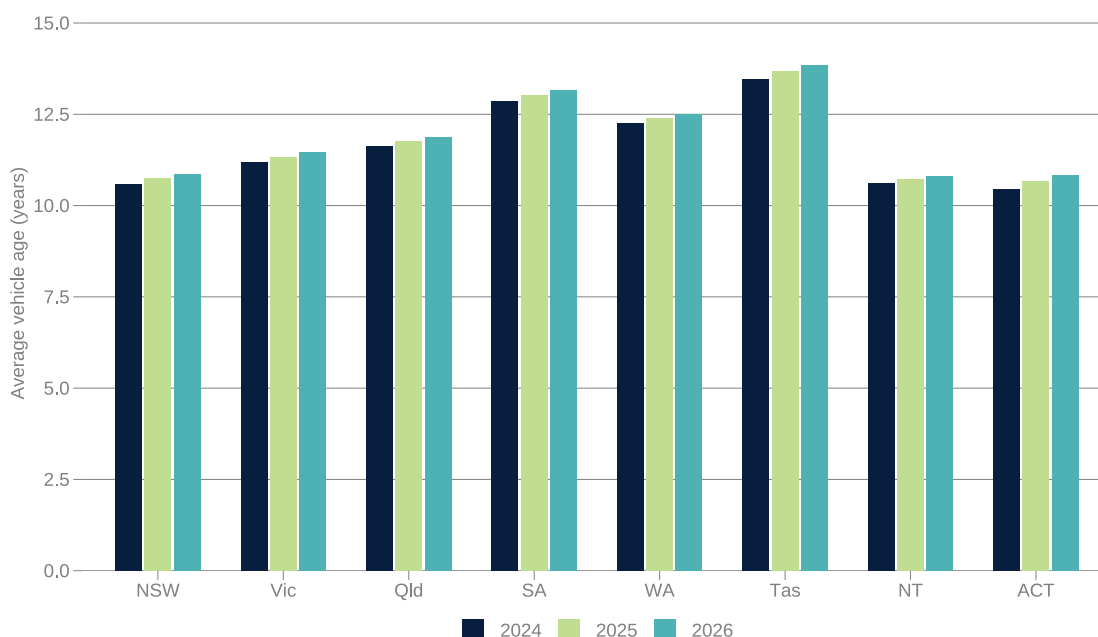
^a Per capita vehicle registrations are calculated as total registrations divided by the latest available ABS Estimated Resident Population (ERP) on 31 December of the calendar year prior to the NEVDIS vehicle snapshot date. The latest available ERP estimates ABS (2026) include revised ERP estimates for December 2024 and 2025, which impact the January 2024 and 2025 per capita vehicle estimates. Sources: ABS (2026) and BITRE estimates.

Average vehicle age by state/territory and vehicle type

Figure 4 shows average vehicle age of the registered motor vehicle fleet, by state and territory of registration, on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026. Table 3 shows average vehicle age across all registered motor vehicles, by state and territory of registration and by vehicle type.

- The average age across all registered motor vehicles in Australia increased from around 11.55 years in 2025 to around 11.67 years in 2026.
- Tasmania had the oldest average fleet age at 13.8 years.
- The Northern Territory vehicle fleet is the youngest with an average fleet age of 10.81 years closely followed by Australian Capital Territory (10.83 years) and New South Wales (10.85 years).
- The average age of registered passenger vehicles across Australia increased from around 11.3 years in 2025 to around 11.5 years in 2026.
- The average age of registered LCVs across Australia increased from around 11.5 years in 2025 to around 11.7 years in 2026.

Figure 4 Average vehicle age, by state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 3 Average vehicle age of registered motor vehicles, by vehicle type and state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Passenger vehicles									
2024	10.45	10.98	11.39	12.83	11.89	12.96	10.44	10.35	11.18
2025	10.60	11.13	11.52	12.99	12.03	13.16	10.58	10.56	11.33
2026	10.70	11.25	11.65	13.14	12.15	13.31	10.70	10.75	11.45
Campervans									
2024	15.90	16.58	17.52	18.64	23.49	23.12	19.34	17.35	17.34
2025	15.80	16.41	17.08	18.32	22.63	22.97	17.98	17.01	17.09
2026	15.93	16.49	16.87	18.01	22.19	23.13	17.89	17.10	17.07
Light commercial vehicles									
2024	10.59	11.21	11.64	12.16	11.96	13.91	10.48	10.23	11.38
2025	10.75	11.39	11.80	12.33	12.06	14.14	10.56	10.52	11.55
2026	10.90	11.57	11.95	12.48	12.16	14.40	10.74	10.69	11.70
Light rigid trucks									
2024	9.70	9.31	10.65	10.32	9.72	13.27	10.07	8.69	9.95
2025	9.32	9.05	10.01	9.86	8.97	12.77	8.70	8.80	9.48
2026	9.08	8.94	9.41	9.44	8.26	12.26	7.75	8.61	9.11
Heavy rigid trucks									
2024	14.76	16.34	15.14	18.30	18.38	18.80	14.89	11.85	16.12
2025	14.81	16.33	15.06	18.23	18.26	19.05	14.96	11.81	16.10
2026	14.95	16.44	15.00	18.07	18.18	19.27	15.00	11.52	16.14
Articulated trucks									
2024	11.71	12.48	12.14	13.10	13.56	12.48	13.52	12.28	12.47
2025	11.88	12.59	12.14	13.03	13.52	12.75	13.24	11.74	12.53
2026	12.06	12.86	12.24	13.43	13.62	12.82	13.16	11.25	12.73
Non-freight carrying vehicles									
2024	12.65	14.51	12.70	14.69	14.87	16.35	14.23	11.40	13.88
2025	12.54	14.46	12.65	14.75	14.39	16.55	14.16	12.79	13.76
2026	12.84	14.57	12.59	14.42	14.40	16.95	13.39	13.04	13.83
Light buses									
2024	11.19	13.14	11.77	12.14	12.04	14.57	8.95	11.64	11.96
2025	11.25	13.23	11.67	12.26	12.02	14.86	9.31	12.02	11.99
2026	11.23	13.17	11.57	12.29	11.97	14.70	9.30	12.17	11.94
Heavy buses									
2024	12.76	12.48	12.08	12.47	11.01	15.69	12.57	11.72	12.37
2025	13.01	12.37	11.98	12.77	10.90	15.95	12.93	11.21	12.42
2026	13.05	12.47	11.83	12.69	10.81	15.84	12.93	10.29	12.38
Motorcycles									
2024	10.69	12.03	13.15	14.20	15.60	13.50	10.46	12.24	12.54
2025	10.93	12.33	13.45	14.59	16.00	13.87	10.54	12.61	12.85
2026	11.16	12.64	13.74	15.10	16.39	14.26	10.77	12.82	13.17
Total motor vehicles									
2024	10.60	11.18	11.64	12.86	12.27	13.47	10.62	10.44	11.40
2025	10.74	11.33	11.76	13.01	12.38	13.67	10.71	10.66	11.55
2026	10.85	11.46	11.88	13.15	12.49	13.85	10.81	10.83	11.67

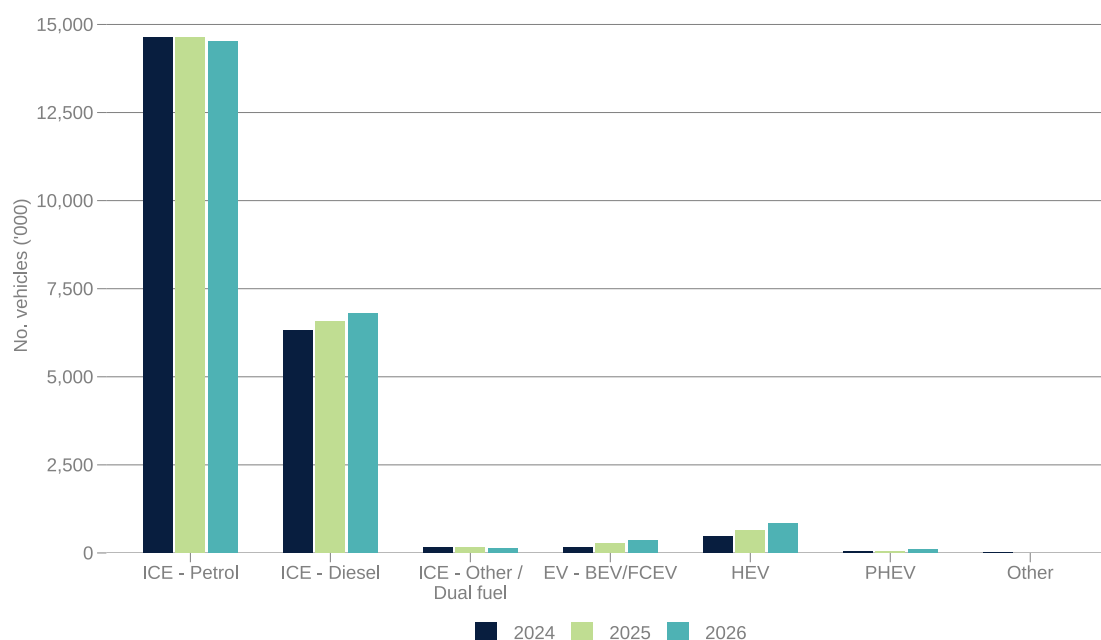
Source: BITRE estimates.

Registered motor vehicles by motive power type

Figure 5 shows the total number of vehicles on register by motive power type on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026. Tables 4 and 5 show the number of vehicles on register by motive power type and vehicle type, and motive power type and state/territory of registration, respectively, on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026.

- There were approximately 14.51 million registered petrol-fuelled internal combustion engine (ICE - Petrol) motor vehicles on 31 January 2026, down 0.8% on the previous year. Petrol-fuelled motor vehicles comprised around 63.7% of the fleet at end January 2026, down from 65.6% in January 2025.
- Diesel-fuelled vehicles on register numbered approximately 6.81 million vehicles on 31 January 2026, an increase of 3.5% over 31 January 2025. Diesel-fuelled motor vehicles accounted for 29.9% of the fleet at end January 2026, up from 29.5% in 2025.
- Hybrid electric vehicles (HEV) numbered approximately 846,200 vehicles on 31 January 2026, an increase of 31.7% over 2025.
- Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV), separately enumerated for the first time in this issue, totalled approximately 111,300 vehicles on 31 January 2026, an increase of 101.9% over 2025.
- Battery electric vehicles (BEV) and fuel-cell electric vehicles (FCEV) on register increased from approximately 258,800 vehicles on 31 January 2026, to approximately 368,300 vehicles on 31 January 2026, an increase of around 42.3% over 2025.
 - BEV and FCEV passenger vehicles increased from around 248,700 vehicles on 31 January 2026, to approximately 355,000 vehicles on 31 January 2026, an increase of around 42.7%.

Figure 5 Total registered vehicles, by motive power type, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 4 Registered motor vehicles, by motive power type and vehicle type, 2024, 2025 and 2026^a

Year	ICE			BEV/FCEV	HEV	PHEV	Other	Total
	Petrol	Diesel	Other / Dual fuel					
Passenger vehicles								
2024	12,672,446	2,284,659	97,748	159,121	455,095	29,881	81	15,699,031
2025	12,697,284	2,351,913	86,999	248,671	640,611	54,602	71	16,080,151
2026	12,611,694	2,412,550	75,964	354,977	843,132	89,221	72	16,387,610
Campervans								
2024	38,780	61,700	907	4	291	0	16	101,698
2025	37,685	67,430	843	6	276	0	17	106,257
2026	35,912	71,755	770	6	271	0	16	108,730
Light commercial vehicles								
2024	916,078	3,094,228	58,682	565	85	0	39	4,069,677
2025	894,052	3,245,036	53,578	822	515	518	34	4,194,555
2026	863,969	3,368,250	47,923	1,545	798	22,073	31	4,304,589
Light rigid trucks								
2024	4,324	225,639	751	211	136	0	3	231,064
2025	4,870	253,432	709	564	662	0	3	260,240
2026	6,194	282,413	643	905	1,487	13	3	291,658
Heavy rigid trucks								
2024	6,377	389,578	590	193	196	0	9	396,943
2025	5,852	399,020	539	301	243	0	8	405,963
2026	5,380	405,438	487	409	300	0	4	412,018
Articulated trucks								
2024	372	123,809	102	13	3	0	4	124,303
2025	374	127,924	86	27	3	0	4	128,418
2026	348	129,675	57	70	3	0	0	130,153
Non-freight carrying vehicles								
2024	1,602	41,326	236	30	13	0	4	43,211
2025	1,563	42,525	202	37	17	3	3	44,350
2026	1,541	43,594	197	47	28	3	0	45,410
Light buses								
2024	12,060	40,693	1,216	21	0	0	0	53,990
2025	11,644	42,991	1,115	30	0	0	0	55,780
2026	11,095	45,717	1,020	32	0	0	0	57,864
Heavy buses								
2024	283	44,094	1,059	372	113	0	0	45,921
2025	275	44,999	1,013	632	123	0	0	47,042
2026	265	45,760	873	986	178	0	0	48,062
Motorcycles								
2024	966,800	3	4	6,859	0	0	7	973,673
2025	974,279	4	3	7,731	3	0	6	982,026
2026	975,706	5	6	9,330	4	0	5	985,056
Total motor vehicles								
2024	14,619,122	6,305,729	161,295	167,389	455,932	29,881	163	21,739,511
2025	14,627,878	6,575,274	145,087	258,821	642,453	55,123	146	22,304,782
2026	14,512,104	6,805,157	127,940	368,307	846,201	111,310	131	22,771,150

^a Some values have been perturbed to preserve confidentiality.^b HEV – Hybrid electric vehicles, BEV / FCEV– Battery-electric and Fuel-cell electric vehicles. Other includes LPG- and NG-only powered vehicles as well as vehicles where motive power was not specified.

Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 5 Registered motor vehicles, by motive power type and state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026^{ab}

Year	ICE			BEV/FCEV	HEV	PHEV	Other	Total
	Petrol	Diesel	Other / Dual fuel					
New South Wales								
2024	4,349,724	1,713,011	21,784	52,488	150,709	8,909	22	6,296,647
2025	4,316,119	1,770,074	18,535	78,298	208,846	15,984	18	6,407,874
2026	4,254,401	1,817,368	15,442	110,497	272,289	32,041	14	6,502,052
Victoria								
2024	3,802,752	1,459,532	88,532	42,489	115,966	8,304	0	5,517,575
2025	3,833,030	1,522,028	80,508	67,956	167,086	15,502	0	5,686,110
2026	3,806,838	1,563,325	71,808	100,572	221,616	31,224	5	5,795,388
Queensland								
2024	3,043,305	1,561,816	18,437	36,266	88,625	5,804	3	4,754,256
2025	3,046,933	1,636,643	16,507	55,641	125,531	11,149	3	4,892,407
2026	3,033,927	1,706,378	14,467	76,546	166,298	23,150	6	5,020,772
South Australia								
2024	1,107,243	434,218	8,841	8,490	33,889	2,078	0	1,594,759
2025	1,107,350	453,945	8,098	13,650	45,685	3,668	0	1,632,396
2026	1,098,305	472,961	7,230	19,581	58,786	7,186	0	1,664,049
Western Australia								
2024	1,621,795	821,270	20,030	17,150	45,464	2,659	135	2,528,503
2025	1,636,628	866,973	18,168	27,553	66,012	5,334	122	2,620,790
2026	1,637,965	910,587	16,134	39,763	88,446	11,556	103	2,704,554
Tasmania								
2024	355,282	172,584	2,098	3,287	7,367	597	0	541,215
2025	352,590	179,184	1,910	4,616	10,664	877	0	549,841
2026	351,681	185,472	1,721	6,197	14,642	1,745	0	561,458
Northern Territory								
2024	88,968	74,979	320	536	3,770	102	3	168,678
2025	87,362	77,133	283	867	5,109	227	3	170,984
2026	85,950	79,216	256	1,156	6,563	516	3	173,660
Australian Capital Territory								
2024	250,053	68,319	1,253	6,683	10,142	1,428	0	337,878
2025	247,866	69,294	1,078	10,240	13,520	2,382	0	344,380
2026	243,037	69,850	882	13,995	17,561	3,892	0	349,217
Australia								
2024	14,619,122	6,305,729	161,295	167,389	455,932	29,881	163	21,739,511
2025	14,627,878	6,575,274	145,087	258,821	642,453	55,123	146	22,304,782
2026	14,512,104	6,805,157	127,940	368,307	846,201	111,310	131	22,771,150

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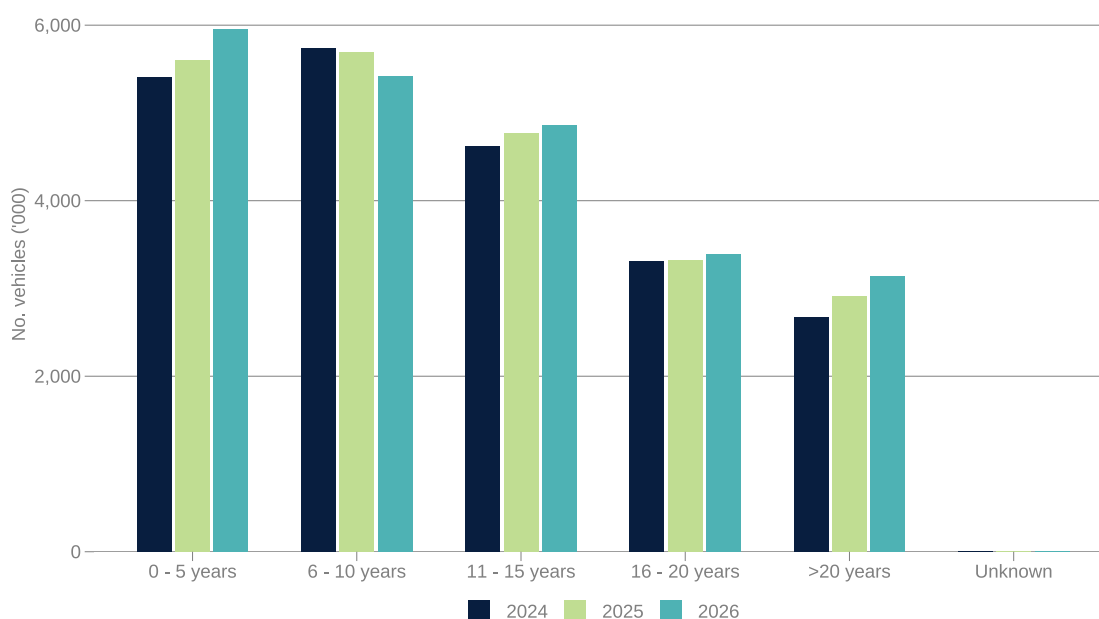
Source: BITRE estimates.

Age distribution by state/territory and vehicle type

Figure 6 shows the number of registered motor vehicles by age distribution on 31 January 2026. Table 6 lists the number of registered motor vehicles by age distribution, state and territory, and vehicle type on 31 January 2026.

- Across all registered motor vehicles:
 - Vehicles manufactured between 2020 and 2026 (0-5 years) comprised 26.2% of the fleet.
 - Vehicles manufactured between 2015 and 2019 (5-10 years) comprised 23.8% of the fleet.
 - Vehicles manufactured prior to 2004 (>20 years) comprised 13.8% of the fleet.
- Across all registered passenger vehicles:
 - Vehicles manufactured between 2020 and 2026 (0-5 years) comprised 25.6% of the fleet.
 - Vehicles manufactured between 2015 and 2019 (5-10 years) comprised 24.2% of the fleet.
 - Vehicles manufactured prior to 2004 (>20 years) comprised 12.4% of the fleet.

Figure 6 Registered motor vehicles, by age group, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 6 Registered motor vehicles, by type of vehicle, vehicle age and state/territory of registration 2026^a

Vehicle age groups	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Passenger vehicles									
0 - 5 years	1,294,140	1,102,113	886,594	274,786	453,403	75,049	29,424	72,526	4,188,035
6 - 10 years	1,229,128	1,074,889	800,085	271,630	417,671	75,573	24,463	79,965	3,973,404
11 - 15 years	1,075,768	1,004,577	756,745	267,043	433,719	78,433	22,507	67,928	3,706,720
16 - 20 years	670,102	668,056	494,940	204,656	321,218	65,836	15,122	40,010	2,479,940
>20 years	502,688	521,520	430,849	220,605	253,290	73,154	10,455	26,770	2,039,331
Unknown	23	54	91	5	3	0	0	4	180
All years	4,771,849	4,371,209	3,369,304	1,238,725	1,879,304	368,045	101,971	287,203	16,387,610
Campervans									
0 - 5 years	5,900	5,544	6,357	1,018	730	627	33	170	20,379
6 - 10 years	4,930	3,428	4,440	537	52	569	31	124	14,111
11 - 15 years	4,717	2,910	3,471	424	187	590	11	129	12,439
16 - 20 years	7,452	5,342	4,944	714	529	959	22	199	20,161
>20 years	11,050	9,700	12,655	2,142	2,252	3,405	88	348	41,640
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All years	34,049	26,924	31,867	4,835	3,750	6,150	185	970	108,730
Light commercial vehicles									
0 - 5 years	334,955	267,318	313,529	77,376	147,375	27,792	15,771	12,085	1,196,201
6 - 10 years	296,669	232,371	271,945	68,078	120,558	29,492	13,082	11,809	1,044,004
11 - 15 years	217,182	173,108	221,284	53,734	103,713	25,136	10,554	7,994	812,705
16 - 20 years	141,679	125,353	160,262	41,028	78,433	21,973	7,285	4,940	580,953
>20 years	150,742	146,290	183,147	53,130	89,488	36,703	6,263	4,897	670,660
Unknown	10	19	30	7	0	0	0	0	66
All years	1,141,237	944,459	1,150,197	293,353	539,567	141,096	52,955	41,725	4,304,589
Light rigid trucks									
0 - 5 years	39,897	29,903	36,300	8,081	18,819	2,511	1,971	1,021	138,503
6 - 10 years	18,850	14,018	11,798	3,137	4,942	1,012	338	626	54,721
11 - 15 years	10,343	7,719	7,014	1,905	3,667	715	279	282	31,924
16 - 20 years	8,655	6,720	7,232	1,806	3,324	704	285	201	28,927
>20 years	10,787	7,460	10,779	2,337	4,120	1,475	389	236	37,583
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All years	88,532	65,820	73,123	17,266	34,872	6,417	3,262	2,366	291,658
Heavy rigid trucks									
0 - 5 years	23,828	19,918	22,093	5,846	12,814	1,627	1,032	538	87,696
6 - 10 years	22,504	17,563	16,005	4,698	8,638	1,665	822	400	72,295
11 - 15 years	16,770	13,108	12,494	3,294	9,858	1,236	815	260	57,835
16 - 20 years	18,974	15,408	14,946	4,176	11,649	1,853	1,050	277	68,333
>20 years	31,127	30,122	25,081	9,607	23,534	4,707	1,356	287	125,821
Unknown	18	5	12	3	0	0	0	0	38
All years	113,221	96,124	90,631	27,624	66,493	11,088	5,075	1,762	412,018
Articulated trucks									
0 - 5 years	8,358	10,939	9,063	3,150	5,532	605	364	54	38,065
6 - 10 years	6,305	7,627	5,884	1,890	3,907	629	235	44	26,521
11 - 15 years	4,849	4,970	4,284	1,774	3,928	385	268	42	20,500
16 - 20 years	3,920	4,525	3,783	1,640	3,631	365	283	29	18,176
>20 years	5,378	7,871	5,426	2,455	4,933	503	290	32	26,888
Unknown	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
All years	28,810	35,935	28,440	10,909	21,931	2,487	1,440	201	130,153

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Table 6 Registered motor vehicles, by type of vehicle, vehicle age and state/territory of registration 2026^a (continued)

Vehicle age groups	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Non-freight carrying vehicles									
0 - 5 years	2,418	3,347	2,648	768	2,040	250	128	36	11,635
6 - 10 years	1,686	2,765	1,887	659	1,408	192	102	47	8,746
11 - 15 years	1,360	2,183	1,730	578	1,470	169	80	49	7,619
16 - 20 years	1,437	1,999	1,592	606	1,284	208	95	45	7,266
>20 years	1,753	3,501	1,705	797	1,765	446	113	29	10,109
Unknown	0	32	0	3	0	0	0	0	35
All years	8,654	13,827	9,562	3,411	7,967	1,265	518	206	45,410
Light buses									
0 - 5 years	3,651	2,277	4,132	1,112	2,963	348	720	106	15,309
6 - 10 years	3,272	2,616	2,669	689	1,980	272	471	120	12,089
11 - 15 years	3,275	2,470	2,606	649	1,995	309	399	65	11,768
16 - 20 years	2,676	2,142	2,304	556	1,623	255	280	73	9,909
>20 years	1,598	2,176	1,985	714	1,659	454	128	75	8,789
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All years	14,472	11,681	13,696	3,720	10,220	1,638	1,998	439	57,864
Heavy buses									
0 - 5 years	2,526	2,258	2,303	675	2,206	191	223	145	10,527
6 - 10 years	3,073	2,302	1,777	567	1,567	302	177	191	9,956
11 - 15 years	3,012	2,114	2,207	800	1,602	312	241	157	10,445
16 - 20 years	3,374	1,911	2,447	594	1,049	392	204	114	10,085
>20 years	2,462	1,763	898	516	761	443	163	43	7,049
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All years	14,447	10,348	9,632	3,152	7,185	1,640	1,008	650	48,062
Motorcycles									
0 - 5 years	84,358	54,670	61,199	14,006	26,271	4,565	2,013	3,702	250,784
6 - 10 years	69,588	43,853	51,470	11,654	20,272	4,024	1,129	3,076	205,066
11 - 15 years	53,840	38,612	45,219	10,471	27,559	4,169	865	2,588	183,323
16 - 20 years	41,840	38,007	39,387	10,608	26,442	4,307	621	2,118	163,330
>20 years	37,151	38,090	47,037	13,372	32,718	4,567	620	2,211	175,766
Unknown	4	5,829	8	943	3	0	0	0	6,787
All years	286,781	219,061	244,320	61,054	133,265	21,632	5,248	13,695	985,056
Total motor vehicles									
0 - 5 years	1,800,031	1,498,287	1,344,218	386,818	672,153	113,565	51,679	90,383	5,957,134
6 - 10 years	1,656,005	1,401,432	1,167,960	363,539	580,995	113,730	40,850	96,402	5,420,913
11 - 15 years	1,391,116	1,251,771	1,057,054	340,672	587,698	111,454	36,019	79,494	4,855,278
16 - 20 years	900,109	869,463	731,837	266,384	449,182	96,852	25,247	48,006	3,387,080
>20 years	754,735	768,494	719,560	305,675	414,521	125,857	19,865	34,926	3,143,633
Unknown	56	5,941	143	961	5	0	0	6	7,112
All years	6,502,052	5,795,388	5,020,772	1,664,049	2,704,554	561,458	173,660	349,217	22,771,150

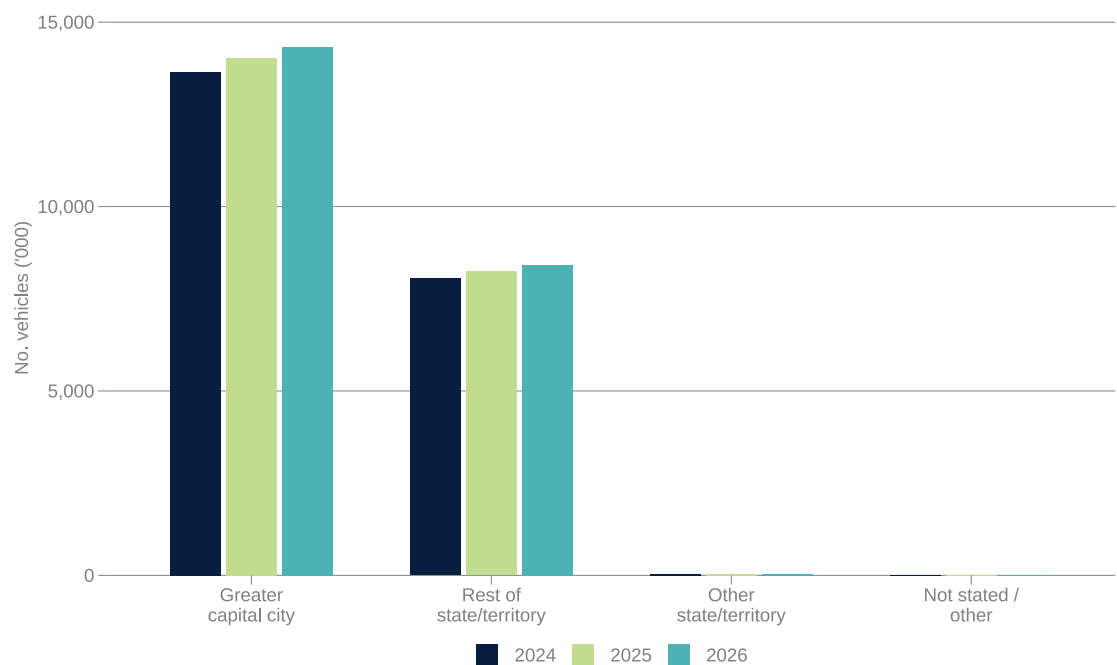
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Source: BITRE estimates.

Geographic distribution by vehicle type

Figure 7 shows and Table 7 lists the number of registered motor vehicles by vehicle type, state and territory of registration and Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA) of vehicle garaging (ABS 2021a) on 31 January 2026.

- There were approximately 14.33 million vehicles (62.9% of all registered vehicles) garaged in greater capital areas on 31 January 2026. The balance of the remainder, 8.41 million vehicles (36.9% of all registered vehicles), are garaged across the rest of each state/territory. A small fraction of vehicles, approximately 0.1%, were either garaged outside the state of registration or in an unknown location.
- The three largest GCCSAs – Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane – comprised 45.2% of all registered vehicles (10.3 million vehicles) on 31 January 2026. Perth and Adelaide GCCSAs together accounted for a further 14.6% of all registered vehicles on 31 January 2026.

Figure 7 Registered motor vehicles, by state/territory and GCCSAs, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 7 Registered motor vehicles, by type of vehicle, state/territory of registration and vehicle garaging by GCCSA, 2026^a

GCCSA ^b	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Passenger vehicles									
GCC	3,062,371	3,286,540	1,706,537	974,070	1,550,752	166,826	79,544	286,375	11,113,015
ROS	1,699,498	1,081,161	1,658,524	264,567	328,427	201,213	22,375	0	5,255,765
Other S/T	7,894	2,996	4,239	88	118	0	44	550	15,929
Not stated	2,086	512	4	0	7	6	8	278	2,901
All areas	4,771,849	4,371,209	3,369,304	1,238,725	1,879,304	368,045	101,971	287,203	16,387,610
Campervans									
GCC	15,506	16,263	13,795	2,954	2,524	2,171	138	963	54,314
ROS	18,471	10,606	17,887	1,878	1,226	3,979	47	0	54,094
Other S/T	64	55	182	3	0	0	0	7	311
Not stated	8	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	11
All areas	34,049	26,924	31,867	4,835	3,750	6,150	185	970	108,730
Light commercial vehicles									
GCC	490,274	515,069	448,920	169,388	357,200	48,890	37,543	41,496	2,108,780
ROS	647,721	427,217	698,520	123,940	182,296	92,203	15,387	0	2,187,284
Other S/T	3,030	2,087	2,754	25	71	3	20	182	8,172
Not stated	212	86	3	0	0	0	5	47	353
All areas	1,141,237	944,459	1,150,197	293,353	539,567	141,096	52,955	41,725	4,304,589
Light rigid trucks									
GCC	48,287	43,614	31,489	11,733	25,612	2,629	2,252	2,357	167,973
ROS	39,887	22,004	41,361	5,533	9,257	3,788	1,007	0	122,837
Other S/T	352	202	270	0	3	0	3	9	839
Not stated	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9
All areas	88,532	65,820	73,123	17,266	34,872	6,417	3,262	2,366	291,658
Heavy rigid trucks									
GCC	50,747	56,293	34,609	16,079	37,954	3,625	3,154	1,736	204,197
ROS	61,846	39,265	55,478	11,545	28,532	7,463	1,915	0	206,044
Other S/T	623	566	544	0	7	0	0	26	1,766
Not stated	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	11
All areas	113,221	96,124	90,631	27,624	66,493	11,088	5,075	1,762	412,018
Articulated trucks									
GCC	9,901	17,040	10,718	4,434	10,989	411	889	201	54,583
ROS	18,729	18,618	17,362	6,475	10,942	2,076	547	0	74,749
Other S/T	180	277	360	0	0	0	0	0	817
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
All areas	28,810	35,935	28,440	10,909	21,931	2,487	1,440	201	130,153
Non-freight-carrying vehicles									
GCC	4,504	7,975	5,076	2,337	5,160	833	403	203	26,491
ROS	4,105	5,727	4,393	1,074	2,807	432	115	0	18,653
Other S/T	45	125	93	0	0	0	0	3	266
All areas	8,654	13,827	9,562	3,411	7,967	1,265	518	206	45,410
Light buses									
GCC	7,251	7,366	5,850	2,400	7,071	713	1,107	433	32,191
ROS	7,162	4,256	7,715	1,313	3,146	925	887	0	25,404
Other S/T	59	59	131	7	3	0	4	6	269
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All areas	14,472	11,681	13,696	3,720	10,220	1,638	1,998	439	57,864
Heavy buses									
GCC	6,913	6,085	4,435	2,001	5,332	697	592	647	26,702
ROS	7,485	4,251	5,163	1,151	1,853	943	416	0	21,262
Other S/T	49	12	34	0	0	0	0	3	98
All areas	14,447	10,348	9,632	3,152	7,185	1,640	1,008	650	48,062

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Table 7 Registered motor vehicles, by type of vehicle, state/territory of registration and vehicle garaging by GCCSA, 2026^a (continued)

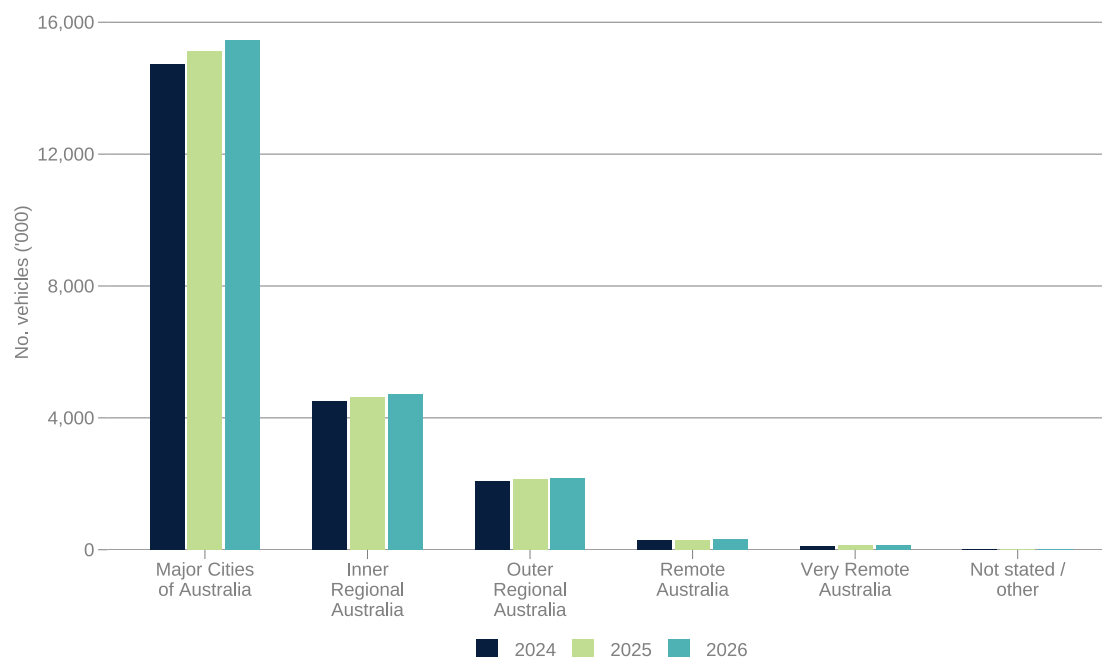
GCCSA ^b	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Motorcycles									
GCC	147,589	128,228	105,084	40,230	96,426	7,686	3,931	13,605	542,779
ROS	138,700	90,554	138,844	20,816	36,825	13,946	1,317	0	441,002
Other S/T	330	248	392	8	14	0	0	52	1,044
Not stated	162	31	0	0	0	0	0	38	231
All areas	286,781	219,061	244,320	61,054	133,265	21,632	5,248	13,695	985,056
Total motor vehicles									
GCC	3,843,343	4,084,473	2,366,513	1,225,626	2,099,020	234,481	129,553	348,016	14,331,025
ROS	2,643,604	1,703,659	2,645,247	438,292	605,311	326,968	44,013	0	8,407,094
Other S/T	12,626	6,627	8,999	131	216	3	71	838	29,511
Not stated	2,479	629	13	0	7	6	23	363	3,520
All areas	6,502,052	5,795,388	5,020,772	1,664,049	2,704,554	561,458	173,660	349,217	22,771,150

^a Some values have been perturbed to preserve confidentiality.

^b GCC: Greater capital city area; ROS: Rest of state/territory; Other S/T: Other state/territory; Not stated: Area not stated or not in Australia. Sources: ABS (2021c), ABS (2021b) and BITRE estimates.

Figure 8 shows and Table 8 lists the number of registered motor vehicles by vehicle type, state and territory of registration and Remoteness Area (RA) (ABS 2021a) of vehicle garaging on 31 January 2026.

- Major cities accounted for approximately 15.45 million vehicles (67.8% of all registered vehicles) on 31 January 2026.
- Inner Regional Australia areas accounted for approximately 4.72 million vehicles (20.7% of all registered vehicles) on 31 January 2026.
- Outer Regional Australia areas accounted for approximately 2.17 million vehicles (9.5% of all registered vehicles) on 31 January 2026.
- Remote Australia areas accounted for approximately 303,400 vehicles (1.3% of all registered vehicles) on 31 January 2026.
- Very Remote Australia areas accounted for approximately 124,900 vehicles (0.5% of all registered vehicles) on 31 January 2026.

Figure 8 Registered motor vehicles, by Remoteness Area, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 8 Registered motor vehicles, by type of vehicle, year of manufacture and vehicle garaging by Remoteness Area, 2026^a

Remoteness Areas ^b	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Passenger vehicles									
Major Cities	3,597,274	3,359,016	2,275,245	940,939	1,529,880	0	40	286,260	11,988,654
Inner Regional	961,120	841,315	646,512	131,080	165,044	232,180	3	647	2,977,901
Outer Regional	196,507	168,067	396,950	131,612	116,660	129,189	79,545	19	1,218,549
Remote	11,963	2,131	32,546	28,350	48,569	5,082	18,689	0	147,330
Very Remote	2,896	28	18,000	6,744	19,141	1,588	3,686	0	52,083
Not stated	2,089	652	51	0	10	6	8	277	3,093
All areas	4,771,849	4,371,209	3,369,304	1,238,725	1,879,304	368,045	101,971	287,203	16,387,610
Campervans									
Major Cities	20,606	16,481	19,116	2,779	2,448	0	0	961	62,391
Inner Regional	11,202	8,231	8,212	935	584	2,989	0	9	32,162
Outer Regional	2,120	2,177	4,031	858	479	3,018	138	0	12,821
Remote	96	32	359	203	173	135	41	0	1,039
Very Remote	17	0	142	60	66	8	6	0	299
Not stated	8	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	18
All areas	34,049	26,924	31,867	4,835	3,750	6,150	185	970	108,730
Light commercial vehicles									
Major Cities	615,213	519,949	578,892	157,604	347,931	0	16	41,360	2,260,965
Inner Regional	383,137	327,142	300,396	48,138	72,802	70,962	0	313	1,202,890
Outer Regional	129,420	95,621	219,192	64,433	69,725	65,664	37,544	5	681,604
Remote	10,921	1,621	29,355	17,427	34,450	3,139	11,278	0	108,191
Very Remote	2,334	13	22,355	5,751	14,659	1,331	4,112	0	50,555
Not stated	212	113	7	0	0	0	5	47	384
All areas	1,141,237	944,459	1,150,197	293,353	539,567	141,096	52,955	41,725	4,304,589
Light rigid trucks									
Major Cities	56,416	44,392	40,461	11,114	25,069	0	0	2,353	179,805
Inner Regional	24,282	17,119	16,730	2,274	3,329	3,727	0	13	67,474
Outer Regional	6,917	4,237	12,392	2,731	3,611	2,547	2,252	0	34,687
Remote	714	68	2,041	823	1,973	107	728	0	6,454
Very Remote	198	0	1,495	324	890	36	282	0	3,225
Not stated	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	13
All areas	88,532	65,820	73,123	17,266	34,872	6,417	3,262	2,366	291,658
Heavy rigid trucks									
Major Cities	58,157	56,670	42,471	14,882	36,645	0	0	1,747	210,572
Inner Regional	39,478	30,134	23,095	4,642	8,267	5,515	0	15	111,146
Outer Regional	14,089	9,133	18,130	5,883	11,410	5,233	3,155	0	67,033
Remote	1,209	177	3,463	1,587	6,980	185	1,412	0	15,013
Very Remote	283	4	3,472	630	3,191	155	503	0	8,238
Not stated	5	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	16
All areas	113,221	96,124	90,631	27,624	66,493	11,088	5,075	1,762	412,018
Articulated trucks									
Major Cities	11,403	17,461	11,956	4,097	10,666	0	0	201	55,784
Inner Regional	10,328	12,223	8,071	1,912	2,286	879	0	0	35,699
Outer Regional	6,112	6,017	5,519	3,217	4,300	1,531	890	0	27,586
Remote	860	234	1,451	1,074	3,709	36	403	0	7,767
Very Remote	107	0	1,443	609	970	41	144	0	3,314
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
All areas	28,810	35,935	28,440	10,909	21,931	2,487	1,440	201	130,153
Non-freight-carrying vehicles									
Major Cities	5,268	8,255	6,203	2,244	5,072	0	0	203	27,245
Inner Regional	2,535	4,298	1,499	321	761	1,002	0	3	10,419
Outer Regional	750	1,255	1,558	589	1,102	234	403	0	5,891
Remote	80	19	177	179	670	18	67	0	1,210
Very Remote	21	0	125	78	362	11	48	0	645
All areas	8,654	13,827	9,562	3,411	7,967	1,265	518	206	45,410

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Table 8 Registered motor vehicles, by type of vehicle, year of manufacture and vehicle garaging by Remoteness Area, 2026^a (continued)

Remoteness Areas ^b	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Light buses									
Major Cities	9,094	7,635	7,647	2,322	6,977	0	4	429	34,108
Inner Regional	4,166	2,963	2,475	394	1,010	1,017	0	10	12,035
Outer Regional	1,018	1,065	2,782	673	935	567	1,107	0	8,147
Remote	131	18	407	198	731	30	568	0	2,083
Very Remote	63	0	385	133	567	24	319	0	1,491
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All areas	14,472	11,681	13,696	3,720	10,220	1,638	1,998	439	57,864
Heavy buses									
Major Cities	7,934	6,189	6,070	1,960	5,274	0	0	647	28,074
Inner Regional	5,122	3,176	1,757	439	741	939	0	3	12,177
Outer Regional	1,266	968	1,439	506	590	660	592	0	6,021
Remote	101	15	186	181	337	20	311	0	1,151
Very Remote	24	0	180	66	243	21	105	0	639
All areas	14,447	10,348	9,632	3,152	7,185	1,640	1,008	650	48,062
Motorcycles									
Major Cities	184,916	128,047	141,338	37,762	93,552	0	0	13,590	599,205
Inner Regional	82,067	73,399	60,714	10,048	18,190	11,527	0	65	256,010
Outer Regional	18,554	17,321	37,798	10,684	14,064	9,702	3,932	2	112,057
Remote	905	251	3,057	2,041	5,392	349	1,142	0	13,137
Very Remote	176	4	1,404	519	2,067	54	174	0	4,398
Not stated	163	39	9	0	0	0	0	38	249
All areas	286,781	219,061	244,320	61,054	133,265	21,632	5,248	13,695	985,056
Total motor vehicles									
Major Cities	4,566,281	4,164,095	3,129,399	1,175,703	2,063,514	0	60	347,751	15,446,803
Inner Regional	1,523,437	1,320,000	1,069,461	200,183	273,014	330,737	3	1,078	4,717,913
Outer Regional	376,753	305,861	699,791	221,186	222,876	218,345	129,558	26	2,174,396
Remote	26,980	4,566	73,042	52,063	102,984	9,101	34,639	0	303,375
Very Remote	6,119	49	49,001	14,914	42,156	3,269	9,379	0	124,887
Not stated	2,482	817	78	0	10	6	21	362	3,776
All areas	6,502,052	5,795,388	5,020,772	1,664,049	2,704,554	561,458	173,660	349,217	22,771,150

^a Remoteness Area level estimates presented in this table were derived by applying the ABS ASGS Correspondence population ratios ABS (2021c) to the SAL estimates. Some values have been perturbed to preserve confidentiality. Remoteness Area estimates may not add to totals due to rounding.

^b Not stated: Area not stated or not in Australia.

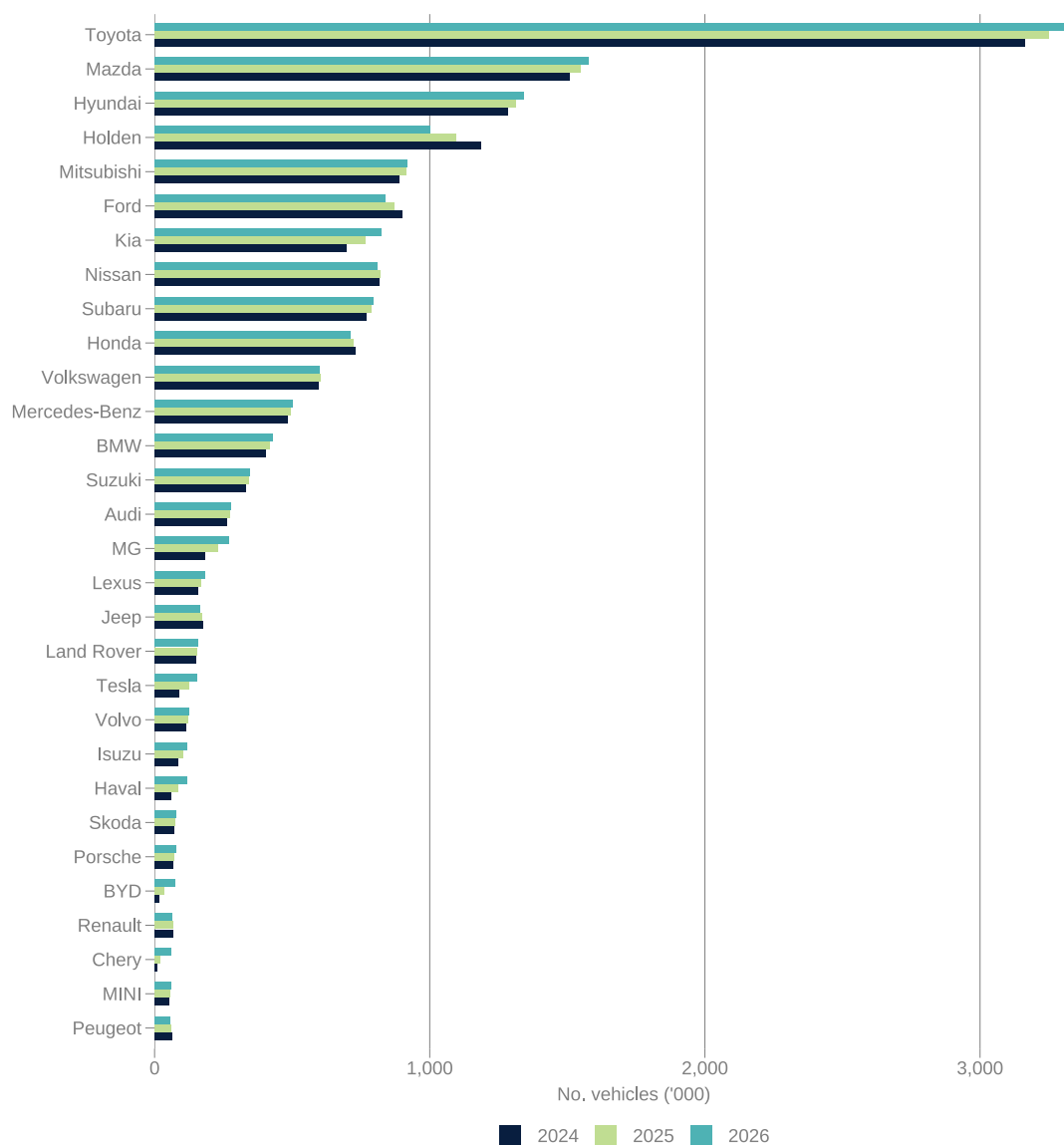
Sources: ABS (2021c), ABS (2021b) and BITRE estimates.

Top passenger vehicle makes

Figure 9 shows the total number of passenger vehicles by vehicle make, for the top 30 registered passenger vehicle makes on 31 January 2026, and comparison with the number of registered passenger vehicles on 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2024. Table 9 lists the total number of passenger vehicles by make, for the top 30 makes.

- Toyota remained the largest passenger vehicle make for the 21st consecutive year, with approximately 3.32 million registrations.
- Chery experienced the largest proportionate increase in vehicle registrations among the top 30 makes, with around 39,400 additional passenger vehicles on register on 31 January 2026 relative to the previous year, a 184% increase over January 2025.

Figure 9 Registered passenger vehicles by make, top 30 makes, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 9 Registered passenger vehicles by vehicle make, top 30 makes, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Make	2026	2025	2024
Toyota	3,317,413	3,250,377	3,161,722
Mazda	1,576,072	1,548,702	1,506,747
Hyundai	1,342,431	1,313,936	1,284,425
Holden	1,000,292	1,095,228	1,186,057
Mitsubishi	917,678	913,861	890,589
Ford	836,433	869,634	900,248
Kia	823,647	764,718	697,258
Nissan	808,884	818,779	817,094
Subaru	795,645	786,303	771,170
Honda	711,162	721,225	727,920
Volkswagen	598,800	601,255	594,258
Mercedes-Benz	502,866	493,647	484,650
BMW	428,616	416,514	404,264
Suzuki	345,047	342,833	332,742
Audi	278,589	271,955	264,029
MG	268,344	231,247	183,165
Lexus	181,576	169,867	158,481
Jeep	163,601	171,087	176,262
Land Rover	156,028	153,238	149,774
Tesla	154,844	126,635	89,236
Volvo	123,120	120,142	114,829
Isuzu	118,903	103,667	86,502
Haval	118,643	85,921	59,598
Skoda	78,371	75,008	71,674
Porsche	76,360	72,032	65,531
BYD	72,998	35,937	16,013
Renault	64,767	65,901	66,765
Chery	60,829	21,445	8,297
MINI	60,676	56,333	53,170
Peugeot	54,367	59,312	63,619
Other	350,608	323,412	312,942
Total	16,387,610	16,080,151	15,699,031

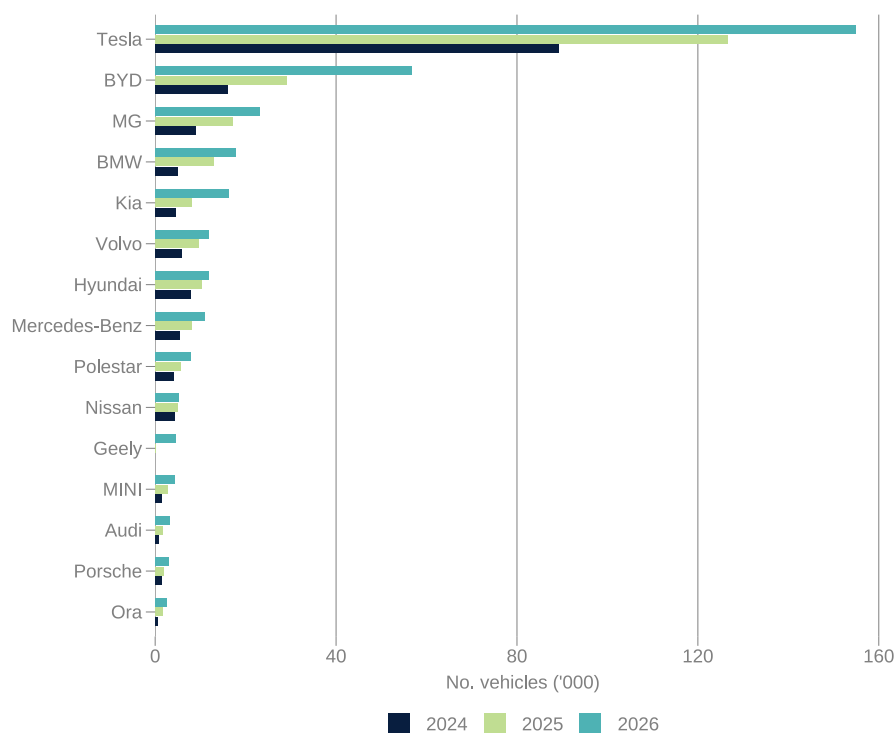
Source: BITRE estimates.

Top electric vehicle makes

Figure 10 shows and Table 10 lists the number of registered passenger BEVs and FCEVs by make, for the top 15 BEV and FCEV vehicle makes, on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026.

- There were approximately 354,980 registered passenger BEVs and FCEVs on 31 January 2026, a 42.7% increase over the number of registered passenger BEVs and FCEVs on 31 January 2025.
- Tesla is the most popular BEV make with approximately 154,840 vehicles on register on 31 January 2026, up from around 126,640 vehicles on 31 January 2025
- BYD accounted for the second largest number of registered electric passenger vehicles, with approximately 56,700 vehicles on register on 31 January 2026, up from around 29,100 vehicles on 31 January 2025.
- The electric vehicle estimates include approximately 69 FCEVs registered on 31 January 2026, down from 77 vehicles on 31 January 2025. The FCEVs predominantly comprise two passenger vehicle models: the Hyundai Nexo and Toyota Mirai; and a small number of commercial vehicles manufactured by HDrive International.

Figure 10 Registered passenger BEVs and FCEVs by make, top 15 makes, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 10 Registered passenger BEVs and FCEVs by make, top 15 makes, 2024, 2025 and 2026^a

Make	2026	2025	2024
Tesla	154,844	126,635	89,236
BYD	56,665	29,125	16,013
MG	23,175	17,081	9,046
BMW	17,802	12,873	5,002
Kia	16,251	8,149	4,495
Volvo	11,916	9,641	5,825
Hyundai	11,862	10,269	7,780
Mercedes-Benz	10,913	8,084	5,380
Polestar	7,954	5,641	4,093
Nissan	5,284	5,070	4,343
Geely	4,456	3	0
MINI	4,298	2,661	1,400
Audi	3,134	1,614	874
Porsche	3,064	1,917	1,517
Ora	2,605	1,767	613
Other	20,754	8,141	3,504
Total	354,977	248,671	159,121

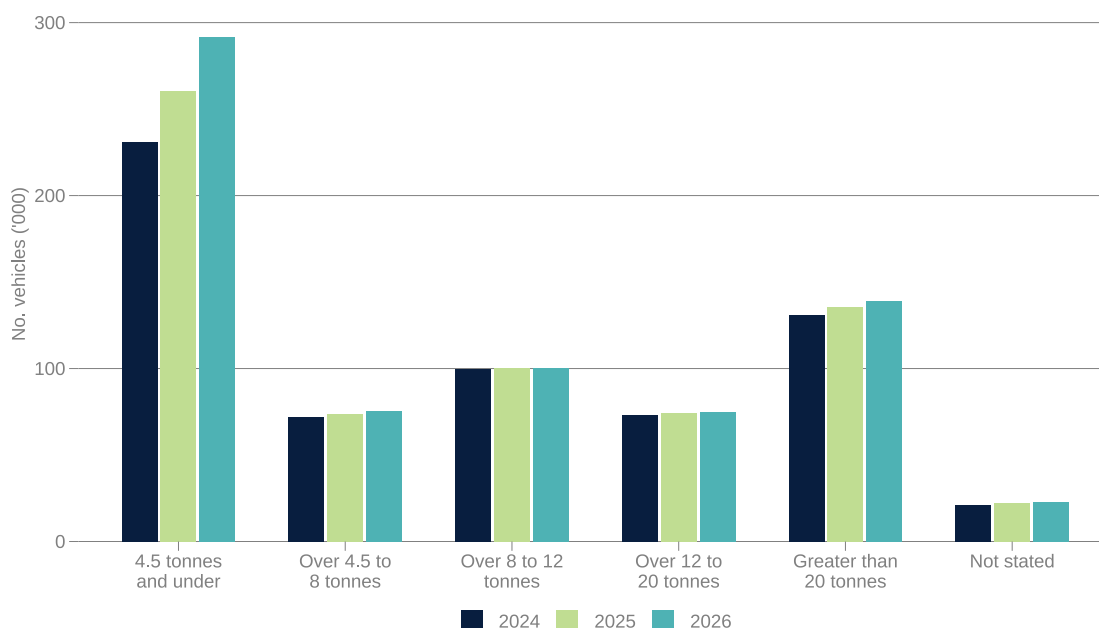
^a Some values have been perturbed to preserve confidentiality.
Source: BITRE estimates.

Rigid trucks by gross vehicle mass (GVM)

Figure 11 shows the number of registered rigid trucks by gross vehicle mass (GVM) ranges on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026. Table 11 shows registered rigid trucks by GVM and state/territory of registration on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026.

- There were approximately 703,700 registered rigid trucks on 31 January 2026 – an increase of approximately 5.6% on the number of registered rigid trucks at the end of January 2025.
 - Light rigid trucks comprised approximately 41.4% of total registered rigid trucks on 31 January 2026, up from 39.1% in January 2025.
 - Rigid trucks between 4.5 and 8 tonnes GVM comprised 10.7% of rigid trucks.
 - Rigid trucks between 8 and 12 tonnes GVM comprised 14.3% of rigid trucks.
 - Rigid trucks between 12 and 20 tonnes GVM comprised 10.6% of rigid trucks.
 - Rigid trucks above 20 tonnes GVM comprised 19.7% of rigid trucks.
- Light rigid trucks (i.e. between 3.5 and 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass) increased 12.1% between January 2025 and January 2026.

Figure 11 Registered rigid trucks by GVM, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 11 Registered rigid trucks, by GVM and state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Year	4.5 tonnes and under	Over 4.5 to 8 tonnes	Over 8 to 12 tonnes	Over 12 to 20 tonnes	Greater than 20 tonnes	Not stated	Total
New South Wales							
2024	73,831	24,261	30,439	20,053	35,194	1,412	185,190
2025	81,327	24,611	30,331	20,397	36,021	1,438	194,125
2026	88,532	24,926	29,993	20,430	36,464	1,408	201,753
Victoria							
2024	54,903	17,190	25,430	16,250	33,016	2,269	149,058
2025	60,796	17,551	25,706	16,514	34,036	2,163	156,766
2026	65,820	17,765	25,539	16,477	34,287	2,056	161,944
Queensland							
2024	55,595	16,815	21,813	17,993	28,162	314	140,692
2025	63,474	17,591	22,077	18,464	29,490	324	151,420
2026	73,123	18,611	22,263	18,765	30,645	347	163,754
South Australia							
2024	13,323	5,052	7,362	5,572	8,536	178	40,023
2025	15,206	5,119	7,379	5,631	8,808	166	42,309
2026	17,266	5,239	7,388	5,624	9,195	178	44,890
Western Australia							
2024	23,996	4,010	10,575	9,855	20,588	16,949	85,973
2025	28,805	3,934	10,669	9,919	21,750	18,028	93,105
2026	34,872	3,886	10,791	10,178	22,781	18,857	101,365
Tasmania							
2024	5,217	2,755	2,666	1,996	3,366	35	16,035
2025	5,758	2,793	2,701	2,044	3,428	35	16,759
2026	6,417	2,820	2,723	2,042	3,469	34	17,505
Northern Territory							
2024	2,201	1,550	1,209	899	1,321	51	7,231
2025	2,668	1,566	1,182	929	1,340	44	7,729
2026	3,262	1,562	1,184	915	1,369	45	8,337
Australian Capital Territory							
2024	1,998	391	493	312	589	22	3,805
2025	2,206	408	484	303	567	22	3,990
2026	2,366	401	456	304	581	20	4,128
Australia							
2024	231,064	72,024	99,987	72,930	130,772	21,230	628,007
2025	260,240	73,573	100,529	74,201	135,440	22,220	666,203
2026	291,658	75,210	100,337	74,735	138,791	22,945	703,676

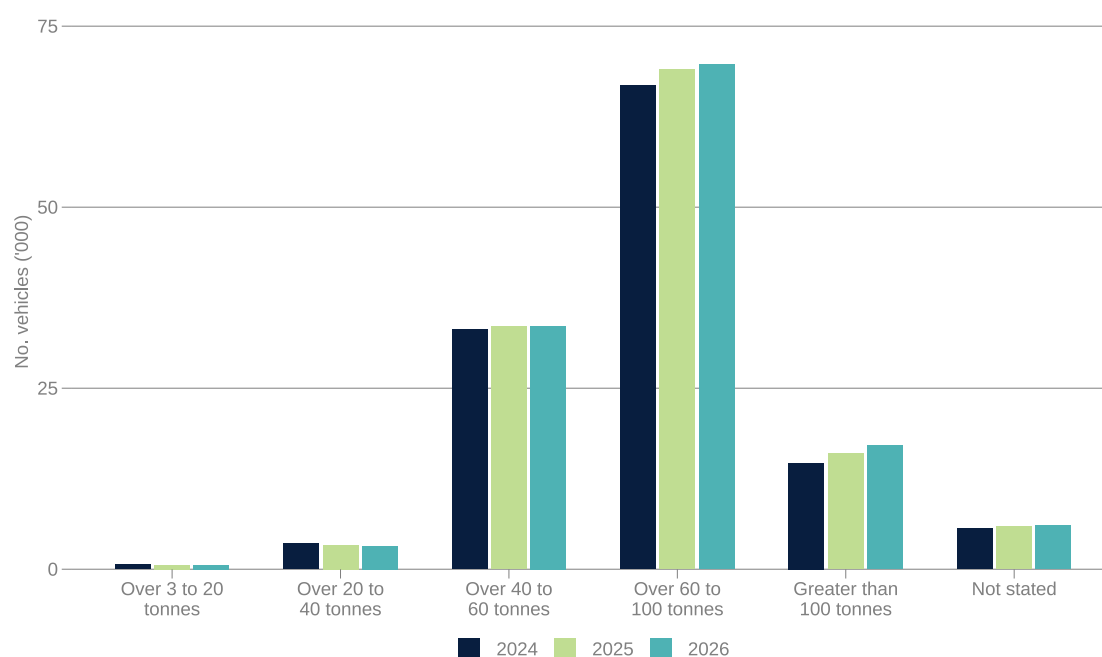
Source: BITRE estimates.

Articulated trucks by gross combination mass (GCM)

Figure 12 shows the number of registered articulated trucks by selected gross combination mass (GCM) ranges on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026. Table 12 shows registered articulated trucks by GCM and state/territory of registration on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026.

- There were approximately 130,200 registered articulated trucks on 31 January 2026 – an increase of approximately 1.4% on the number of registered articulated trucks at the end of January 2025.
 - Articulated trucks less than 40 tonnes GCM comprised approximately 2.9% of all articulated trucks on 31 January 2026.
 - Articulated trucks between 40 and 60 tonnes GCM comprised 25.8% of all articulated trucks.
 - Articulated trucks between 60 and 100 tonnes GCM comprised 53.5% of all articulated trucks.
 - Articulated trucks greater than 100 tonnes GCM comprised 13.1% of all articulated trucks.

Figure 12 Registered articulated trucks by GCM, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 12 Registered articulated trucks, by GCM and state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026^a

Year	Over 3 to 20 tonnes	Over 20 to 40 tonnes	Over 40 to 60 tonnes	Over 60 to 100 tonnes	Greater than 100 tonnes	Not stated	Total
New South Wales							
2024	125	569	4,833	19,743	2,712	69	28,051
2025	116	548	4,708	20,250	2,993	60	28,675
2026	106	500	4,466	20,476	3,206	56	28,810
Victoria							
2024	386	1,429	7,201	24,093	1,488	296	34,893
2025	383	1,379	7,088	24,959	1,799	286	35,894
2026	369	1,356	6,928	24,930	2,104	248	35,935
Queensland							
2024	44	672	4,077	15,037	7,090	38	26,958
2025	42	633	4,059	15,683	7,422	41	27,880
2026	39	595	4,044	16,036	7,692	34	28,440
South Australia							
2024	5	293	2,068	5,859	2,297	9	10,531
2025	9	272	1,988	5,983	2,580	10	10,842
2026	7	258	1,948	5,903	2,783	10	10,909
Western Australia							
2024	32	451	14,439	49	33	4,917	19,921
2025	31	416	15,255	93	51	5,249	21,095
2026	35	397	15,798	165	114	5,422	21,931
Tasmania							
2024	18	75	350	1,589	81	269	2,382
2025	24	72	336	1,647	90	256	2,425
2026	27	67	325	1,739	99	230	2,487
Northern Territory							
2024	6	22	83	293	965	3	1,372
2025	4	19	83	277	1,016	3	1,402
2026	7	19	80	274	1,054	6	1,440
Australian Capital Territory							
2024	0	14	30	133	4	14	195
2025	0	13	27	148	3	14	205
2026	0	13	26	147	5	10	201
Australia							
2024	616	3,525	33,081	66,796	14,670	5,615	124,303
2025	609	3,352	33,544	69,040	15,954	5,919	128,418
2026	590	3,205	33,615	69,670	17,057	6,016	130,153

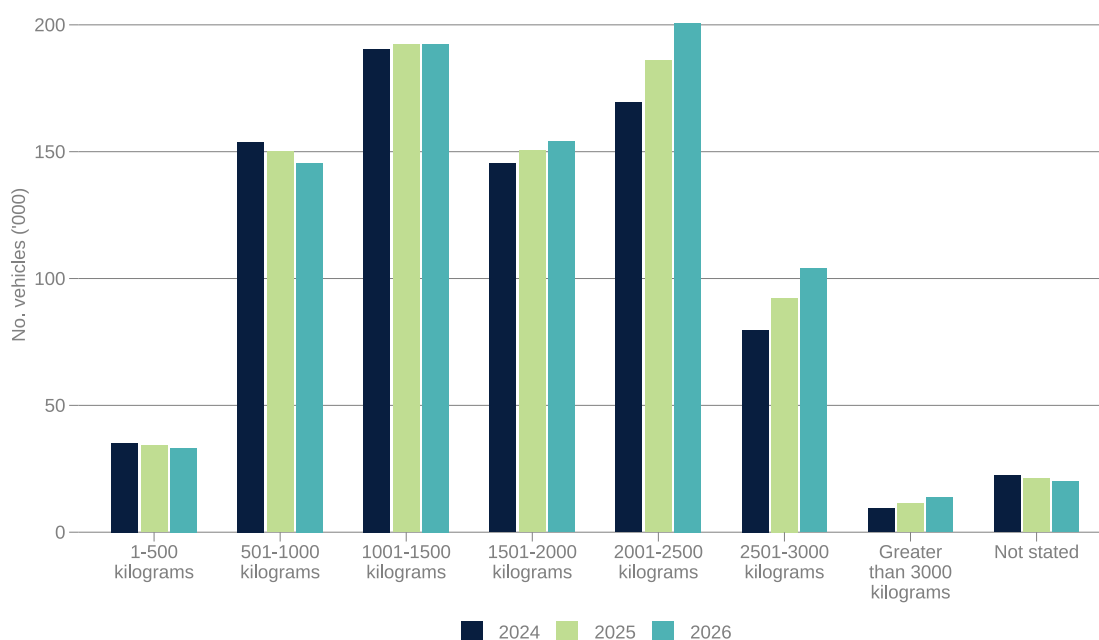
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Source: BITRE estimates.

Caravans by tare weight

Figure 13 shows the number of registered caravans by selected tare weight groups on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026. Table 13 shows registered caravans by tare weight and state/territory of registration on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026.

- There were approximately 863,340 registered caravans on 31 January 2026 – 3.1% up on the number of registered caravans at the end of January 2025.
 - Caravans less than 1000 kilograms tare weight, comprised 20.7% of all caravans on 31 January 2026, but total registrations decreased 3.0% since January 2025.
 - Caravans 1001-1500 kilograms tare weight, comprised 22.3% of all caravans on 31 January 2026, and total registrations increased 0.04% since January 2025.
 - Caravans 1501-2000 kilograms tare weight, comprised 17.8% of all caravans on 31 January 2026, and total registrations increased 2.3% since January 2025.
 - Caravans 2001-2500 kilograms tare weight, comprised 23.3% of all caravans on 31 January 2026, and total registrations increased 8.0% since January 2025.
 - Caravans above 2500 kilograms tare weight, comprised 13.6% of all caravans on 31 January 2026, and total registrations increased 13.6% since January 2025.

Figure 13 Registered caravans by tare weight, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 13 Registered caravans, by tare weight and state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026^a

Year	1-500 kilograms	501-1000 kilograms	1001-1500 kilograms	1501-2000 kilograms	2001-2500 kilograms	2501-3000 kilograms	Greater than 3000 kilograms	Not stated	Total
New South Wales									
2024	7,579	36,183	44,192	33,891	40,527	17,708	1,543	105	181,728
2025	7,322	34,622	43,909	34,659	43,728	20,337	1,959	99	186,635
2026	7,106	33,007	43,342	35,108	46,557	22,710	2,421	87	190,338
Victoria									
2024	2,705	28,158	43,806	34,865	44,032	21,327	2,260	17,043	194,196
2025	2,677	28,057	44,343	36,206	47,780	24,493	2,823	15,893	202,272
2026	2,649	27,691	44,332	36,893	51,107	27,469	3,382	14,753	208,276
Queensland									
2024	15,008	40,865	46,642	40,847	45,254	21,766	2,659	5,215	218,256
2025	14,499	39,696	46,986	42,355	50,276	25,448	3,251	5,170	227,681
2026	13,985	38,422	47,058	43,346	54,724	28,713	3,987	5,030	235,265
South Australia									
2024	1,172	12,326	15,160	11,259	14,276	6,264	587	0	61,044
2025	1,113	11,737	15,128	11,777	15,755	7,333	713	0	63,556
2026	1,071	10,998	14,903	12,105	16,993	8,264	882	0	65,216
Western Australia									
2024	6,450	26,863	29,174	21,381	21,934	11,183	1,941	3	118,929
2025	6,374	26,656	29,634	22,378	24,610	13,073	2,225	3	124,953
2026	6,250	26,126	29,800	23,281	27,336	15,117	2,589	3	130,502
Tasmania									
2024	1,524	7,606	9,436	1,518	1,873	745	238	10	22,950
2025	1,495	7,617	10,155	1,581	1,983	802	262	10	23,905
2026	1,455	7,628	10,846	1,652	2,118	882	292	10	24,883
Northern Territory									
2024	41	206	555	489	641	366	51	0	2,349
2025	38	177	551	520	702	431	67	0	2,486
2026	33	171	491	542	773	461	84	0	2,555
Australian Capital Territory									
2024	608	1,614	1,548	987	948	319	23	0	6,047
2025	584	1,568	1,617	1,042	1,032	366	25	0	6,234
2026	578	1,507	1,623	1,005	1,149	409	34	0	6,305
Australia									
2024	35,087	153,821	190,513	145,237	169,485	79,678	9,302	22,376	805,499
2025	34,102	150,130	192,323	150,518	185,866	92,283	11,325	21,175	837,722
2026	33,127	145,550	192,395	153,932	200,757	104,025	13,671	19,883	863,340

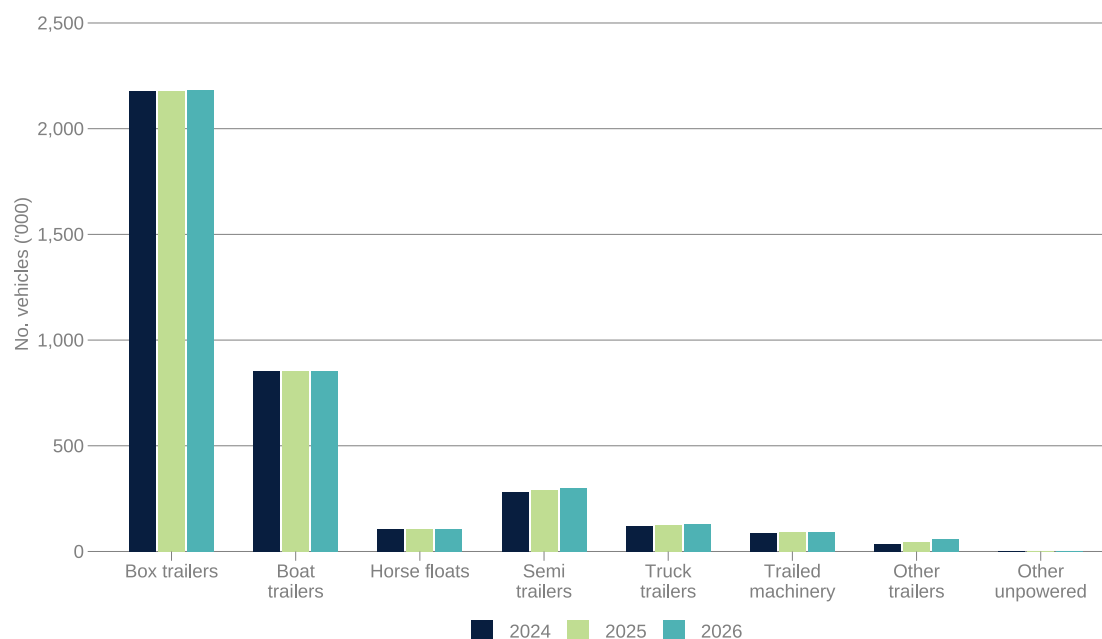
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Source: BITRE estimates.

Trailers by type

Figure 14 shows the number of registered trailers by trailer type on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026. Table 14 shows registered trailers by trailer type and state/territory of registration on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026.

- There were approximately 3.7 million registered trailers on 31 January 2026 – an increase of approximately 0.9% on the number of registered trailers at the end of January 2025.
 - Box trailers on register numbered around 2.19 million on 31 January 2026, accounting for 58.6% of registered trailers.
 - Boat trailers accounted for approximately 852,920 vehicles, or 22.9% of all registered trailers on 31 January 2026.
 - Semi-trailers on register numbered approximately 300,750, vehicles on 31 January 2026, an increase of 2.9% on the number on register at end of January 2025.
 - Truck trailers on register numbered approximately 131,680, vehicles on 31 January 2026, an increase of 4.8% on the number on register at end of January 2025.
 - Trailed machinery trailers numbered approximately 91,270, vehicles (2.4% of all trailers) on 31 January 2026, an increase of 1.4% on the previous year.
 - Horse floats and other trailers numbered approximately 106,650 (2.9%) and 58,910 (1.6%) vehicles, respectively, on 31 January 2026.

Figure 14 Registered trailers by type, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 14 Registered trailers, by trailer type and state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026^a

Year	Box trailers	Boat trailers	Horse floats	Semi trailers	Truck trailers	Trailed machinery	Other trailers	Other unpowered	Total
New South Wales									
2024	565,348	231,496	31,274	54,036	13,046	25,304	16,402	3	936,909
2025	560,001	229,653	31,129	56,136	13,293	25,860	19,446	3	935,521
2026	555,073	226,535	30,839	57,485	13,154	26,114	22,539	3	931,742
Victoria									
2024	475,360	178,332	29,144	65,613	13,803	34,684	6,429	4	803,369
2025	479,054	179,221	29,491	68,295	13,924	35,657	10,142	4	815,788
2026	481,332	178,666	29,634	69,923	13,698	35,833	14,310	4	823,400
Queensland									
2024	486,678	251,657	24,590	70,839	82,757	7,513	3,777	85	927,896
2025	489,880	252,455	24,969	73,704	87,718	7,527	5,784	79	942,116
2026	495,342	254,166	25,349	75,746	93,660	7,658	8,079	73	960,073
South Australia									
2024	235,164	50,312	4,930	23,773	5,190	4,571	1,093	3	325,036
2025	233,620	51,002	4,966	24,342	5,539	4,568	2,206	3	326,246
2026	231,261	49,051	4,974	25,013	5,883	4,791	3,397	3	324,373
Western Australia									
2024	286,031	101,239	10,637	56,303	3,250	12,218	924	7	470,609
2025	289,572	102,549	10,926	59,469	3,426	12,830	2,326	6	481,104
2026	293,166	104,054	11,059	62,114	3,586	13,158	4,099	7	491,243
Tasmania									
2024	80,109	28,951	3,631	4,692	1,180	2,669	3,887	0	125,119
2025	80,608	28,779	3,651	4,831	1,203	2,719	4,115	0	125,906
2026	81,651	28,810	3,711	4,927	1,193	2,794	4,513	0	127,599
Northern Territory									
2024	21,026	7,744	594	5,021	343	449	59	0	35,236
2025	20,546	7,534	565	5,093	338	405	224	0	34,705
2026	20,477	7,284	573	5,256	363	410	373	0	34,736
Australian Capital Territory									
2024	26,975	4,407	487	289	169	448	1,288	0	34,063
2025	26,899	4,368	509	285	146	489	1,410	0	34,106
2026	26,733	4,359	509	284	138	516	1,508	0	34,047
Australia									
2024	2,176,691	854,138	105,287	280,566	119,738	87,856	33,859	102	3,658,237
2025	2,180,180	855,561	106,206	292,155	125,587	90,055	45,653	95	3,695,492
2026	2,185,035	852,925	106,648	300,748	131,675	91,274	58,818	90	3,727,213

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Source: BITRE estimates.

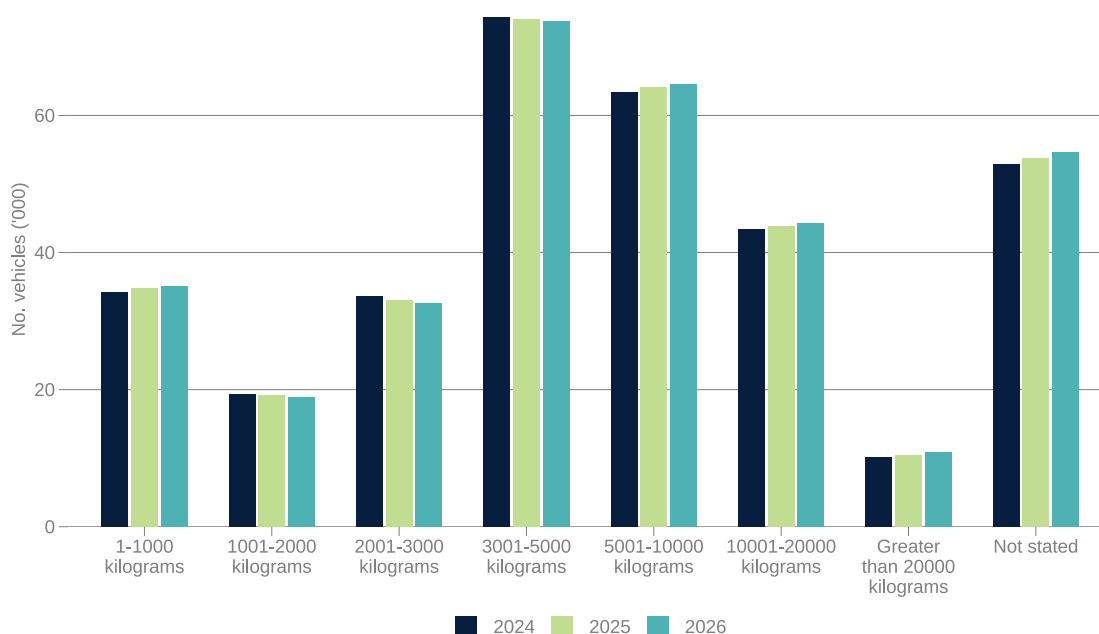
Plant and equipment by tare weight

Figure 15 shows the number of registered plant and equipment type vehicles by tare weight classes on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026. Table 15 shows registered plant and equipment type vehicles by tare weight classes and state/territory of registration on 31 January 2024, 31 January 2025 and 31 January 2026.

- There were approximately 334,800 registered plant and equipment type vehicles on 31 January 2026 – an increase of approximately 0.5% on the number of equivalent vehicles at the end of January 2025.

The plant and equipment type vehicle registrations are provided here for completeness. The significant variation in the number of registered plant and equipment vehicles reported across jurisdictions suggest differing registration practices and/or NEVDIS reporting practices for such vehicles across jurisdictions. Hence, extra care should be exercised in comparing numbers of such vehicles across jurisdictions.

Figure 15 Registered plant and equipment by tare weight, 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 15 Registered plant and equipment, by tare weight and state/territory of registration, 2024, 2025 and 2026^a

Year	1-1000 kilograms	1001-2000 kilograms	2001-3000 kilograms	3001-5000 kilograms	5001- 10000 kilograms	10001- 20000 kilograms	Greater than 20000 kilograms	Not stated	Total
New South Wales									
2024	121	162	207	447	535	490	63	0	2,025
2025	119	132	178	385	488	446	62	0	1,810
2026	128	119	161	342	438	399	56	0	1,643
Victoria									
2024	18,823	6,493	12,387	24,989	22,080	9,650	1,136	7,242	102,800
2025	19,036	6,479	12,265	25,086	22,543	9,881	1,245	6,868	103,403
2026	19,048	6,332	12,151	24,940	22,746	9,944	1,335	6,492	102,988
Queensland									
2024	9,234	4,966	7,751	21,468	15,690	11,231	5,003	29,548	104,891
2025	9,580	4,954	7,583	21,317	16,107	11,277	5,043	30,842	106,703
2026	9,839	4,922	7,481	21,099	16,387	11,450	5,057	32,413	108,648
South Australia									
2024	2,429	4,160	7,825	16,362	13,196	8,426	1,364	2,089	55,851
2025	2,492	4,066	7,616	16,192	12,950	8,308	1,379	2,027	55,030
2026	2,534	4,104	7,514	16,181	12,981	8,366	1,469	1,962	55,111
Western Australia									
2024	3,115	3,362	5,339	10,937	11,766	13,526	2,527	379	50,951
2025	3,150	3,355	5,274	10,972	11,858	13,828	2,755	382	51,574
2026	3,139	3,329	5,239	11,039	11,897	14,061	2,936	369	52,009
Tasmania									
2024	370	77	19	18	14	10	0	11,759	12,267
2025	346	76	18	17	15	10	0	11,734	12,216
2026	331	74	17	17	13	9	0	11,656	12,117
Northern Territory									
2024	4	4	7	14	51	58	8	1,849	1,995
2025	3	3	6	14	43	50	8	1,841	1,968
2026	3	3	6	18	34	50	6	1,807	1,927
Australian Capital Territory									
2024	84	75	70	58	45	34	3	3	372
2025	78	78	76	53	43	34	0	3	365
2026	79	66	78	63	44	25	0	3	358
Australia									
2024	34,180	19,299	33,605	74,293	63,377	43,425	10,104	52,869	331,152
2025	34,804	19,143	33,016	74,036	64,047	43,834	10,492	53,697	333,069
2026	35,101	18,949	32,647	73,699	64,540	44,304	10,859	54,702	334,801

^a Some values have been perturbed to preserve confidentiality.
Source: BITRE estimates.

Explanatory notes

This section provides more details about the scope, coverage and quality of the registered road vehicle estimates reported in this publication. Many of these details are similar to those reported by ABS (2021), but there are some minor differences in sources and methods.

The estimates presented here include all road vehicles that are registered with an Australian state or territory motor vehicle registry (MVR) for unrestricted use on public roads and reported by jurisdictions to the National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information System (NEVDIS), as at the 31 January 2026.

BITRE has followed the previous ABS' MVC registration cut-off date, deeming all vehicles whose registration lapsed up to one month prior to the MVC snapshot date (i.e. after 31 December of the preceding year) to be in scope.

Scope and coverage

The scope of the estimates have been defined to accord as closely as possible with the ABS' Motor Vehicle Census (MVC) motor vehicle estimates. Where it is possible to do so, the counts exclude:

- veteran and vintage vehicles registered for restricted use only
- consular vehicles
- vehicles registered by the defence forces.

In particular, veteran and vintage vehicles registered for restricted use are not provided to NEVDIS by most jurisdictions and hence not included in these estimates. Consular and defence force vehicles also appear to be excluded from NEVDIS and hence are not included in these estimates.

NEVDIS data includes all registered trailers – i.e. unpowered road vehicles designed to be towed behind a motor vehicle. Caravans are enumerated separately from other trailers.

Non-road vehicles

Registered vehicles reported to NEVDIS also includes a range of vehicles that are not road vehicles, as defined by the Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018, and specified by the *Road Vehicle Standards (Classes of Vehicles that are not Road Vehicles) Determination 2021* – see the Glossary for a definition of road vehicles and list of non-road vehicles. Non-road vehicles include construction equipment, agricultural tractors and equipment, golf buggies, and recreational and off-road vehicles such quad bikes, dune buggies, etc. For clarity, trail bikes and off-road motorcycles are included with motor cycles in the estimates.

Registered non-road vehicles are enumerated under plant and equipment and provided here for completeness. There is significant variation in the number of registered plant and equipment vehicles reported across jurisdictions, which suggests there may be differing registration and/or reporting practices for non-road vehicles across jurisdictions. Hence, extra care should be exercised in comparing numbers of such vehicles across jurisdictions.

Data quality

Raw motor vehicle registry data requires significant cleaning and standardisation to produce nationally-consistent estimates. Variation in registration categories used across different jurisdictions, inconsistent allocation of vehicles to registration categories within jurisdictions, and the size of the registered vehicle fleet greatly complicates the process of consistently and accurately identifying and categorising vehicles.

The number of registered road vehicles (over 27.36 million vehicles in 2026) dictates that quality assurance of each record is not possible. For data made available at a detailed level, BITRE is unable to guarantee that it is necessarily sufficient for all purposes for which it may be used. There is also variation in vehicle registration

categories and motive power codes across different state and territory MVRs and care should be taken when comparing data across jurisdictions.

The data provided to and used by BITRE to produce estimates of registered road vehicles for any year may be revised or corrected in later years. BITRE will continue to refine and improve its data cleaning and standardisation processes, which may also result in estimates being revised or corrected in later years.

Statistical geography

Road vehicles Australia data is available for the following geographical areas:

- state/territory of vehicle registration
- postcode of vehicle registration
- postcode of vehicle garaging – defined as vehicle garaging postcode where available and registered postcode where garaging postcode is not available
- suburb of vehicle registration, encoded to Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2021 Suburbs and Localities (SAL) (ABS 2021a)
- suburb of vehicle garaging, encoded to ASGS 2021 Suburbs and Localities (SAL) (ABS 2021a) – defined as vehicle garaging suburb where available and registered suburb where garaging suburb is not available
- area of registration and garaging for ASGS 2021 Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3) areas and above (ABS 2021a).

In analysing registered vehicle counts at postcode, suburb or other area level, please note:

- there are vehicles for which the postcode/suburb of the vehicle's owner is in a different jurisdiction to that in which the vehicle is registered. For example, the registered postcode/suburb of the vehicle could be in New South Wales, yet the vehicle is registered in Queensland;
- some official postcodes (PO boxes, large volume receivers and specialist delivery postcodes) do not correspond to residential areas; and
- a small proportion of registered postcodes/suburbs could not be matched to official Australian postcodes and suburbs, either due to incomplete or invalid information or an identifiable overseas postcode and/or suburb. All invalid postcodes are encoded as 'UNKN' – Unknown, and all unmatched suburbs are denoted as 'Unknown'

Methodological changes

Year of manufacture

Vehicle year of manufacture is based on the NEVDIS-recorded year of manufacture for registered vehicles in all jurisdictions other than New South Wales. The year of manufacture for New South Wales' registered vehicles is based on the year of the vehicle compliance plate. (New South Wales provides compliance plate date (year-month) to NEVDIS, all other jurisdictions provide vehicle year of manufacture to NEVDIS.)

Based on the small proportion of records where both vehicle year of manufacture and compliance plate date are present, there is generally a high degree of consistency between the two fields. Note that New South Wales accounts for over 6 million registered motor vehicles, hence this change may impact a not insignificant number of vehicle records.

Confidentialisation

Vehicle counts presented in this publication have been 'confidentialised' so as mitigate the risk that third parties could identify particular individuals, families, households, dwellings or businesses, from released vehicles counts.

BITRE's confidentialisation procedures involve a combination of suppressing the value of small-count cells (i.e. cells with fewer than 3 units), including any total cells, and perturbation or suppression of any secondary cells necessary to preserve confidentiality.

Revisions in this issue

As previously noted, this edition includes revisions to BITRE's 2024 and 2025 RVA estimates (BITRE 2025). The revisions are based on further investigation of the raw registry data and refinement of BITRE's vehicle make, model and vehicle type identification procedures. Approximately 9,000 vehicles (approximately 0.03% of the vehicle fleet) have been transferred between vehicle categories, with most of the revisions to vehicles where vehicle type classifying information is either missing or ambiguous.

The more significant revisions to the 2025 RVA estimates include:

- approximately 2,500 vehicles transferred from light rigid trucks to heavy rigid trucks – predominantly Hino 300 Series trucks with missing GVM information
- approximately 1,850 vehicles transferred from light and heavy buses to campervans and a further 1,000 vehicles transferred from LCVs, light and heavy rigid trucks to campervans – the majority of these vehicles are campervans converted from a light or heavy bus which are registered as either a rigid truck or bus
- approximately 880 vehicles transferred from light rigid trucks to non-freight carrying vehicles – principally vehicles registered at one time or another as an emergency response vehicle (ambulance or fire truck)
- approximately 715 vehicles transferred from LCVs to light rigid trucks.

The net result of these revisions is an overall reduction of approximately 565 registered road vehicles on 31 January 2025. The net change is principally attributable to:

- approximately 400 vehicles previously classified as non-freight carrying vehicles transferred to plant and equipment – these are principally forklifts, non-road street sweepers, and a small number of other special purpose vehicles
- approximately 170 vehicles previously classified as either LCVs or motorcycles transferring to plant and equipment – principally previously unidentified quad bikes, tractors or other off-road vehicles.

Tables 16 and 17 show the number of vehicles transferred between vehicle categories for 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Table 16 Impact of 2026 revisions on 2025 RVA vehicle type estimates

RVA 2025	RVA 2026											Total
	Passenger vehicles	Campervans	Light commercial vehicles	Light rigid trucks	Heavy rigid trucks	Articulated trucks	Non-freight-carrying vehicles	Light buses	Heavy buses	Motorcycles	Plant and equipment	
Passenger vehicles	-	68	159	12	1	-	1	58	1	15	6	321
Campervans	33	-	-	43	22	-	1	3	38	-	1	141
Light commercial vehicles	302	128	-	715	8	2	163	1	-	2	135	1,456
Light rigid trucks	4	726	14	-	2,494	1	883	-	-	-	-	4,122
Heavy rigid trucks	-	152	-	91	-	42	24	-	1	-	1	311
Articulated trucks	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Non-freight-carrying vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	400
Light buses	61	149	3	-	1	-	-	-	28	-	-	242
Heavy buses	3	1,694	1	-	1	-	-	243	-	-	-	1,942
Motorcycles	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	34	59
Plant and equipment	8	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	12
Total	435	2,917	179	861	2,537	45	1,073	306	68	18	577	9,016

Source: BITRE estimates.

Table 17 Impact of 2026 revisions on 2024 RVA vehicle type estimates

RVA 2025	Passenger vehicles	Campervans	Light commercial vehicles	Light rigid trucks	Heavy rigid trucks	Articulated trucks	Non-freight-carrying vehicles	Light buses	Heavy buses	Motorcycles	Plant and equipment	Total
Passenger vehicles	-	34	161	14	1	-	1	91	1	12	7	322
Campervans	33	-	-	35	16	-	1	2	39	-	1	127
Light commercial vehicles	334	76	-	710	7	2	148	1	-	6	111	1,395
Light rigid trucks	4	443	14	-	2,264	-	601	-	-	-	-	3,326
Heavy rigid trucks	-	120	-	98	-	46	20	-	2	-	1	287
Articulated trucks	-	-	-	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Non-freight-carrying vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	392	392
Light buses	34	159	2	-	3	-	-	-	28	-	-	226
Heavy buses	3	1,693	1	-	1	-	-	271	-	-	-	1,969
Motorcycles	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	34	60
Plant and equipment	9	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	13
Total	442	2,525	180	858	2,304	48	772	366	70	19	546	8,130

Source: BITRE estimates.

Glossary

The following definitions are general explanations only. The precise definitions vary across the organisations that provide the source data. These differences may result in minor inconsistencies between jurisdictions for some fields. Again, the majority of these definitions are identical to ABS (2021d).

Note that motive power type has been revised in this issue to accord with the *Road Vehicle Standards (Information on the Register of Approved Vehicles) Determination 2021*. The new motive power types are listed below.

Articulated trucks Motor vehicles constructed primarily for load carrying, consisting of a prime mover having no significant load carrying area, but with a turntable device which can be linked to one or more trailers.

Average age of vehicle The estimated average age of registered motor vehicles in Australia. The age of a vehicle is defined as the number of years since it was first manufactured. This is calculated using the formulas below, which allow for the month of the year in which the registered vehicle fleet snapshot is taken. The formulas assume that vehicles are manufactured at a constant rate over the year.

For vehicles manufactured in the current year: $\text{Vehicle age} = (\text{snapshot month}) / 24$

For vehicles manufactured in previous years: $\text{Vehicle age} = (\text{snapshot year}) - (\text{Year of manufacture}) + (\text{snapshot month} - 6) / 12$

The average age is then calculated as the sum of all vehicle ages divided by the total number of vehicles. Vehicles that have an unknown year of manufacture are excluded from calculations of average age.

Battery electric vehicles Battery electric vehicles (BEV) are vehicles reported by the registering authority as having a single power source which is electricity sourced from an on-board battery.

Buses Motor vehicles constructed for the carriage of passengers. This category includes all motor vehicles with 10 or more seats, including the driver's seat.

Caravan Any enclosed trailer designed primarily for human occupation while stationary.

Campervans Self-propelled motor vehicles containing an area primarily used for human occupation when stationary. This includes motor homes and powered caravans.

Estimated Resident Population (ERP) The official measure of the population of Australia is based on the concept of residence. It refers to all people, regardless of nationality or citizenship, who usually live in Australia, with the exception of foreign diplomatic personnel and their families. It includes usual residents who are overseas for less than 12 months. It excludes overseas visitors who are in Australia less than 12 months. The ERP used to calculate average vehicle ownership is as at 31 December of the calendar year prior to the date of the NEVDIS vehicle snapshot.

Fuel-cell electric vehicles Fuel-cell electric vehicles (FCEV) vehicles reported by the registering authority as being powered by a fuel cell fuelled by hydrogen.

Gross combination mass (GCM) Tare weight (i.e. unladen weight) of the motor vehicle and attached trailers, plus its maximum carrying and towing capacity. GCM is the weight measurement used for vehicles such as articulated trucks used for towing trailers.

Gross vehicle mass (GVM) Tare weight (i.e. unladen weight) of the motor vehicle, plus its maximum carrying capacity excluding trailers.

Heavy buses Buses with a GVM greater than 4.5 tonnes.

Heavy rigid trucks Rigid trucks of GVM greater than 4.5 tonnes.

Hybrid electric vehicles Hybrid electric vehicles are based on vehicles reported by the registering authority as having more than one power source, one of which is electricity drawn from an on-board battery.

Light buses Buses with a GVM of less than or equal to 4.5 tonnes.

Light commercial vehicles Vehicles primarily constructed for the carriage of goods, and which are less than or equal to 3.5 tonnes GVM. This includes utilities, panel vans, cab-chassis and forward-control load carrying vehicles (whether four-wheel drive or not).

Light rigid trucks Rigid trucks of GVM greater than 3.5 tonnes and less than or equal to 4.5 tonnes.

Make The manufacturer-designated brand (or marque) of the vehicle.

Motive power type Vehicle motive power type accords with motive power types defined in the *Road Vehicle Standards (Information on the Register of Approved Vehicles) Determination 2021* (introduced in June 2025):

- EV (electric vehicle) – a vehicle equipped with a powertrain containing exclusively electric machines as propulsion energy converters and exclusively rechargeable electric energy storage systems as propulsion energy storage systems. (Also referred to as battery electric vehicle (BEV)).
- FCEV (fuel-cell electric vehicle) – a vehicle equipped with a powertrain containing exclusively fuel cell(s) and electric machine(s) as propulsion energy converter(s).
- HEV (hybrid electric vehicle) – a hybrid vehicle where one of the propulsion energy converters is an electric machine.
- HEV - Diesel – a non-external charging HEV with a diesel ICE (internal combustion engine).
- HEV - H2 – a non-external charging HEV with a hydrogen ICE.
- HEV - Petrol – a non-external charging HEV with a petrol ICE.
- ICE - CNG – a vehicle powered by an ICE operating on CNG fuel.
- ICE - Diesel – a vehicle powered by an ICE operating on diesel fuel.
- ICE - H2 – a vehicle powered by an ICE operating on H2 fuel.
- ICE - LPG – a vehicle powered by an ICE operating on LPG fuel.
- ICE - Petrol – a vehicle powered by an ICE operating on petrol fuel.
- ICE - Petrol + LPG – a vehicle powered by an ICE with the ability to operate on either petrol fuel or LPG fuel.
- PHEV (plug-in hybrid electric vehicle) – a HEV that can be charged from an external source.
- PHEV - Diesel – a PHEV with a diesel ICE.
- PHEV - H2 – a PHEV with a H2 ICE.
- PHEV - Petrol – a PHEV with a petrol ICE.
- Other – any other motive power type not otherwise described.

Motive power type is based principally on the fuel type reported to the registering authority. Dual-fuel vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles are based on vehicles reported by the registering authority as having more than one power source or vehicle model information. BITRE also uses make, model and engine information to validate and allocate vehicle motive power type.

Motorcycles Two- and three-wheeled motor vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of one or two persons. This category includes two- and three-wheeled mopeds, scooters, motor tricycles and motorcycles with sidecars.

Motor vehicles Self-propelled road vehicles with an on-board power source.

Non-freight carrying vehicles Specialist motor vehicles or motor vehicles fitted with special purpose equipment, and having little or no-load carrying capacity (e.g. ambulances, fire trucks, tow trucks, hearses, carrier-mounted and truck-mounted cranes, street sweepers, concrete pumpers, etc.).

Passenger vehicles Motor vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of persons and containing up to nine seats (including the driver's seat). This category includes cars, station wagons, four-wheel drive passenger vehicles and forward-control passenger vehicles. Campervans are excluded.

Plant and equipment Motor vehicles and trailers constructed primarily for off-road and/or special purpose use, that are not road vehicles as defined by the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* or legislative instrument (see Road vehicles, below).

Rigid trucks Motor vehicles of GVM greater than 3.5 tonnes, constructed with a load carrying area. This includes trucks with a tow bar, draw bar or other non-articulated coupling on the rear of the vehicle.

Rigid trucks are divided into two categories:

- Light rigid trucks of GVM greater than 3.5 tonnes and less than or equal to 4.5 tonnes.
- Heavy rigid trucks of GVM greater than 4.5 tonnes.

Road vehicles The *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* defines a road vehicle as any of the following:

- a motor vehicle designed solely or principally for use in transport on public roads

- a trailer or other vehicle (including equipment or machinery equipped with wheels) designed to be towed on a public road by a motor vehicle (defined above)
- a vehicle determined by legislative instrument to be part of class of vehicles that are road vehicles
- a specific vehicle determined by a notifiable instrument to be a road vehicle.

The *Road Vehicle Standards (Classes of Vehicles that are not Road Vehicles) Determination 2021* specifies the following classes of vehicles are not road vehicles:

- agricultural machines
- power-assisted pedal cycles
- golf carts
- light utility vehicles
- miniature motorbikes
- motorised mobility devices
- motorised recreational devices
- personal mobility devices
- quad bikes
- tracked vehicles – i.e. vehicles that travel on continuous tracks rather than tyres.

Trailers A vehicle without motive power constructed to be drawn behind a motor vehicle.

Abbreviations

ABS – Australian Bureau of Statistics

BEV – battery electric vehicle (also EV)

BITRE – Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics

CNG – compressed natural gas

DITRDCA – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

ERP – estimated resident population

EV – electric vehicle (also BEV)

FCEV – fuel-cell electric vehicle

GCM – gross combination mass

GVM – gross vehicle mass

H₂ – hydrogen

HEV – hybrid electric vehicle

ICE – internal combustion engine

LCV – light commercial vehicle

LPG – liquid petroleum gas

LZEV – Low and zero emission vehicles

MVC – Motor Vehicle Census

MVR – Motor vehicle registry

NEVDIS – National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information System

PHEV – plug-in hybrid electric vehicle

RVA – Road vehicles Australia

RVSA – Road Vehicles Standards Act 2018

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