

ECONOMIC NOTE

SALES OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, April 2009

Analysis

April data on Western Australia's New Motor Vehicle Sales showed a strong yearly decrease in seasonally adjusted terms, down 23.5% on the level recorded at the same time last year. Similarly, national new motor vehicle sales recorded another fall, down 20.3% over the year.

Trend sales fell in Western Australia (down 1.5% over April). Seasonally adjusted sales fell by 0.2% over the month compared to decrease of 3.8% in March 2009.

Key Facts

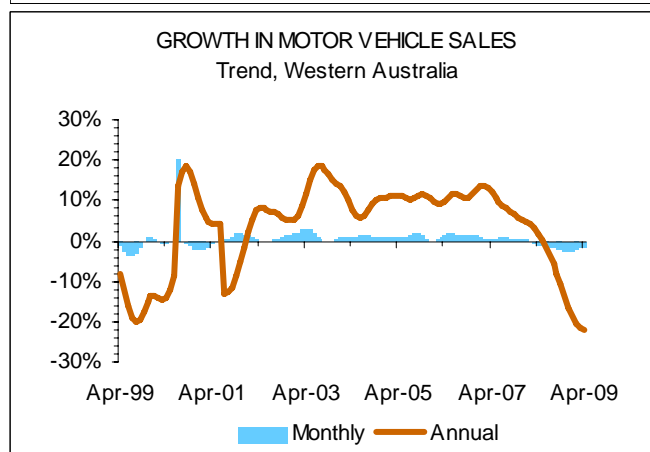
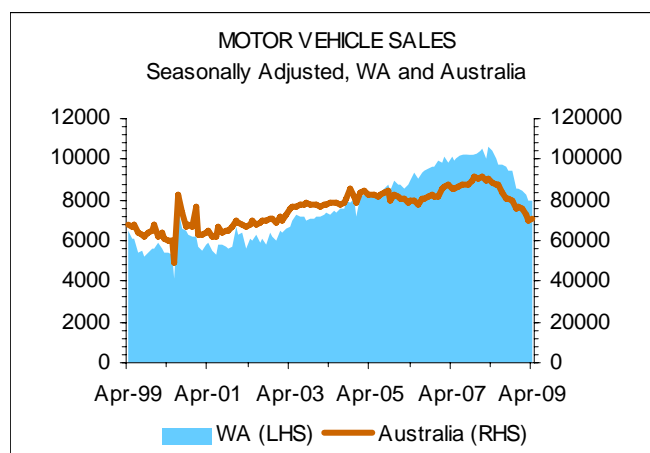
Seasonally Adjusted

Seasonally adjusted motor vehicle sales in Western Australia decreased by 0.2% to 7,953 between March and April. Motor vehicle sales fell by 23.5% over the year and dropped by 6.3% over the three months to April 2009.

Australia's seasonally adjusted motor vehicle sales rose by 0.8% to 70,814 between March and April. Motor vehicle sales dropped by 20.0% over the past 12 months and decreased by 6.3% in the three months ending in April. Over the year to April, the smallest decrease in motor vehicle sales by jurisdiction was 7.7%, in the Australian Capital Territory. The largest decrease was 25.3%, in Queensland.

Trend

Trend motor vehicle sales in Western Australia decreased by 1.9% between March and April. Motor vehicle sales fell by 22.1% over the year and dropped by 5.8% over the three months to April 2009. Australia's trend motor vehicle sales fell by 1.6% between March and April. Motor vehicle sales dropped by 20.6% over the past 12 months and decreased by 5.0% in the three months ending in April. Over the year to April, the smallest decrease in trend motor vehicle sales by jurisdiction was 9.8%, in the Australian Capital Territory. The largest decrease was 26.5%, in the Northern Territory.



MOTOR VEHICLE SALES BY STATE April 2009

	Seasonally Adjusted				Trend			
	'000s	% Change Over:			'000s	% Change Over:		
		1 Year	3 Months	1 Month		1 Year	3 Months	1 Month
New South Wales	21,921	-15.5%	-3.8%	2.4%	21,697	-18.5%	-3.9%	-0.7%
Victoria	18,287	-20.7%	-8.9%	-1.4%	18,404	-21.8%	-5.7%	-2.5%
Queensland	14,832	-25.3%	-6.5%	2.3%	14,761	-22.5%	-5.4%	-1.7%
South Australia	4,490	-16.7%	-7.7%	-2.3%	4,459	-18.9%	-6.5%	-2.0%
Western Australia	7,953	-23.5%	-6.3%	-0.2%	7,940	-22.1%	-5.8%	-1.9%
Tasmania	1,378	-22.5%	-4.5%	-6.1%	1,408	-14.7%	-0.3%	-1.5%
Northern Territory	714	-21.2%	-6.3%	13.5%	685	-26.5%	-10.0%	-2.6%
Australian Capital Territory	1,239	-7.7%	-0.6%	8.3%	1,218	-9.8%	-0.6%	0.4%
Australia	70,814	-20.0%	-6.3%	0.8%	70,572	-20.6%	-5.0%	-1.6%